



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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## Pro-Life Advocates Can Be Subjected to Violence

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**Education:** Pro-life volunteers work to prevent abortion by peacefully and legally standing along highways with signs in Life Chains, and by displaying signs and praying outside abortion clinics. They also sometimes try to approach women entering a clinic to offer her information on alternative solutions to her problems. The presence of pro-life volunteers outside abortion clinics has been shown to be effective in preventing abortions. Thousands of women have changed their minds, and former abortion workers report that the no-show rate for abortion appointments goes up when there are people outside, sometimes to as high as 75%.<sup>(1)</sup> **We are making a difference.**

Unfortunately, the caring pro-life volunteers who spend time outside abortion clinics have been subjected to violence on numerous occasions over the past several years. They have been assaulted, their signs stolen or destroyed, had urine poured on them, and been threatened by a moving car. <sup>(2)</sup> And the violence is not limited to outside abortion clinics. A woman participating in a Canadian Life Chain was attacked. <sup>(3)</sup> A teenager who was handing out pro-life literature in a public park was given a broken nose, and an elderly man who was soliciting signatures to ban abortion was thrown to the ground, suffering a broken hip (see picture). <sup>(2)</sup> These incidents have been largely ignored by the media, and no one in the abortion industry has condemned them. The pro-life movement, however, has loudly condemned any violence on the part of pro-lifers. The latest incident, outside an abortion clinic in Fort Worth on January 11, was caught on video, showing the pro-life volunteer being punched but not fighting back, after telling the man that Jesus loved him.

1. <https://www.lifesitenews.com/pulse/when-you-show-up-...-they-dont>
2. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/extreme-abortion-supporter-tries-to-run-over-pro-life-sidewalk-counselors-in-north-carolina/>
3. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/pro-life-assaulted-abortion-facility/>



**Prayer:** Please, Lord, protect the pro-life volunteers who seek to save women and babies from abortion, especially those praying and advocating outside abortion clinics. Give all pro-life activists courage to continue their work in the face of the possibility of violence. Help the witness of the volunteers serve to deter women from choosing abortion and seek the help that is available to them with life-affirming alternatives. Help all leaders on both sides of the issue to be unified in condemning violence, as an unjustified response to peaceful expression of an opposing view. Help all perpetrators of such violence be subject to appropriate consequences for their actions.



**Action:** Please consider joining us in prayer outside abortion clinics, especially during the 40 Days for Life campaign that will begin March 6. Pray for everyone who participates, that they will be safe and effective in preventing abortions. Go to the [Christian Voices for Life web site](#) for more information about our prayer campaign in Sharpstown and the days we are sponsoring at the Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway in Houston.