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SEP SEP  
**05-08**

Madera Fair  
Contact Right to Life to register  
to volunteer: call 559-229-2229 or  
email [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org).

SEP  
**14**

40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally  
Oso De Oro Park | 10 AM  
5550 N Forkner Ave, Fresno, CA 93711

SEP  
**17**

Central CA Women's  
Conference  
Visit [www.cwc-fresno.org](http://www.cwc-fresno.org) to register.

SEP  
**22**

Unplanned Movie  
Maya Cinemas Fresno 16 | 1 PM Showtime  
Call 559-229-2229 or email [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org) to reserve  
your seat.

SEP NOV  
**25-03**

40 Days for Life  
Email [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org) or  
call 559-229-2229 to sign up.

OCT OCT  
**02-14**

Fresno Fair  
Contact Right to Life to register  
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email [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org).

OCT OCT  
**11-13**

Catholic Diocese of Fresno  
Diocesan Congress/Youth Day  
Visalia Convention Center: Visit our booth!

OCT  
**29**

Dine for Life @ Jack's Urban Eat  
Join us at Jack's Urban Eats(Fig Garden Village).  
20% of your purchase goes to  
Right to Life! 4-8PM.

DEC  
**06**

Christmas Dinner & Auction  
Call 559-229-2229 or email [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org)  
for more information or to attend.

JAN  
**26**

Walk for Life West Coast  
Call 559-229-2229 or email [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org)  
if you would like to reserve a seat on our bus.

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# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

By Executive Director John Gerardi

On Friday, August 30, the California Assembly Appropriations Committee passed SB 24, clearing its path for ultimate passage by the Legislature. This bill will require student health centers at CSUs and UCs to provide medication abortion. Some new information regarding this legislation has come out, and we want to inform our supporters about it, and our efforts to oppose the bill.



Executive Director John Gerardi

Gov. Newsom's own California Department of Finance, which is tasked with advising the governor on the fiscal impact of legislation, shockingly opposed SB 24. It did so for many of the reasons we at Right to Life have reiterated to Valley legislators for years: that the program is beyond the scope and capacity of our state university health centers, that it is not appropriately funded through private sources and will require student tuition or taxpayer revenue to fund it, and that the author has not accounted for increased liability and other costs to the universities.

For this reason, we hope that the governor will veto this legislation, as Jerry Brown did last year. Thousands of you have sent in your petitions opposing SB 24, a drive we participated in along with Fresno Pro-Life Future and the Diocese of Fresno. Through our direct advocacy with your elected officials, we have made sure that your voice was heard in opposition to SB 24. Our hope is that Governor Newsom will follow Governor Brown's example and the advice of his own advisors to veto this horrific legislation.



## 2019 Christmas Dinner and Auction

We are so excited to invite our supporters to our 31st annual Christmas Dinner and Auction on Friday, December 6 at the Fresno Convention Center. We will be honoring our annual Golf Tournament volunteer team of Diane Mazzoni, Cathy Horn, Gina Fry and Lisa Garver. We are so pleased to honor their years of service to Right to Life, which have carried on the legacy of Diane and Cathy's parents and past auction honorees, Chuck and JoAnn Stephens.

We are looking for sponsors, program booklet advertisers, and donors for Live and Silent Auction items. To contact us for information or to request an invitation, call us at 559-229-2229 or email at [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org).





# ENGAGE

OUR COMMUNITY BY PRESENTING THE PRO-LIFE POSITION WITH CLARITY AND COMPASSION.



Right to Life of Central California extends a huge thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who participated in our Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign. You are the engine that powers our work, and we thank you!

**Fall Campaign:  
September 25 - November 3**

For more information regarding 40 Days for Life or sidewalk counseling resources or training, please contact us at 559-229-2229 or email [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org)

This year's 40 Days for Life will be hosted at the building immediately south of Planned Parenthood, at 616 N Fulton St in Fresno. We will be utilizing its parking lot for our volunteers, and can use the restroom!

We intend to rent this property on a permanent basis. To support this initiative, we need your financial support. To donate, visit [rtlcc.org/donate](http://rtlcc.org/donate), call us at 559-229-2229, or send a check to Right to Life of Central California, 1742 E Griffith Way, Fresno, CA 93726.

We want to thank **Dick Caglia from Electric Motor Shop** and **Sam Renteria from Sanger Fence Co.** for generously assisting Right to Life with some necessary building repairs for our Griffith Ave office. We also want to thank our accountant, **Andy Cameron from De Mera De Mera Cameron LLP** for his critical assistance with our Obria project. We are so blessed to have such generous supporters, and we urge our supporters to patronize their businesses!

## Pro-life Story Time

Our first series of Pro-Life Storytime readings for children was a huge success. We had 25 children and their families join us for our 4 sessions throughout July. During these sessions, RLCC educators would read different life-affirming children's stories, where kids learned about the value of life, how life develops in the womb, and other positive age-appropriate concepts. The readings were followed by a fun arts and crafts activity. We thank New Covenant Community Church for hosting us. To bring a Pro-Life Story Time to your church or school, please contact us at 559-229-2229, or email at [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org).



