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Down Syndrome Baby Graces Ad Campaign



Abby Dillon, a beautiful little girl with Down's syndrome, is one of four faces of Glenisk's Organic NoAdded-Sugar Baby Yogurts, chosen from among 4,500

entries into Glenisk's search competition in Ireland. Mum Anne, from County Cork, told the *Irish Independent* how proud and excited she is. "It's so important for us because there are so many misconceptions and old-fashioned stereotypes about people with Down syndrome. I think visibility in the media is the first step towards awareness, breaking down those stereotypes, and ultimately acceptance." LifeNews.com, 7/19/17

... meanwhile, CBS News reported that Iceland is systematically aborting babies with Down syndrome. The small Nordic island nation has a population of about 330,000 but averages only two babies born with Down syndrome each year. About 80 percent of pregnant women in Iceland choose screening and nearly 100 percent of those women decide to abort if their babies test positive for Down syndrome—a scary example of modern eugenics. Iceland offers the most egregious example of the practice, but other European countries don't fare much better. French women choose to abort babies with Down syndrome 77 percent of the time, as do 90 percent of women in the UK and 98 percent in Denmark. One in every 700 babies born in the U.S. has Down syndrome—about 6,000 new cases each year, according to the National Down Syndrome Society. Expectant American women who learn their babies have Down syndrome choose to abort 67 percent of the time. Pro-life advocates note everyone wants to have healthy children, but Iceland isn't improving the lives of babies born with disabilities—it's killing them. Upgraded education and healthcare programs have dramatically improved the lives of people with Down syndrome, increasing life expectancy from 25 in 1983 to 60 in 2017. Many children born with Down syndrome attend school, grow up and get jobs, and even get married. Pro-life groups said the low number of Down syndrome births in Iceland is not progress—it's inhumane. world.wng.org, 8/21/17

Take a Stand for Life

Please pray the Rosary for the success of the Fall 2017 40 Days-for-Life Campaign taking place 9/27 to 11/5 with the aim of closing Planned Parenthood (PP) in downtown Pittsburgh. Pray at home, at church or outside PP at 933 Liberty Avenue. Sign-up at 40Daysforlifepittsburgh.com (Click the "Get Involved" tab, then click on the "Pray the Rosary" link) or call Rick at 412-734-1380. There will be a kick-off event on Sunday 9/24 from 5-7 PM at St. Boniface Church (2208 East Street, Pittsburgh). Kurt Kondrich will speak about his daughter Chloe and about his work defending the most vulnerable among us. All are invited.



PA Program is a Lifeline for Pregnant Women

The support system at Pennsylvania's Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program is kindhearted, clear-thinking, and loving. The program administered by Real Alternatives, Inc. over the past two decades has helped more than 275,000 women and their families find solace, hope, and encouragement for the future. The statewide network of 91 non-profit centers and nearly 350 counselors reaches-out to women of all backgrounds and walks-of-life with free services. The success stories are inspiring... women finishing their GED's and obtaining gainful employment... women leaving dangerous abusive relationships... women empowered to become effective decision-makers for themselves and their families. Visit www.realalternatives.org for more information

Court Sides with Photographer who Declines to Cover Same-Sex Weddings

Due to her evangelical Christian beliefs about marriage, Amy Larson, sole owner of the Amy Lynn Photography Studio, will not take photographs at same-sex wedding ceremonies. She filed a challenge to a Madison city ordinance and Wisconsin state law, asking a judge to bar enforcement and to declare them violations of the U.S. Constitution. A county circuit court judge, together with government officials, agreed, saying that because her photography studio is operated out of her private apartment, her business "is not a public place of accommodation or amusement," to which the anti-discrimination laws apply. CNA/EWTN News 8/25/17



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We last wrote to them in May, 2014. We do not encourage boycotting any products necessary for good health when substitutes are not available or doctor approved.

PP Transgender Policy

For the last several weeks, PP has pushed its new “gender identity” initiative across the country. The initiative proposes that, because a person’s male-ness or female-ness is unrelated to physical anatomy or chromosomes, one cannot really tell if a newborn is male or female. (See [PP website](#).) PP claims that gender identity is how you *feel* inside and how you express your gender through clothing, behavior, and personal appearance. It’s a *feeling* that begins very early in life. According to PP, your *feelings* about your gender identity begin as early as age 2 or 3! [Editor’s note: “It belongs to the perfection of the moral or human good that the passions be governed by *reason*.” CCC 1767] Watch for this initiative in schools and clubs and root it out quickly. We can only imagine the kind of mixed-up young adults who will emerge from this kind of nonsense. ALL News, 8/11/17

...[for example](#), concerned mothers and fathers in Rocklin, CA, flooded a school board meeting in response to the “unveiling” of a transgender student in a Kindergarten class without having first notified parents. One concerned mother told *CBS Sacramento* that her daughter came home crying and shaking so afraid she could turn into a boy. "This school's troubling response to one child struggling with gender dysphoria has traumatized an entire class of vulnerable five-year-olds," said Jonathan Keller, CEO of California Family Council. "Parents still have a right to be notified before controversial subjects like transgenderism are taught, and mothers and fathers must have the opportunity to opt their children out of these lessons."

[Christian Newswire](#), 8/25/17

Two Pro-Life Victories in Reading, PA

PP opponents scored a major victory in Reading, PA, after a very heated three-month battle. The Reading School District (RSD) had planned to sign a contract with AccessMatters (a Philadelphia based organization that has a “School-Based Health Resource Center” program) to run a center in the Reading High School. The day-to-day operations of the center would be run by PP Keystone. Local parents, pro-life groups, and others did a great deal of educating, held rallies, and spoke at RSD board meetings telling everyone that PP should not be allowed near the children. In the end, the RSD board voted 5–4 against the center. Moreover, the I-Lead Charter School in Reading, where AccessMatters and PP already ran a similar center, decided not to renew the contract with AccessMatters, so PP will no longer be in that school either. Praise God! ALL News, 8/25/17

PP in Dickinson (Texas) Closed

Dickinson is located halfway between Houston and Galveston, and is the site of the Shrine of the True Cross. The shrine was created on September 13, 1936, when splinters of the wood of the cross on which Christ died were enshrined in St. Joseph Church for perpetual public veneration—a reminder to the faithful of Dickinson and to the nation of the cross of Christ, the instrument of our faith and salvation. Pro-lifers in the area have conducted prayer vigils outside the PP facility and at the Shrine of the True Cross. At the Dickinson facility, PP pushed sex education, dispensed abortifacient birth control, and funneled its abortion-minded clients to its largest abortion facility in America—the facility on I-45 in Houston. The Houston Coalition-for-Life coordinates prayer at the mega facility and has the Big Blue Bus parked there to help women choose life. Congratulations to the faithful, inspiring pro-lifers in Dickinson. WSR, 8/23/17

Disney “Normalizes” Same-Sex Marriage

The Disney Channel has questionable content at times, especially when it portrays kids showing disrespect towards parents and adults. However, many still consider it a family-friendly channel since it is a network created for children, particularly the Disney Junior division, which is primarily for preschoolers. Now, “The Emergency Plan,” the first segment of the 114th episode of the Disney Junior show, *Doc McStuffins*, featured “a family with two moms,” depicting a doll family of two females and two children. According to [OneMillionMoms](#), the cartoon had been a clean show until the episode aired. Tell Disney to stop promoting unnatural vice to preschoolers! We must not allow the normalization of the sin of homosexuality. Write to robert.a.iger@disney.com or call 1-818-460-7477

The [American TFP](#), 8/8/17