

# THE ERIE ECHO

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## Make it a pro-life new year!

Join us on January 7 as Lila Rose, our special guest speaker, helps us kick off the new year at People for Life's Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast. Then march with us in Erie on January 14 and in Washington, DC on January 23 as we observe the 39th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973.

*Roe v. Wade* was based on little more than the personal opinions of seven Supreme

Court justices. Those opinions were imposed on the entire nation, and millions of human beings have paid for them with their lives.

With a presidential election coming in November, the year 2012 will be a very crucial for the pro-life cause. It is time, once again, for us to get our priorities in order. It is time to remind all Americas what is being done to thousands of unborn children every day because of *Roe v. Wade*.

We need Supreme Court justices who will respect the will of the American people as reflected in the Constitution and the democratically-enacted laws of our nation, not justices who impose their personal, pro-abortion views. New justices are nominated by the president of the United States, and they receive lifetime appointments. So a presidential election can have a profound effect on unborn children, not just for four years, but for decades to come.

## Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast with Lila Rose

Erie's 34th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast will take place on the 7th of January. That is a week earlier than usual, so please purchase your tickets without delay.

Regular tickets are \$12.50, and tickets for kids 3-12 are \$6.50. Younger children are welcome at no cost.

Free child care with fun activities for kids of all ages will be available during the speaking part of the program.

Please note that the Breakfast is moving this January to the Avalon Hotel, 16 West 10th Street, Erie. Doors will open at 8 a.m.; the program will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 11:30 a.m.

Come early and browse our displays of pro-life educational and promotional materials.

Our guest speaker will be Lila Rose, an amazing 23-year-old from San Jose, California who is already a nationally recognized pro-life leader. A recent graduate of UCLA with a degree in history, Lila has been doing undercover investigations of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, since she was 19. Lila's hidden cameras have documented Planned Parenthood's willingness to cover up sexual abuse, assist sex traffickers, disseminate medical misinformation, and accommodate racism. Lila's hidden camera videos have

been seen by tens of thousands of viewers on YouTube. A few of her videos will be presented during the Breakfast.

Several local religious leaders will participate in the program: Rev. Rick Crocker, Executive Director, Erie City Mission; Rev. John Miller, Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Cathedral; Rev. Rick Rubeis, Pastor, East Lake Road Alliance; and Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of the Erie Catholic Diocese.

Learn more about Lila Rose by visiting her organization's website.  
[www.liveaction.org](http://www.liveaction.org)

## March for Life Bus Trip

Would you like to go to the March for Life in Washington, DC this January 23? The March is always inspiring and memorable. If you are able to take the day-off from work, school, or whatever your routine, do it.

People for Life offers a Bus Trip that makes getting to the March and back easy and worry-free. We will take care of the transportation, parking, and all the planning. You won't have to pay for a hotel, and the cost of meals can be kept to a minimum. The entire activity is compressed into just a little more than 24 hours. Best of all, you will share the experience with many wonderful people from right here in the Erie area.

Would you like to bring a group from your church, school, or perhaps your

family? That would be wonderful; the more the merrier!

Occasionally, someone worries that the March could be rowdy or dangerous. Concerns of this nature are completely unnecessary. You will not find a public event that is more peaceful, orderly, and family-oriented than the March for Life.

The Bus Trip still costs only \$40 per seat. You will also need \$4.80 for a roundtrip ride on the DC Metro (subway) and some money for meals. Bring your own snacks to economize.

Only a limited number of seats are available, so make your reservations as soon as possible. As the March for Life has grown in recent years, so has the demand for buses. It is now practically impossible to

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## FROM PAGE 1 March for Life Bus Trip

charter an additional bus to accommodate those who decide to go at the last minute.

The March for Life has grown steadily since 1974, when about 20,000 people marched for the first time. Last January the attendance was estimated at around 400,000. The growth rate has been accelerating in the last few years, and now the marchers assemble each January eagerly *expecting* to shatter all previous records.

People for Life's Bus Trip has also been growing. Our numbers have exceeded 200 in each of the last three years.

