

# LIFE SENTINEL

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Thirty years ago, the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) came into existence. Our passion was fueled by, and accurately described by, a simple motto — *Protecting Pregnancy Help Centers So That Mothers May Always Choose Life*. This short sentence neatly sums up all that we do.

Over the years, NIFLA has provided thousands of legal audits, board consultations, phone consultations, and training programs to prepare pro-life pregnancy centers to stand against the orchestrated attacks of the abortion industry to bring them down. In addition, NIFLA launched a medical clinic conversion program to train centers in the legal and medical “how to’s” of operating as medical clinics and provide the powerful life-affirming ultrasound medical procedure to abortion-minded patients. Today, of our current 1,700 member centers nationwide, more than 1,400 operate a medical clinic, saving lives with images of the unborn via ultrasound.

**With this success for life came even greater anger and pointed attacks from the abortion industry.**

The state of California passed a law in 2016 mandating that pro-life pregnancy centers post a sign in their waiting areas advising patients that they have a right to a state-funded abortion and providing a 1-800 number to call to find out where they may obtain the abortion. We successfully won that major case before the United States Supreme Court, with the CATO Institute in Washington D.C. heralding it as “the most important free-speech case in a generation.” The case of NIFLA v. Becerra now stands as permanent protection for the right of pro-life pregnancy centers to speak the pro-life message to mothers who need to be empowered to choose life.

**NIFLA’s legal work continues.** This summer, we filed lawsuits against the states of Illinois and Vermont for their vicious anti-pregnancy center laws designed to restrict their right to convey hope and the message of life to abortion-minded mothers. The federal court in Illinois entered a preliminary injunction prohibiting enforcement of the Illinois law, calling it “blatantly unconstitutional.” The Illinois and Vermont cases will be set for trial down the road. Still, we are confident that because of the just outcome of NIFLA v. Becerra, they will both be permanently rendered unconstitutional and, thus, unenforceable.

NIFLA has the back of the pro-life pregnancy network nationwide. We will continue to provide the legal counsel, education, and training necessary to protect them from an abortion industry that has vowed to shut them down. We know we cannot provide this protection without your help. Because of you, we can protect and defend pregnancy help centers so that mothers will always choose life. By engaging in this work, we stand to achieve a future abortion-free America.

Thank you for your continued support.



Photo: Oral arguments, U.S. Supreme Court, NIFLA v. Becerra, 2018

## MEET OUR BOARD

Karen Poehailos, MD - Assistant Medical Director, Board Member

“I’m a board-certified family physician and have volunteered and worked in pregnancy clinics for over 25 years. I first learned of NIFLA in 2016 when I took the ultrasound course to help me with abortion pill reversal patients. While working for a group of four pregnancy centers in Virginia, I helped NIFLA with weekly COVID webinars as we helped centers stay open to serve. **I am honored to serve as board member and Asst. Medical Director while maintaining a full-time family medicine practice and serving on the abortion pill rescue hotline.** I view NIFLA as an important part of the pregnancy medical clinic movement as we help centers provide the very best services medically to women in need.”

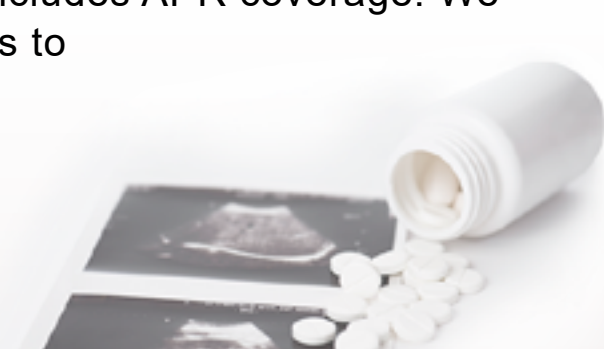


## GRATEFUL & PROUD

Patriot Insurance Agency, Inc. policy covers APRI!

NIFLA has been made aware that, as of this year, many clinic insurance companies now exclude Abortion Pill Reversal coverage in their policies. As you know, this coverage is vital for pro-life clinics to offer a safe APR option to regretful clients. Member centers, we urge you to check your insurance policy! Even some companies that used to cover it are no longer doing so. If your coverage is lacking, we’ve confirmed with Patriot Insurance Agency, Inc. that their policy still includes APR coverage! We continually thank the Lord for this insurance company and their willingness to support life! Patriot Insurance has long supported NIFLA, and it’s at times like these that we are so grateful to partner with companies who stand behind their beliefs.

