



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Sidewalk Advocacy: Directing Women away from Abortion Clinics



Education: A frightened young woman has decided that abortion is the answer to a problem pregnancy, and arrives at the clinic. But just outside the clinic, a friendly person offers her information on alternatives. “There is a pregnancy help center close by that can offer you all kinds of help. I can call them right now and see if they can take you right away.” She stops and listens. She hears about the kind of help the center could offer, and she decides to go the center instead of the abortion clinic, where she decides to carry her baby. The life of a child is saved, and

a young mother is spared the anguish of post-abortion trauma.

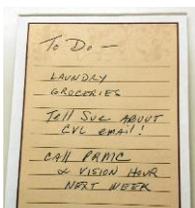
40 Days for Life is a wonderful program which has saved over 15,000 babies from abortion, and 99 facilities have closed after campaigns were done. 40 Days for Life has clearly shown that a prayer presence outside abortion clinics can prevent abortions, many times even if no words are exchanged.(1) But while 40 Days campaigns may be done once or twice a year, abortion continues all year long. Having a consistent sidewalk presence even one or two days a week year-round can sometimes cut into a clinic’s business enough to close it down. Individual volunteers have been working on the sidewalk for decades, but little information was exchanged, and many had minimal or no training. Sidewalk Advocates for Life was founded in 2015 has over 150 locations and is growing rapidly. They have a DVD-based training, and hosted their first conference in October 2018. They offer support for individual communities who wish to start a program. (2)

A short video about sidewalk counseling is available for viewing at <https://prolifaction.org/action/swc/> , and also on the Sidewalk Advocates’ web site. (2)

1. <https://40daysforlife.com/results/>
2. <http://sidewalkadvocates.org/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please continue to call faithful people to be present outside the abortion clinics to offer last-minute help to those who are planning abortion. Give them the strength, patience, and perseverance to continue in their saving work. Soften the hearts of those who see these people; help them to be willing to listen to loving offers of help and hope. Bless the efforts of CVL to build a sidewalk advocacy program. Help each of our readers and followers to discern correctly whether you might be calling them to participate in this important ministry.



Action: Christian Voices for Life has become an affiliate of Sidewalk Advocates for Life. We will need both trained sidewalk advocates to stand at the driveways at 8200 Wednesbury Lane, and prayer support volunteers to stand across the street. Our first training will be offered in early 2019. Please spread the word to your pro-life friends and prayerfully consider whether God might call you to participate yourself.