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MCCL celebrates 41 years of saving lives

Many people are alive today because of MCCL's lifesaving efforts

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) today celebrates 41 years of dedication to protecting and defending human life. Many hearts have been changed, protective laws passed and lives saved due to the tireless labor of MCCL volunteers and contributors throughout the decades.

“I am so proud of the dedicated, compassionate work of our grass-roots members,” said MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. “MCCL is one of the most effective pro-life organizations in the nation, thanks to these activists. They are steadily transforming our state’s culture to one that respects and protects all innocent human life at every stage.”

MCCL has taken a three-pronged approach to advancing its pro-life mission. First, citizens are continually educated on the threats to human life posed by abortion, euthanasia, infanticide and embryo-killing experiments. People are then mobilized to become active pro-life citizens who in turn work to educate others and to support passage of lifesaving laws. Third, MCCL members work to establish legal protection for vulnerable lives.

From a handful of pro-life activists in [1968](#), MCCL has grown to include more than 70,000 member families and 240 chapters across the state. Together they deliver pro-life educational messages through booths at all 94 county fairs and Student Day at the Capitol, call for protective legislation at the annual Jan. 22 MCCL March for Life and as citizen lobbyists, work with public officials to pass legislation protecting the right to life, and much more.

MCCL’s innovation and leadership have led to passage of the nation’s first Parental Notification law in 1981, which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court and became model legislation for other states. MCCL also has been instrumental in passage of Minnesota’s Human Conceptus law (1973), Baby Doe provisions to protect disabled infants (1985), Fetal Homicide law (1986), tightened law on assisted suicide (1992), [Woman’s Right to Know law](#) (2003), [Unborn Child Pain Prevention Act](#) (2005), [Positive Alternatives](#) (2005) and [a ban on taxpayer funding of human cloning](#) at the University of Minnesota (2009). MCCL also brought national attention to the brutal partial-birth abortion method when it was uncovered in 1993.

“It is a testament to our effectiveness that the abortion issue is still front and center in Minnesota,” Fischbach said. “MCCL’s member volunteers refuse to allow the abortion industry to destroy the dignity and sanctity of human life, no matter how small or vulnerable. We will continue to compassionately fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.”

MCCL is Minnesota’s oldest and largest pro-life organization. For more information about MCCL, visit www.mccl.org.

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