This growth has helped us continue attracting local media coverage for the pro-life cause. The beginning of our trip always coincides with the local late-evening news broadcasts, so it is not unusual to have live TV coverage of our departure.

Some of the larger groups on our buses this January will be from St. George School, Gannon University, and Mercyhurst College.

We will depart from St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie on Sunday evening, January 22 at 11 p.m. We will then make a

brief stop to pick up marchers at the Edinboro Exit of I-79.

Our buses will arrive in Washington at approximately 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. A few hours will be available for sightseeing on your own or as part of a group. Some marchers choose to visit such points of pro-life interest as the March for Life Convention exhibits, National Right to Life headquarters, the U.S. Holocaust Museum, and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (the largest Roman Catholic church in North America and a favorite destination for thousands of Catholic marchers). Other popular, admission-free destinations include the Capitol Building, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Smithsonian Museums.

You will need to dress for cold weather. But the good news is that the weather is usually much milder in Washington than it is here in the Erie area.

The March for Life program officially begins at noon with a huge rally on the National Mall at 7th St., midway between the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument. The March itself will get

underway at approximately 1:30 p.m.

A sea of marchers will pour into Constitution Avenue for several hours, thousands and thousands of peaceful, joyful people thankful to be alive and determined to defend the gift of life. It will be after 4 p.m. before all of them reach their destination: the Supreme Court Building, where abortion at any point during pregnancy was legalized on January 22, 1973.

Those who finish the March early enough will have some time to visit the House and Senate office buildings, where pro-life Congressman Mike Kelly and pro-life Senator Pat Toomey are expected to hold receptions.

Our return trip will begin at 5 p.m. There will be a dinner stop at the Prime Outlets Food Court in Hagerstown, Maryland. You can expect to be back in Erie by approximately 1:30 a.m., early Tuesday morning.

If you have never been to the March for Life, you really ought to try it. Anyone who has been there will tell you it is an experience you will never forget.

## FROM PAGE 6 Lila Rose

of Planned Parenthood to cover up sexual abuse, to assist sex traffickers, to disseminate medical misinformation and make other false statements, and to accept donations for expressly racist purposes. Planned Parenthood is the largest the abortion provider in the United States.

Lila's undercover work began in 2006 when she visited two Planned Parenthood locations in Los Angeles posing as a pregnant and frightened 15-year-old, the victim of a 23-year-old statutory rapist. The staff, looking into Lila's hidden cameras, offered to provide a secret abortion, to ensure that no one would ever know about the statutory rape. When Lila's videos went viral on YouTube, Planned Parenthood threatened to sue. She did not back down. Instead, she made her first national appearance on *The O'Reilly Factor* to talk about what her undercover research had exposed!

In 2007, Lila investigated six different Planned Parenthood fundraising departments. By phone, a male associate posed as someone with clearly racist intentions, asking if he could donate money specifically to abort black babies. In every case, the Planned Parenthood officials enthusiastically agreed to accept money for this purpose. Some expressed acceptance, and even sympathy with the caller's racist sentiments.

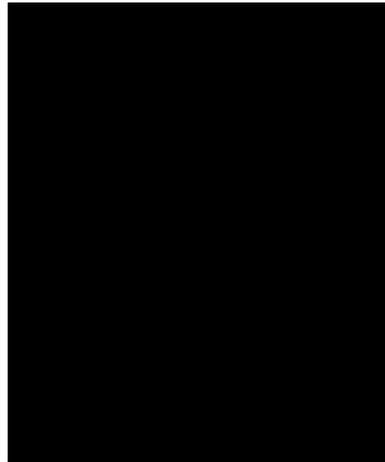
In 2008 Lila, then 19, personally visited

a string of Planned Parenthoods posing as a 13-year-old sex-abuse victim. The investigation produced a series of videos documenting Planned Parenthood's willingness to violate mandatory statutory rape reporting laws in Bloomington and Indianapolis, IN; Tucson and Phoenix, AZ; Memphis, TN; Birmingham, AL; Milwaukee, WI; and Louisville, KY.

In 2009 and 2010, Lila and her team visited dozens of Planned Parenthood locations to document Planned Parenthood's use of unscientific, fabricated medical information to convince women to have abortions.

