



# Pro-Life Unity Champion

*United we stand, Divided they die*

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President, Peter Shinn

## Peter's Piece

Hello pro-life friends. Thanks for reading the very first issue of the Pro-Life Unity Champion! We hope you enjoy hearing about all the phenomenal things happening around our nation as Pro-Life Unity defends innocent human life every way we can. It's my personal goal to inspire you, to convince you that this is *OUR* fight and God wants all of us to be involved.

I founded Pro-Life Unity in 2005, after realizing that the American pro-life movement had hamstrung itself through divisiveness. Disagreements about tactics, personalities, exceptions, money and religion were having a suffocating effect on the movement and everyone involved. In fact, conducting an internet search for "pro-life unity" brought up only 1 result, and that was a comment by Father Frank Pavone that the movement could benefit from unity. I knew we couldn't win without it.

After a lot of prayer, God made it clear where He was leading my family and me. I had to let Him work through me. So I created Pro-Life Unity with the Life Principles at the helm. These principles were written in 1973 by a coalition of early pro-life leaders who founded the annual March for Life in Washington D.C., which is currently run by Miss Nellie Gray. Miss Gray knows the battle we fight all too well. After 36 years, she knows we still need Unity on the Life Principles, which is often the headline of this great event.

In addition to the principles as our foundation, at Pro-Life Unity we believe there are a few more major points to unite on:

**Volunteer freedom** – Let our people work with other organizations.

**Promote each other** – We encourage participation in other people's efforts!

**Do no harm** – On minor issues, don't attack other groups.

It was hard going at first. I started out alone, building the websites for our efforts, interviewing leaders, promoting other organizations, making videos and posting them to YouTube and more. Little by little, other like-minded individuals came on board.

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## Pro-Life Unity March for Life volunteers needed!



Photo: March for Life Education and Defense fund

Pro-Life Unity needs volunteers on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the 2010 March for Life in Washington DC. Volunteers will be provided with room and board within walking distance of the March for Life starting point. Duties will include distributing Pro-Life Unity literature and assisting with Pro-Life Unity projects such as the Blogs for Life Conference and media coverage of the march. No special skills required! Feel free to come a few days early and leave a few days afterwards as there is plenty of work to do.

Contact Jonathan Darnel at 419-889-0881 or [jonathan@prolifeunity.com](mailto:jonathan@prolifeunity.com) for more details.



## Life is knocking □

*Lynda Teutsch, Organized for Life director, explains how we can help others avoid the tragedy of abortion through education and compassion*

During the 2008 presidential campaign season, hordes of volunteers went door-to-door to drum up support for Senator Barak Obama. Their efforts gave Obama the edge he needed to get elected. □ No doubt about it; face-to-face communication works. There is simply no alternative for it. Politicians use it, certain religious groups use it and advocacy groups of all kinds use it. *But not pro-lifers!*

Why not? There are all sorts of reasons, not the least of which is that we just don't believe it will work. *People don't want to talk about abortion, we think. I'll be rejected. It's cold and raining, what if someone wants to hurt me?* All are logical arguments, but all pale in comparison to the hideous death the unborn suffer through abortion.

Organized for Life (OFL) is about breaking through the wall of ignorance that our society has built around abortion. Most people who I have spoken to have no idea that abortion is the number one killer in America, that up to 4,000 babies lose their lives to "choice" each day. Our volunteers or "Field Agents" canvass their community, logically and lovingly explaining the pro-life viewpoint to pro-choicers and encouraging inactive pro-lifers to become active. We distribute literature produced by the Human Life Alliance to supplement our effectiveness.

My introduction to OFL came when David Bereit, founder of 40 Days for Life, hosted a teleconference about a 'new grassroots effort'. Listening in, I learned about Peter Shinn, founder of Pro-life Unity, and his vision. Peter spoke of how we could educate people about what "choice" means by going door-to-door. He also introduced the concept of "House Parties." The main goals of such a party are to educate the general public and to invite people to join you in pro-life work. I was sold, but wondered if Peter

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***"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before Me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none"***  
**Ezekiel 22:30**

### ***Peter's Piece***

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Five years later, here we are! Pro-Life Unity has active members operating all over the United States and in several foreign nations. Our videos regularly draw over 500 views, the more popular drawing thousands. Pro-Life Unity Radio has a potential live audience of over 2 million people and many more online. Pro-life leadership across the USA knows our name and can testify to our sincerity and dedication.