## Pastors' Conference

Along with Pregnancy Care Center, Right to Life co-hosted a lunchtime conference for 60 local Christian pastors in August, highlighting our various pro-life initiatives and ways in which churches could get involved. We were so happy to host these dedicated men and women, and to let them know about our resources for serving them. We look forward to teaming up with these incredible warriors for life!



# EQUIP

PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES TO DEFEND THE SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE  
THROUGH EFFECTIVE TOOLS AND TRAINING.



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Time: 1 PM | Sept. 22nd

Maya Cinemas  
3090 E Campus Pointe Dr.  
Fresno, CA 93710

Call Right to Life at 559-229-2229 to reserve your seat.

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## Volunteers Needed!

Every year we have multiple fall and winter events where your volunteer support is critical.



The Fresno Fair will be October 2nd through October 14th. (ticket to the fair included)

Our Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction will be Friday, December 6th.



We are looking for volunteers willing to help cover the shifts at these events. If you are interested please contact us at 559-229-2229 or [info@rtlcc.org](mailto:info@rtlcc.org).

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If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call our toll-free national hotline today at:

**1-877-HOPE-4-ME (1-877-467-3463)**

Or call our Fresno-area contacts:

**1-877-629-6626 (English)**

**1-888-686-8537 (Spanish)**

**Our next English retreat will be November 1-3.**

**You can contact Rachel's Vineyard for further retreat dates and ongoing support resources.**

Please call one of our Fresno numbers to register for one of our retreats. Financial assistance is available, and there is still time to register for the November retreat.

Rachel's Vineyard weekends are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.

The weekend is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief.

**[www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org)**

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**- Coming to Fresno -**

Obria is a national chain of pro-life women's prenatal and reproductive health clinics. They are leading the way as one of the most innovative pro-life, prenatal health clinics in the nation. In the next 24 months, Right to Life of Central California will be bringing an Obria clinic to Fresno that will offer resources for women that include:

- Well-Woman Exams / Pap Smears
- Pregnancy Testing
- Ultrasound
- Prenatal Care
- STD / STI Testing and Treatment
- Breast Cancer / Cervical Cancer Screening
- Natural Family Planning - Contraception Education
- Abortion Alternatives - Pregnancy Option Education
- Abortion Pill Reversal
- Post-Abortion help
- And many more services!

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Dr. Amie Holmes, MD is a pro-life Gynecology and Infertility specialist in Clovis. She does incredible work for couples struggling with infertility and the hormonal and gynecologic health issues that can cause it. If you are struggling with infertility and have legitimate pro-life concerns with in vitro treatments, you need to call Dr. Holmes. She also provides abortion pill reversal treatment. Call to schedule an appointment at 559-324-3833.



# PRO-LIFE NEWS

## California Forces Nuns (and Everyone Else) to Pay for Abortion

By RLCC Intern Michelle Ferrer Alvarez.

In its determination to make elective abortions a non-negotiable, vital component of insurance coverage, the California Court of Appeals recently rejected a lawsuit by the Missionary Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit, a Catholic convent in the L.A. area, in which the sisters challenged a mandate forcing insurance companies to deny special coverage plans that exclude abortion to religious institutions.

According to an article published in the *Los Angeles Times* shortly after the publication of the court's decision, the main question at hand in the lawsuit was whether or not administrative law had been violated when the Department of Managed Health Care mandated abortion coverage for all California insurance plans in its 2014 letter to health insurers. The judges' decision to reject the lawsuit consequently stems from the observation that California law does not limit abortive procedures to cases in which the woman's life is in danger. The court's decision, furthermore, dilutes the terminological difference between medically necessary abortions and elective abortions, as the court claims that California law regarding abortion does not depend on the threat to the woman's life but on fetal viability. In other words, California law regards elective abortions as medically necessary in all cases, according to the judges.

Unmentioned in the article by the *Times*, however, is Planned Parenthood's influence on the Department of Managed Health Care's decision to issue the letter prohibiting health insurers from excluding abortion services from their plans. These emails showcase Planned Parenthood's request to "fix" the "issue" of Catholic universities and institutions obtaining abortion exemptions in their insurance plans. Alliance Defending Freedom has published the emails on their website, [adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org). They provide yet more evidence of Planned Parenthood's significant role and influence not only in the legal arena of reproductive rights, but also in efforts to limit religious freedom.



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SAVE THE DATE



## Right to Life of Central California

31<sup>st</sup> Annual

Christmas Dinner and Auction  
Friday, December 6, 2019 5:30pm

Honoring

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Lisa Garver and Gina Fry

Right to Life  
of Central California  
Defending the  
Dignity of  
Human Life

Informing and engaging the community on important life  
issues, while providing outreach to those facing a difficult  
pregnancy, or those who have had an abortion.

Visit [RTLCC.org](http://RTLCC.org) to see our new website!

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