In early 2011 Lila was at it again, filming Planned Parenthood personnel as they conspired with actors posing as sex traffickers who wanted to arrange secret abortions and obtain related medical services for undocumented, underage prostitutes from other countries: sex slaves. Once again, Lila's cameras found Planned Parenthood personnel who were prepared to cooperate. One Planned Parenthood official even went so far as to offer the actor who was posing as a pimp practical advice about running his business.

Lila's work is bearing fruit. With her most recent round of investigative journalism, government funding of Planned



Parenthood (\$360 million in 2009 alone) has become a prominent political issue. It was a major issue during the debate over the federal budget last April, and according to *Politico* it's shaping up as the key reproductive health issue in 2012 elections.

Lila has been featured on *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hannity's America*,

*The Glenn Beck Show*, *EWTN*, and *The Laura Ingraham Show*. She was also featured in the 2010 CNN documentary *Right on the Edge*, which spotlighted young conservative activists. Numerous newspapers and blogs have covered her work, including *Reuters*, *Los Angeles Times*, *National Review*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Times* and *Our Sunday Visitor*. She has written for magazines and blogs including *Politico*, *The Hill*, and *First Things*. The Associated Press and UPI frequently publish stories about Lila's organization, Live Action. She has spoken at numerous national pro-life events and has taken her message internationally to Ireland, Mexico and Canada.

Come to the Breakfast on January 7, hear Lila speak, and meet her in person after the program.

## Abortion facility packs up and moves out

The Erie abortion facility is now history, and northwestern Pennsylvania is once again abortion-free. Since February 2007 when the last abortions were carried out, People for Life had been cautioning that the place, called American Women's Services and owned by Dr. Steven Brigham, was only dormant and that all the office and medical equipment remained in place.

That changed on December 10, when some of Brigham's workers showed up with two large moving trucks and hauled away everything of value. The workers told us

that the equipment was going to the AWS abortion facilities in Pittsburgh and Allentown. All that remained were piles of trash and discarded medical supplies, which were scattered throughout the property.

AWS had actually reached the end of the road three weeks earlier when the Professional Building condo association foreclosed on the three suites that were most important to the operation of the abortion facility. The condo association was able to buy the suites at the ensuing sheriff's sale. Within days, Brigham agreed to surrender

his remaining property.

The condo association now intends to retain ownership of the property and lease, rather than sell, it. This will help ensure that it won't fall into disreputable hands in the future.

*We hope that by our pragmatic, hands-on, feet-feet-on-the-ground, real-time opposition to AWS, People for Life has earned a reputation that will continue to be a deterrent to child killing in northwestern Pennsylvania for many years to come.*

## AWS Closing: Special thanks to those who ran with the ball

by Tim Broderick

Padre Pio, a 20th century Franciscan friar, was associated with many astounding miracles, including countless healings. He died in 1968 and was later declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Padre Pio is also remembered for building a large, modern hospital because, he said, we cannot always ask for miracles.

The presence of the American Women's Services abortion facility in Erie resulted in, among other things, a remarkable outpouring of prayers for its speedy demise. A nearby church even opened a 24 / 7 / 365 prayer chapel largely for the purpose of shutting down the abortion clinic. Guess what? The prayer chapel is still going strong, and the abortion clinic is history!

Yet the closing of AWS is perhaps not as much of a miracle, in the strict sense of the word, as it might seem to be to those who are aware of the prayers but not so aware of the practical, hands-on involvement of scores of People for Life volunteers.

We cannot always ask for miracles. Sometimes we are asked to roll up our own sleeves, stick out our own necks, and run with the ball. And so it was for many in the Erie pro-life community. A tremendous amount of time and practical hard work was invested and many personal sacrifices were made by some amazing people, people who would probably hit it off rather well with Padre Pio.

On the happy occasion of AWS moving out of Erie, let us not forget to thank the many dedicated volunteers who worked with People for Life and sacrificed their time and personal comfort over the long haul, even when things looked pretty hopeless. Without their dedication abortions might still be taking place in Erie today.