All this has been accomplished without compromising our core values or selling out for money. Everyone at Pro-Life Unity is a volunteer, including myself. Donations fund material expenses like camera equipment and DVDs, website hosting fees, business expenses and, recently, because all of my time has been devoted to the pro-life cause, some generous people have stepped up to help us with our bills. As we expand our operations past this point, we no doubt will require additional funding, but I've learned that the most important resource by far is not money but people.

Yet regardless of how far we've come, we've barely begun to fight. There is a lot of work to be done and we need **all** of you, not just some of you, to lend a hand. Remember, God did not create you to be a bench-warmer.

The stakes are now higher than they've ever been. America has had abortion/child-killing/prenatal murder on demand for almost 37 years, and the spiritual and psychological effects of Roe are now deeply ingrained into our culture. Currently, all three branches of the US government are in the hands of men and women who consider infanticide a virtue. Disregard for human life is starting to affect the way we treat the elderly and the disabled.

Yet the pro-life community is bouncing back. 2009 saw more citizens volunteer for pro-life activity than any year since I began working in the movement. I'm not one of those who thinks our country is so far gone it cannot be redeemed. There remains a spark of sanity in this culture that can be blown into a steady flame if we only take time to tend it. Through God's power, we will.

Please enjoy learning about what we've accomplished so far, then take time to consider how you might be called to help. It will take sacrifice, but it's worth it.

### **Peter Shinn**

President, Pro-Life Unity



## **Coming in loud and clear!**

*Shelly Allsup, Producer of Pro-Life Unity Radio, discusses the potential impact of radio in getting the pro-life message out.*

Pro-Life Unity Radio aired its first show in May 2009 and seems to have taken on wings with each weekly success since then. Peter Shinn, M.T. Hargadon and Mike Crone are lively and always entertaining, our only rules being keep it clean and focus on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I recently came on board as Scheduler, Producer and Media Director. I have been involved in the Pro-Life movement ever since I received healing from an abortion I had over twenty years ago. My main passion is writing and I contribute regularly to Pro-Life Unity's web site. I give talks at schools and churches to educate others on what abortion is and how it destroys not only the child, but also the mother and everyone close to them. I am also the Regional Coordinator for Arizona's Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

Peter Shinn is the founder of Pro-Life Unity Radio and co-founder of Adopt the Mills, Organized for Life and Prayer Pivot. He is also involved in many other life-saving endeavors such as ProLifeNews.tv and Cherish Life Ministries.

Dr. Mike Hargadon is a dentist by trade and weekend media crusader for life. Mike's concern for the current state of our country is driven by his respect for the principles of our founding documents, his deep-seated belief in God and the responsibility he bears for his children. Mike is involved in the Maryland Constitutional Party and has served on the Board of Pro-Life Maryland.

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***I went out to an abortion mill on my birthday in the hopes that I could help give a birthday to someone else. God honored my request. We had a save!  
Jordon Mooney (16 years of age), Houston, TX***

## **Yes, it's personal.**

*Kathleen Kane-Manila, Adopt the Mills director discusses her vision and why she takes ending abortion very seriously.*

The Adopt the Mills project has come into its own! Although similarities exist between Adopt the Mills and other worthy pro-life programs, the far-reaching scope and challenging goals we have set and pray to achieve are simply unprecedented.