To contact Patriot Insurance: 1-800-859-2724



## MEET OUR MEMBERS

CompassCare - Albany, NY

Not long ago, a woman called the CompassCare pregnancy clinic in Albany, New York. She had taken the first dose of a chemical abortion and deeply regretted it. When a woman takes a chemical abortion, every hour counts in the fight to save her baby’s life.

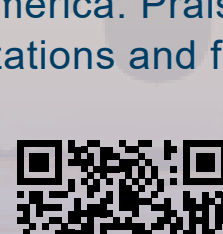


CompassCare’s Nurse Team Leader in Albany, Ellen, was on a flight back home in New York. Just after she switched her phone off airplane mode, a notification told her there wasn’t much time for this young woman.

Not willing to let the mother and baby’s life hang in the balance for even a second longer, Ellen asked her driver to take her straight to CompassCare’s medical office instead of home. Ellen and another passionate CompassCare nurse served this patient that evening. Through life-saving progesterone therapy, reversing the chemical abortion, the woman’s baby was saved! Shortly after confirming her baby’s status and seeing the signs of life within her, the young woman rededicated her life to Christ!

Ellen’s pro-life passion is an extension of yours. CompassCare and clinics like it cannot serve women and save babies without the support of thousands of pro-life Christians in America. Praise God for His provision for women and babies through the Church and pro-life organizations and for all the lives saved and transformed through these pro-life medical facilities.

To read more stories from CompassCare, scan the QR code or visit [www.compasscarecommunity.com/category/patient-stories](http://www.compasscarecommunity.com/category/patient-stories).



## CELEBRATING

GOD’S VICTORIES OF THE PAST THAT PROPEL US INTO AN ABORTION-FREE AMERICA.

“See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

ISAIAH 42:9



October 24-26, 2023 [NIFLALeadershipSummit.com](http://NIFLALeadershipSummit.com) Guest-Speaker: Winsome Earle-Sears, Lt. Gov. of VA



## PRESIDENT’S HIGHLIGHT

THOMAS GLESSNER, J.D.  
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER

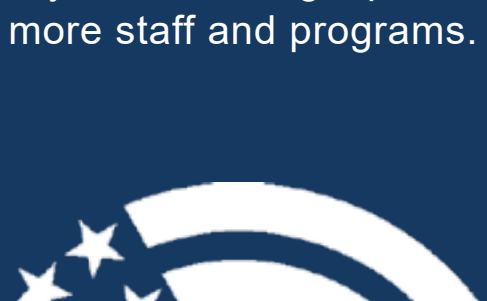
Since the issuance of the Dobbs decision, the battle for the sanctity of human life has been intense. Pregnancy centers support a mother’s right to choose life, but the work of these centers has been viciously attacked through vandalism and violence. Further, pro-abortion legislators in states such as Colorado, Illinois, Vermont, and New York

have passed laws restricting the work of life-affirming centers. When a state passes any law restricting this work, it infringes upon a woman’s constitutional rights. Pregnancy centers and NIFLA are the defenders of these rights, but pro-abortion advocates deny them to mothers who desire to choose life.

NIFLA is steadfast in its commitment as we fight for life in the courts and provide crucial training to our network of more than 1,700 pro-life centers so that they will avoid legal pitfalls. Our work will continue but must grow to meet expanding needs for more staff and programs. This cannot be accomplished without your help.

One way to help us is to change your current cell phone service provider to Patriot Mobile — a company that supports our pregnancy center work by donating a portion of your monthly payment to NIFLA. To learn more and to sign up, go to [patriotmobile.com/NIFLA](http://patriotmobile.com/NIFLA).

Thank you for all you do to support our efforts to achieve an abortion-free America.



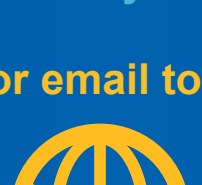
# PATRIOT MOBILE

## BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR!

NIFLA’s corporate sponsors share a vision to train, equip, and protect life-affirming pregnancy centers. They receive ongoing updates on the political and social trends that affect the work of pregnancy centers and the pro-life movement at large.

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