From the day AWS opened in September 2003 until the day the last abortions were done in February 2007, People for Life volunteers counseled abortion clients and conducted demonstrations on the sidewalks outside the abortion facility *every single time abortions*

were being done. Likewise, volunteers staffed our Alternative Choices for Women office inside the building, just across the hallway from AWS. The office also kept regular weekday hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers were always in place by the time the first abortion clients began arriving and until the last one left, six or sometimes eight hours later. This went on for three and a half years, two to four days a week. When we found out that abortions were going to take place at an unexpected time, volunteers would change their plans and respond on less than an hour's notice.

Let us thank all those who worked on the sidewalks in all kinds of weather including rainstorms, snowstorms, and sub-zero cold snaps, sometimes as late as 11 p.m. One volunteer developed a condition known as Raynaud's Syndrome, probably the result of spending hours in cold and wet conditions.

Thanks to everyone who risked their personal safety and endured the occasional threats and verbal abuse.

Thanks to all those who were the victims of serious and completely false accusations that were lodged with the Erie Police Department: blocking parking lot entrances, beating on cars with sticks, ripping open car doors to throw literature inside, harassing abortion clients, and so forth.

Thanks to those who routinely dug through dumpsters and sifted through garbage, whose efforts sometimes provided crucial information that may well have contributed substantially to the eventual closing. And thanks to those who were willing to go on record to report suspected drug, licensing, and malpractice insurance irregularities.

Thanks, as well, to all those who kept People for Life afloat financially during that critical time.

Thanks to the amazing women of the Women's Care Center of Erie County, to whom we sent literally scores of abortion-bound women. If not for Women's Care Center, many of these women would have followed through with an abortion, making



Erie more financially attractive to Brigham and his abortion doctors.

Thanks, also, to the dedicated Meadville pro-life community, about 100 of whom turned out to picket the Meadville office of one of the AWS doctors after People for Life exposed him. And thanks to the pro-life leaders in Meadville who risked lawsuits had People for Life been incorrect about the doctor's identity. The doctor was never seen at the Erie abortion facility again.

Finally, I hope you will also join with me in thanking God, without whose help I believe none of us can accomplish anything at all.

Space does not permit a full accounting of all the work that was done, nor of all the signs of God's blessings and protection as the work went forward. This should suffice, however, to show that the Erie pro-life community understands the old adage, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing (except wait for miracles)." I think that Padre Pio would be pleased!

*Tim Broderick is the Director of People for Life and Editor of the Erie Echo Newsletter*

### AWS Opinion Poll

A Fox 66 opinion poll on YourErie.com asked the question, "How do you feel about the abortion clinic leaving Erie?" The responses were:

I'm glad its gone,	299	52.3%
I don't care either way,	170	29.7%
I'm sorry it left,	103	18%

# Support the 2012 Erie March for Life

Join us for the Erie March for Life on January 14. Invest an hour, because entire lifetimes are at stake. Be at the Gazebo in Perry Square by 10:45 a.m. The March will begin promptly at 11 a.m.

Signs will be available, but feel free to bring your own homemade signs with positive, loving messages.

Dress for winter weather and wear warm, non-slip footwear. Beware of icy patches on the streets and sidewalks.

The March will proceed from Perry Square west on 6th St., south on Sassafras

St., east on 10th St., and north on State St., back to the Perry Square Gazebo, where the March will conclude with a brief memorial service.

The memorial service will be jointly conducted by Rev. Chad Marinelli, a Pastor at Triumphant Life Church in Erie and Rev. Jerry Priscaro of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Erie. Rev. Priscaro serves as a chaplain at three hospitals, six nursing homes, and the Gertrude Barber Center.

Those who are able to walk should do so, but anyone who would be unable to go the distance may join the motorcade that

will follow the marchers. The motorcade will be assembled on S. Park Row between State St. and Peach St. Vehicles that will be in the motorcade should arrive at Perry Square by 10:30 a.m. with their four-way flashers on. Drivers should watch for directions from the parade marshals.

Please support the Erie March for Life. In the face of such a huge national tragedy as government sponsored abortion, weighty arguments, lofty words, and stirring rhetoric are not enough. Change begins and justice prevails when good people are willing to go public with their deeply held convictions.