The fundamental purpose of Adopt the Mills is to bring about an end to abortion by closing down the abortion mills. We plan to do this by placing pro-life counselors outside each mill every hour it is open – not just on the days that babies are murdered. When the mill is open for business we want to be there peacefully praying, providing sidewalk counseling and demonstrating to the community that some of us won't let this outrage go unopposed. Believe it or not, there are places where dedicated locals have almost made this a reality. For example, in Collegeville, PA, a very pro-choice region, pro-lifers have maintained a nearly continuous presence at several abortion mills since Christmas, 2008. Adopt the Mills can provide a network of support services to such local efforts and help duplicate their success in other communities.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I came to Adopt the Mills by way of the Pro-Life Unity website and originally volunteered with Organized for Life. Though somewhat successful in that role, I wanted to do more. When Peter Shinn approached me with the prospect of becoming the National Director for Adopt the Mills, I had to consider the depth of my commitment. After much prayer my mind was set at ease, and I eagerly agreed to come on board.

I'm the proud parent of three boys and one girl — all of them grown up into fine adults now. I have been blessed with a beautiful ten year old granddaughter. But it hasn't always been sunshine & lollipops as the saying goes. I lost my first baby to miscarriage when I was halfway around the world. I had nobody to share the pain of that loss with me. I only recently named her — Bridget Joan.

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had also considered "Church Parties." I emailed him afterward and that is where my involvement began.

I wish that someone had given me information about how babies develop when I was 19. In May of 1986 I chose to abort my first child. The momentary relief gave way to a bottomless hole in my heart that will never be filled. This missing part of my heart belonged to my little baby, Skyler. Over the past two decades, I've attended post-abortion healing workshops and support groups. I know God has forgiven me, yet there is still loss. I felt a need to do something to save other women from the same painful fate. I wanted to change the lives of others by educating people.

Thankfully I was blessed with a beautiful boy five years ago, and shortly thereafter a second. My life and heart were totally changed by the arrival of my youngest son. Something surfaced within my heart. My mind was flooded with thoughts of all I had missed by aborting my first child. I was hurting so badly that I began researching for detailed information about abortion, about pre-born children – trying to face the reality of what I'd done so many years before. I was horrified by what I found.

Taking the matter to prayer to determine how I could best help distressed mothers avoid my mistake, I found the answer – education and compassion. Educating people regarding the development of their child, as well as the facts about abortion & abortion providers would serve as a catalyst for real change. However, information is just information unless you have a heart for both the mother and her baby. For me, love and mercy are not optional. In the spring of 2009 I participated in my local 40 Days for Life campaign, and attended the OFL teleconference soon after.

OFL hasn't been around long, but our field agents are working hard to make it a success. It's not as hard as you'd think. We have everyone from teenagers to senior citizens taking part. When a group of college students stopped to read pro-life bumper stickers on a car owned by a field agent in Ohio, she took the opportunity to pass out literature and discuss what really happens at an abortion mill. A field agent in Florida went through her local shopping mall and held pro-life conversations with 7 shoppers! Another is educating and equipping a future pro-life political candidate for success. In Virginia and New York, field agents found that half of the people calling themselves pro-choice would freely converse on the subject if approached in the proper manner. We have a college age field agent who speaks regularly in her classes and on radio of the hell that is the aftermath of abortion. Our field agents do a little bit of everything! It is exciting to hear about what avenues they are using to spread the word that is life! With OFL you have the freedom to choose how you spread the word as long as it is face-to-face and "heart-to-heart."

Organized for Life struck a chord with me. I am thrilled to know that there are volunteers across the country who care enough about their fellow citizens and unborn brothers and sisters to speak the truth in love, even when it's uncomfortable. May abortion, the murder of the innocent, become unthinkable.

### Lynda Teutsch

National Director, Organized for Life

*If you would like to learn more about Organized for Life, visit [www.oflusa.com](http://www.oflusa.com) to find a team near you or start your own!*

"When will you end abortion?"



Illustrations by John Francis Borra

*"I heard the  
voice of the  
Lord,  
saying:  
'Whom shall  
I send, and  
who will go  
for Us?'  
Then I said,  
'Here I am!  
Send me!"*

Isaiah 6:8

"When will you end abortion?"





## Coming in Loud and Clear

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Michael Crone is a statistical analyst who has volunteered with numerous organizations such as Colorado Right to Life, the Independence Institute and the Libertarian Party (back when he naively hoped their abortion plank would be changed). Mike believes in the rights and sanctity of every life, including life in the womb. Mike runs the board at the studio.

