

Pro-Life Waco in 2022: Dynamic Response in a Historic Year

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Note: Planned Parenthood Waco stopped abortions at mid-year. PP Waco remains open, providing out-of-state abortion referrals and financing.

June 24 and August 2 were two of the biggest days in 2022 in the history of Pro-Life Waco.

June 24! Pro-Life Waco delivered a rally the afternoon Roe was struck down

This rally at Planned Parenthood Waco featured a day of 103 degree temperatures, great speakers, cold watermelon, a prayer flight over the rally, and more. The environment was joyful and spirit-filled. Well over 100 attended.

The Waco rally was held in solidarity with over 100 cities nationwide under the leadership of Eric Scheidler and Pro-Life Action League of Chicago. Pro-Life Waco eagerly collaborates with other organizations in Texas and nationwide.

One of the goals of the rallies was to attract positive media at a time when the opposition would be very active. This certainly happened in Waco. The Pro-Life Waco rally was the front page headline story in the Waco Trib and was featured in two television news stories.

To see the news coverage and more, go to <https://bit.ly/3D6mBVl>



August 2! Victory! 400 life defenders say NO to GRACE Act at Waco City Council.

GRACE Act council proponent resigns on October 28

This day was possibly the most significant in the three decades of Pro-life Waco. PLW used its experience and resources to mobilize against an awful pro-abortion threat. Under the appalling leadership of Waco City Council member Kelly Palmer and a new organization named Pro-Choice Waco, a movement gathered momentum to adopt an ordinance called the GRACE Act. This is a sacrilegious acronym for “Guarding the Right to Abortion Care for Everyone”.

The act would force the Waco Police Department to step away from enforcing the Texas abortion ban. Austin, Denton and Dallas had passed GRACE Acts.

However, on August 2, 400 pro-lifer citizens showed up at the council meeting and demanded that Waco allow law enforcement. Over 40 of us testified with 3-minute speeches. This and future city councils got the clear message that Waco is pro-life!

For more on this historic event, including news coverage, go to <https://bit.ly/3ScIE2>

Oh yes, facing additional controversy over her support of a drag performance with children attending, Kelly Palmer resigned from the Waco City Council on October 28.



Controversy brings Kelly Palmer city council resignation



◆ PLW's marquee billboard truck

This is the third year of awesome service from Carolyn #2. How does Carolyn serve? Of course, she is a pro-life billboard. She is also a “warehouse” holding dozens of signs, crosses, and supplies for our public-square outreach. We can take the truck out to any event and have everything we need in the cargo box. We also have dozens of “blessing bags” available for use in sidewalk counseling of clients going into Planned Parenthood Waco.

For weekends, several churches rotate in hosting the PLW truck at their high traffic locations. Thank you: Christ the King Baptist Church, Church of the Open Door, St. Louis Catholic Church, Waco First Assembly of God, Calvary Chapel, Parkview Baptist Church, and Knights of Columbus Council #1358.

Finally, each year for the January Rally for Life in Austin, Carolyn is parked aside Guadalupe Street to the delight of thousands of photo-taking marchers.

Super speakers for Second Sunday Luncheon Gathering

In 2022, PLW brought in outside speakers each month. Each had a terrific message. Of course, everyone enjoyed Italian pasta and meatballs. Some of our speakers are well known nationally such as Monica Cline (challenges harmful sex-ed), Mayra Rodriguez (ex-clinic manager for Planned Parenthood of Arizona), Rev. Scott Hord (a top sidewalk counselor at abortion centers, ministering in Nashville), Jason Jones (pro-life movie producer, for example “Bella”), and David Bereit (founding father of 40 Days for Life).

Other noteworthy PLW engagements.

- Media interviews about the Roe court decision, including RTVI Russia TV
- A new jumbo billboard on Valley Mills Dr. near Arby's
- A Sugar Land, TX church used PLW's “Choose Life” yard sign design for successful community outreach
- Over two dozen letters to the editor in the Waco Trib

Monthly & Weekly Outreach for Life

It's a Baby Waco @ Planned Parenthood
Second Sunday Gathering
Sidewalk Counseling
Love Life Chain
Overpass Outreach
Bank of America Awareness Outreach
Weekly Rosary for Life
12 billboards
Free yard signs for all
Twice monthly newsletter



Mayra Rodriguez in April

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