

# LIFE LINES

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## Kermit Gosnell, the media, and the power of the Internet

Most people have now read or heard about the Philadelphia trial of abortionist Kermit Gosnell. He was convicted of three counts of murder for killing babies that had been born alive and of one count of manslaughter in the death of a woman. He agreed that in return for promising not to appeal, he would receive multiple life sentences instead of a possible death penalty. The nauseating details, both from the trial and from the grand jury investigation, were carried voluminously by pro-life bloggers and columnists.

However, the lack of mainstream media publicity surrounding the trial was puzzling. The court officials originally set aside significant seating for the press. They reasoned that this was a particularly shocking trial and there would be a crowd of reporters. However, day after day, as the prosecution presented their gruesome evidence, the press section was mostly empty. Inquiries to various mainstream news sources produced unconvincing denials, saying that they were not ignoring it.

At the end, a blogger quoted Marc Lamont Hill as saying in a HuffPost Live segment, "For what it's worth, I do think that those of us on the left have made a decision not to cover this trial because we worry that it'll compromise abortion rights. Whether you agree with abortion or not, I do think there's a direct connection between the media's failure to cover this and our own political commitments on the left. I think it's a bad idea, I think it's dangerous, but I think that's the way it is." <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/wp/2013/04/16/gosnell-case-huffpost-host-says-left-made-a-decision-to-not-cover-trial/>

### So why did they change their minds

Why, so late in the game, did the media begin to cover the trial? Credit the power of the Internet and social media. Specifically, credit Bryan Kemper, who is the youth director for Priests for Life, and Andy Moore of AbortionWiki. Kemper wanted to have a "TweetFest" to see if he could get #Gosnell trending on Twitter, and called his friend Andy Moore.

The Christian Post reports a conversation with Kemper on Friday, May 10:

*"We talked at about midnight on Wednesday and within an hour the Facebook event was created and we started to invite people," he said about the online movement that was sponsored by Operation Rescue, Priests for Life, Stand True*

*and AbortionWiki, from noon to midnight on Friday. "We ramped up the efforts yesterday and it seemed to take off like wildfire as major pro-life organizations started promoting it also. It was truly a show of unity in the pro-life movement."*

Not only was it a show of unity, it was an exceptional success, a super Friday. Kemper told the CP, "... I, of course, wanted to see #Gosnell trending, but to see it at No. 1 almost all day was special."

Not only did it feel good, but there were results. The executive editor of The Washington Post, according to Eric Wemple, decided they would indeed start sending a reporter, adding, "In retrospect, we should have sent a reporter sooner."

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/celebrities-politicians-force-media-to-look-at-abortion-house-of-horrors-93882/>

## The IRS and pro-life groups

The IRS has been in the news, as information pours in from many sources about IRS harassment of organizations that were conservative and/or had criticized President Obama. Its object: to intimidate and silence them. What's just becoming known is that many pro-life organizations fell under the same extreme scrutiny.

Dr. James Dobson is a well-known Christian radio host. He applied for 501(c)(4) status in September of 2011. In March, there was more information:

*"Family Talk Action's attorney asked her [Ms. Medley] when the IRS would issue its determination letter. Ms. Medley responded saying, I don't think your Form 1024 (application for exemption) will be granted because Family Talk Action is "not educational" because it does not present all views. She continued, saying that Family Talk Action sounded like a "partisan right-wing group" because, according to Ms. Medley, it only presents conservative viewpoints. She then added, "you're political" because you "criticized President Obama, who was a candidate."*

(Christian News Wire)

<http://www.christiannewswire.com/news/8955072100.html>

However, the IRS case was so flimsy that when the attorney threatened to litigate, the request was granted.

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**(IRS and pro-life groups cont'd)**

The Thomas More Society (TMS) has worked with pro-life groups for many years, helping them with relatively routine matters, but specifically taking action when there is a problem requiring complex legal assistance.

TMS compiled “over 150 pages of analysis and evidence” which they offered to the House Ways and Means Committee on May 17, 2013, concerning harassment of three groups: Christian Voices for Life of Fort Bend County, Coalition for Life of Iowa, and Small Victories. In the opinion of the Thomas More Society, there was no possible justification for the IRS actions.

Complete memo from the Thomas More Society is at:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/142066752/Congress-Receives-Irrefutable-Evidence-of-IRS-Harassment-of-Pro-Life-Organizations>

<https://www.thomasmoresociety.org/2013/05/17/congress-receives-irrefutable-evidence-of-irs-harassment-of-pro-life-organizations/>

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) has demanded that the IRS approve the applications of ten Tea Party groups whose applications they say have been deliberately stalled by the IRS. The IRS had been demanding information that was irrelevant to the application process. Details are in their article, cited in the link below.

ACLJ article including links to some of the impermissible questions <http://cnsnews.com/news/article/aclj-calls-irs-approve-tax-exempt-status-10-tea-party-groups>

**Abortion seen clearly as harmful long before the invention of a microscope**

**Since you asked:** What did the early Christian church say about abortion?

Answer: From the earliest times, the teachings of the church have recognized that life in the womb is protected by God’s command against murder.

As the early Christian writer Tertullian pointed out, the law of Moses ordered strict penalties for causing an abortion. We read, "If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely [Hebrew: "so that her child comes out"], but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot" (Ex. 21:22–24).

"In our case, a murder being once for all forbidden, we may not destroy even the fetus in the womb, while as yet the human being derives blood from the other parts of the body for its sustenance. To hinder a birth is merely a speedier man-killing; nor does it matter whether you take away a life that is born, or destroy one that is coming to birth. That *is* a man which is *going to be* one; you have the fruit already in its seed" (*Apology* 9:8 [A.D. 197]).