Each show has an exciting and different venue with a wide variety of guests. We have had appearances from: Mark Bomchill, a former Planned Parenthood bodyguard, Carol Everett, former abortion mill owner who now runs crisis pregnancy centers, and Mark Gietzen, the Pro-Life Unity Kansas Director who organized a 5-year continuous presence at the mill of Dr. George Tiller, the infamous late-term abortionist killed in May. Recently we were pleased to interview Tom Brejcha, attorney for Sycloria Williams, whose child was born alive and disposed of by clinic workers at an abortion mill in Miami, FL.

True to our code, Pro-Life Unity Radio promotes the outstanding work of other pro-life leaders. Mark Harrington, director of the midwest chapter of the Center for Bioethical Reform, Jack Ames of Defend Life, Bob Unruh from World Net Daily and Doug Scott from Life Decisions International have all made appearances. We don't shy away from politics, either, and are proud to have hosted Butch Verrando, President of the Tea Party Solution, Ron Miller, candidate for Maryland Senate, and Ray McBerry, candidate for Governor of Georgia who promises to close all Georgian abortion mills until they satisfy mandatory clinical regulations standards.

Pro-Life Unity Radio reaches a potential audience of millions and has been so successful that we've added a new segment during the week called "The Pro-Life Guys," hosted by Peter and myself. The fight has only begun, however, and we want you to join us. Tune in and be a part of the solution!

### Shelley Allsup

Producer, Pro-Life Unity Radio

*Pro-Life Unity Radio is broadcast locally in the Ocala-Tampa, Florida area from 8:00 - 10:00 am EST Saturdays on WIFL The Eagle 104.3 FM or online at*

[www.prolifeunity.com/index.php/site/prolifeunityradio](http://www.prolifeunity.com/index.php/site/prolifeunityradio).

*The Pro-Life Guys airs 2:00 - 4:00 pm EST Wednesdays at*  
[www.blogtalkradio.com/prolifeunity](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/prolifeunity).

*Archived shows are available.*

*If you would like to hear Pro-Life Unity Radio or The Pro-Life Guys broadcast in your region, contact your local radio station and request they carry the show!*

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## Yes, It's Personal

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In 1971 (before Roe v. Wade came on the scene), I fought my own doctor who tried to convince me to abort my first born very early in my pregnancy. He felt I shouldn't deliver the fetus because I was only 17 and my husband and I had separated. He didn't say so, but I'm sure he was going to make some quick cash on the deal. I chose life. Then, in 1974, the learned men of science felt I should abort my last-born because they suspected he'd be a vegetable due to toxemia late in my pregnancy. I am the proud mother of the largest stalk of celery I have ever seen. My son is a self-sufficient and quite well-adjusted young man of 35.

Yes, it's personal. Fighting against abortion is the right thing to do. It is not just the woman whose life is forever changed by abortion; it affects all of us who know her. In the past many of us might have had the chance to help prevent someone from making this terrible choice, but we did nothing. Now, we *can* do something; we *can* make a difference.

Come, Adopt A Mill; stand, kneel, sit and pray — counsel the poor souls being drawn inside, every hour it is open - and by doing so, you can bring about real change.

You can close it down forever!

### Kathleen Kane-Manila

National Director, Adopt the Mills

*Learn more about the Adopt the Mills project at*  
[www.adoptthemills.com](http://www.adoptthemills.com). *Find the campaign nearest you or start your own!*

## UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS!

December 25, 2009 **Merry Christmas** to all our members and supporters! Remember those less fortunate than yourself, born and unborn.

January 22, 2010 **March for Life** in Washington DC! Biggest pro-life event in the United States!  
*also....*

**Blogs for Life Conference** in Washington, DC, hosted by Peter Shinn, President of Pro-Life Unity.

At Pro-Life Unity, we believe everyone has a part to play. You (yes you!) have a duty to help defend the defenseless and stand in the gap to rescue those in error from God's inevitable justice.

Won't you consider giving a little of your time to help us fight this fight?

Go to [prolifeunity.com](http://prolifeunity.com) and click on *Volunteer* to find out how you can help!



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