## Be a Bus Trip Sponsor

Please consider being a March for Life Bus Trip sponsor. Your donation could help a college student on a tight budget or a mom and dad with kids who will be making a sacrifice just to cover the cost of meals.

Forty dollars will completely cover the cost of one seat or allow two people to travel for half-price. In some cases even a partial sponsorship of \$10 or \$15 could make the difference between someone marching in DC or having to stay home.

## Find us on Facebook

People for Life began using Facebook, the Internet-based social networking service, during the past year. It is a great way to swiftly share the latest pro-life news and keep people informed, on a daily or sometimes even hourly basis, about what we are doing right here in northwestern Pennsylvania. It is also a convenient way to display photographs. We currently have 355 pictures displayed in 33 different albums.

You can see all of our pictures and news updates even if you are not a Facebook member, so please check us out.

If you do have a Facebook profile, please "like" us to help show that the right to life has strong support in the Erie area.

## Student Essay Contest

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is sponsoring a pro-life essay contest for students in grades 7-12. The word limit is 500 for grades 7-9 and 750 for grades 10-12. Students may write on the topic of abortion, euthanasia, or stem cell research. The entry deadline is March 1. Essays can be e-mailed to [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or mailed to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109. A cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, school, and grade should be included with the entry. For more information visit [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org) or contact People for Life.

## Education and Outreach

People for Life's 2011 community outreach program featured educational booths at 14 events across northwestern Pennsylvania, including three fairs and Celebrate Erie. Two were first-time events: the Erie Catholic Diocese High School Youth Rally and the Girls World Expo, which was sponsored by the *Erie Times-News* and held at the Bayfront Convention Center. Both were excellent opportunities to share the pro-life message.

On the college scene, Overview of Abortion presentations were given this fall at Mercyhurst and Gannon. We also ran ads in four college newspapers to promote the upcoming Pro-Life Breakfast with Lila Rose and the March for Life Bus Trip.

## Protect Life Act

The U.S. House of Representatives approved the Protect Life Act on October 13 by a vote of 251-172. This was a first, important step to remove the huge amounts of abortion funding contained in the Obama-Dahlkemper health care law.

The bill also ensures that no health insurance carrier will be forced to provide coverage of abortion in any of its health plans and strengthens the conscience rights of health care workers and institutions to reject abortion training, procedures, and referrals.

The White House issued a statement prior to the vote indicating that President

Obama will veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

Sixteen democrats and 236 republicans voted for the bill; 170 democrats and two republicans voted against it.

The Protect Life Act was sponsored by pro-life Pennsylvania Congressman Joe Pitts. Pro-life Congressman Mike Kelly (PA-3) was a cosponsor.

## PA House opts out of abortion coverage

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted on December 12 to prevent government-funded insurance plans from paying for abortion under Obama-DahlkemperCare within Pennsylvania. No Erie County representative voted against the measure. Although the bill is a good thing, it will not, unfortunately, prevent the federal government from using tax money collected in Pennsylvania to subsidize abortion in other states.

## Sen. Toomey: No to Obama's radical pro-abortion nominee

President Obama's appointment of a pro-abortion radical, Caitlin Halligan, to the powerful District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals was narrowly averted by a republican filibuster. Halligan's nomination was opposed by all major pro-life organizations.

As Solicitor General, Halligan sided with the National Organization for Women in a brief that argued that pro-life protestors were actually engaging in extortion and racketeering. That position was so extreme that it was thrown out by the U.S. Supreme Court in an 8-1 decision.

An attempt on December 6 to break the republican filibuster fell six votes short. All 51 democratic senators, including Sen. Bob Casey, Jr., voted to proceed with the confirmation process. However, pro-life Sen. Pat Toomey and all republican senators except one held firm and stopped the confirmation dead in its tracks.

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Sponsorship funds are used to help offset the costs associated with the Breakfast, including pro-life awareness and educational outreach efforts that are undertaken in conjunction with the event. Request

sponsor forms from People for Life or download from [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org). Please share them with everyone who might be interested.

