

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GREATER ROCHESTER:

Recently, information was distributed throughout the community by the Pro-Life Network regarding the United Way/Planned Parenthood agreement. Since much of the material was incorrect, United Way wants to set the record straight:

1. **NO UNITED WAY DOLLARS WILL BE USED DIRECTLY NOR INDIRECTLY FOR ABORTION SERVICES.**

United Way's agreement with Planned Parenthood provides absolute guarantees that United Way funding of educational and rape crisis programs will be completely separate from any pregnancy termination services being considered. If the agreement is violated, all funds would be withheld.

2. **UNITED WAY FUNDS WILL NOT BE DIVERTED FOR ABORTION PURPOSES.**

It has been incorrectly stated that by supporting Planned Parenthood's educational programs, it would offset their need to raise general operating funds. Since pregnancy termination services pay for themselves, there would be no need for United Way dollars for abortion purposes.

3. **YOU CAN USE CHOICE #4 TO EXCLUDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD FROM RECEIVING YOUR MONEY.**

Or you can direct your funds to another United Way agency. The choice is yours.

4. **IT IS NOT TRUE THAT THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY GIVING PLANNED PARENTHOOD DONOR CHOICE STATUS.**

United Way has total control over how member agencies spend allocated funds. If Planned Parenthood were a donor choice agency, however, they could spend all designated dollars on pregnancy terminations and United Way would have no control.

* **LAST YEAR ALONE MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION CALLS FOR HELP WERE DIRECTED TO UNITED WAY AGENCIES SUCH AS CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER, BIRTHRIGHT, SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD AND MORE.**

* **FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF YOUR COMMUNITY, DO NOT MAKE THE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN A BATTLEGROUND ON THIS ISSUE.**



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