



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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### 40 Days for Life - She was Smiling!

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**Education:** Several volunteers were praying outside an abortion clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. A car came out of the parking lot and the driver stopped to say “I’m keeping my baby!” She was smiling from ear to ear.(1) Other volunteers may have been discouraged to see her drive past them into the clinic earlier, but their presence did make an impact. She was clearly very happy with her decision not to abort! Most women don’t want an abortion but feel pressured into it from people or circumstances. This lady was apparently inspired by the presence of the prayer

volunteers to think harder about how else she could handle the situation, and hopefully came up with another plan that she felt much better about.

It is easy to feel helpless about wars in Africa, world poverty, or forced abortion in China. But abortion here in our own city – **we CAN DO SOMETHING that will really make a difference.** 40 Days for Life is a proven strategy to save lives. There are 12,668 babies – that we know of – whose mothers chose life because they saw someone praying outside an abortion clinic during a 40 Days for Life campaign. We also know of 143 workers who have quit their jobs, and 83 clinics which have closed down since nationally coordinated campaigns began in 2007! (2) Praise God that He has been able to use this witness to change lives!

This spring’s campaign will begin on Mar 1 and will end April 9. While some volunteers do try to do sidewalk counseling, it is not necessary to do that - just stand and pray in silence and be a witness.

1. Carney, Shawn, 40 Days for Life email update 10/12/15.
2. <https://40daysforlife.com/results/> accessed 2/23/2017.



**Prayer:** Please, Lord, use this 40 Days for Life campaign to help many women choose life rather than abortion. Help the witness of the volunteers serve to remind all who enter the clinics to think about the preciousness of life, and look harder for alternative solutions to the problems they face. Help all pregnant women to become aware of the existence of pregnancy centers to offer them help and support. Help the staff of the abortion clinic to consider how much better they would feel about working somewhere else and consider leaving their jobs. Bless all the thousands of volunteers who will participate in this campaign around the world, and help them to be faithful to their commitments to pray and witness on the sidewalk.



**Action:** Please consider joining us as we sponsor **Thursday, Mar 16, Friday Mar 24, and Wednesday Mar 29** of the Houston Coalition for Life’s 40 Days for Life campaign at Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway. Do you have some time between 6:30 am and 6:30 pm, when you can stand and pray outside one of the largest abortion facilities in the world? Go to our [40 Days signup](#) to get more details and sign up! To sign up for any other day, contact [Theresa@houstoncoalition.com](mailto:Theresa@houstoncoalition.com) or 713-395-1330. If you are not able to join us, please do pray where and when you can, for prayers are powerful everywhere.