**Recommended DVDs**

**The Gift of Life** is a brand new movie produced by Citizens United and narrated by Governor Mike Huckabee. It explains why abortion and the protection of human are paramount issues, looks at the lives of people who were nearly victims of abortion, and profiles pro-life leaders. The DVD can be borrowed from People for Life.

**Thine Eyes: A Witness to the March for Life** is a documentary filmed at the DC March for Life in 2009. The movie captures all the energy and excitement. Find out what the March is really like or share the DVD

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with friends to introduce them to this amazing event. Free copies are available. **180** is 33-minute video that has gone viral on the Internet. Young adults with typical pro-abortion viewpoints make 180-degree turnarounds in practically seconds when prompted to think critically about their own pro-choice opinions and assumptions. Free copies are available.

*Memorials*

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education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent solutions of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are considered sacred. The Erie Echo is published in Erie, PA by People for Life, Inc., Tim Broderick, Editor.

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## High School Oratory Contest

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There will be separate divisions for grades 9-10 and grades 11-12. The first-place winners in each division will receive \$100 and the second-place winners will receive \$50. The first and second place winners in the 11-12 grade contest will also have an opportunity to compete at the state level on April 22.

The winner of the statewide contest will have an opportunity to compete in the National Right to Life High School Oratory Contest, which will be held on June 30 in conjunction with the NRL Convention in Washington, DC.

Contact People for Life for the contest rules and registration forms.

## 2012 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2012

<b>Jan. 7</b>	34th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast - 9 a.m., Avalon Hotel, Erie
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Erie March for Life - 11 a.m., Begins at West Perry Square
<b>Jan. 16</b>	Martin Luther King March - Erie, March with People for Life
<b>Jan. 22</b>	People for Life buses depart for the March for Life - 11 p.m.
<b>Jan. 23</b>	39th March for Life - Washington, DC
<b>Jan. 24</b>	People for Life buses return from the March for Life - about 2 a.m.
<b>Feb. 20</b>	General Meeting - 6:45 p.m., Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
<b>April 14</b>	Regional High School Oratory Contest - Erie
<b>March 26</b>	Last day to register for the Pennsylvania Primary Election
<b>April 17</b>	Last day to apply for a Pennsylvania civilian absentee ballot
<b>April 20</b>	Last day for PA Boards of Election to receive voted absentee ballots
<b>April 22</b>	Statewide High School Oratory Contest - Harrisburg, PA
<b>April 24</b>	Pennsylvania Primary Election
<b>June 28-30</b>	National Right to Life Convention - Washington, DC
<b>Nov. 6</b>	General Election

## Lila Rose: Bold leadership for a new generation

On Saturday, January 7, People for Life will present one of the most remarkable guest speakers ever to take the podium at our annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast. Her name is Lila Rose.

Lila was raised in San Jose, California, the third of eight children. She was home-schooled through high school while also attending a part-time Christian school and a junior college. She went on to earn a degree in history from the University of California, Los Angeles, graduating this past June.

At age 14 Lila started a pro-life club that has become a nationally-recognized youth led movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion with four local chapters: UCLA, Claremont-McKenna, San Jose, and San Francisco Bay Area.

In fall 2006, as a freshman at UCLA, Lila founded a pro-life student magazine, *The Advocate*. The magazine is now the largest pro-life student publication in the country, distributed on over 300 high

school and college campuses with a circulation of over 100,000.

In 2008, Lila was awarded \$100,000 by Life Prizes, an initiative of the Gerard Health Foundation. Also in 2008, she received the *Person of the Year Malachi Award* from the pro-life organization Operation Rescue. In 2009, she was named a Young Leader by the Susan B. Anthony List, an organization that specializes in recruiting and supporting pro-life women who feel called to run for public office.

Lila's brand of undercover journalism is somewhat analogous to that of Dateline NBC's *To Catch a Predator* series, which is devoted to apprehending Internet sexual predators. Actors who pose as underage children use the Internet to set up liaisons with sexual predators. When the predator shows up, he is met with television cameras and law enforcement.

Lila has documented the willingness  
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