**Scientists “clone” embryonic stem cells**

Newspaper headlines said that scientists in Oregon had successfully produced human embryonic stem cells, proclaiming it as hope for patients in need. Reuters says the scientists produced stem cells through cloning, which is a partial truth. The scientists had used the same technique, SCNT, that was used to produce Dolly the sheep. In this technique, they take an egg cell, remove the nucleus, replace it with the nucleus of a skin cell, and zap it with electricity. The egg cell now begins to grow and divide. The part Reuters downplayed is that the growing and dividing “egg” is really an embryo. Scientists allowed the embryo to develop to the blastocyst state and, at about 150 cells, they pulled it apart to get the cluster of cells that was the desired outcome, embryonic stem cells.

This puts us a step closer to embryo farms, producing tiny individual humans for the express purpose of killing them.

Meanwhile, adult stem cells are helping real patients. See the story of little Hannah Warren on the back page.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/scientists-successfully-create-human-stem-cells-cloning-article-1.1345099>

**Embryonic stem cell research puts women at risk**

[The Center for Bioethics and Culture \(CBC\)](#) “strongly decries the practice of deriving human embryonic stem cells through cloning because it exploits women for their eggs, it commodifies human life, and it is unnecessary.” The Oregon scientists used more than 120 eggs “donated” by 10 women. Women are paid for donating their eggs, and, as Jennifer Lahl of CBC points out, nobody tells them “that no long-term studies have been conducted on the health risks involved.” The driving force behind this research is likely not to be the urge to help patients but the probable profitability of a stem cell line that can be patented and sold. <http://www.cbc-network.org/2013/05/press-release-new-research-exploits-women-and-commodifies-human-life/>

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## Attention UB alumni: Pro-life is difficult at UB?

Christian Andzel is a student at the University at Buffalo. He has recently been charged with “disruption” and “failure to comply with a reasonable request.” It is not coincidental that he is the president of the pro-life club on campus.

Now the backstory.

### Genocide Awareness Project

Perhaps the beginning was a visual display on campus that some people found offensive. Students for Life hosted a display in April by the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP), which shows statistics and pictures of three examples of large-scale deliberate deaths: lynching victims in the South after the Civil War, Holocaust victims, and abortion victims today.

At one time while the display was up, faculty member Laura Curry was arrested for her “profanity-laced tirade” at the students, which did not stop when the arresting officer asked her to stop. She was taken away in handcuffs. She had found the display offensive, and chose to scream at the students rather than discuss with the students the ways in which she thought the display was in error. <http://radio.foxnews.com/toddstarnes/top-stories/professor-arrested-for-profane-rant-at-pro-life-students.html>

### Letter from faculty members

Following the display, six professors wrote a letter to the school newspaper objecting to the comparison of abortion victims and post-Civil War lynching victims. They explained the lynchings as a pretense of protecting white women from black men and they saw the lynchings as a demonstration of intolerance of women’s sexual rights. The letter, citing “violent, inaccurate, and misleading imagery,” said, in part, “Anti-abortion protesters appear to have a lot in common with those who supported lynching.”

The letter closed with, “If students wish to learn more about the history of racial and sexual violence, including lynching, we welcome them to take any of our classes.” <http://www.ubspectrum.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-1.3029207#.UZxRL8rA9OL>

### Class Visit

One of the six professors signing the letter was Victoria Wolcott, a professor of history. On April 24, Christian Andzel attended Wolcott’s American History class. He was interested in knowing what she would say about “President Reagan, the economy, the feminist movement, and abortion.” When Wolcott asked if there were any questions, Andzel asked a question and made a partial statement, triggering an angry extended response from the professor that ended with Andzel leaving the room as she requested.

### Aftermath

Not satisfied, Wolcott filed a complaint with the University Police. Andzel has been given two choices: (1) do 50 hours of community service, apologize, and have a blot on his record or (2) contest the charges after classes start up again in the fall.

In contrast, faculty member Laura Curry, who had to be physically removed from the scene by the police, is free. The charges against her have been dropped. Her classes have continued and there is no suggestion that she has been penalized in any way by the University.

### Inequality?

However, the University has shown no interest in dropping the charges against Andzel. This may strike you as unbalanced treatment.

If you think that the University should drop the charges against Christian Andzel, you might want to courteously contact the University President to make your view known. He was appointed president on April 18, 2011.

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Kristan Hawkins, Executive Director of the national Students for Life of America, commented : “[This isn’t the first time](#) the UB campus has erupted after the Students for Life group has done a pro-life event. Last year, the group simply [put up crosses to remember the daily victims of abortion](#) and were [subjected to the same type of treatment](#) from professors and students. This campus is clearly intolerant of the pro-life position and incapable of having a discussion on the morality of abortion.” <http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/professors-pro-life-students-appear-to-have-a-lot-in-common-with-those-who>

## Education – not just in the classroom

J.D. Mullane covered the Gosnell trial for the Bucks County Courier Times. The trial information was gory. He commented that a reporting colleague who considered himself pro-choice has, after sitting through the testimony, reconsidered. He is now pro-life. <http://politicaloutcast.com/2013/05/pro-choice-journalist-now-pro-life-after-covering-gosnell-trial/>

## Vermont passes most dangerous assisted suicide bill in the United States

*[These paragraphs are taken verbatim from Jennifer Popik's article in National Right to Life News. The link to the complete article follows it. Vermont's physician-assisted suicide law has been passed by both houses of the legislature and signed into law by Governor Peter Schumlin.]*

The bill allows physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication.

For the first three years, the Vermont law grants doctors immunity from prosecution for providing a lethal dose of medication if they follow a loose list of rules, including making sure the patient is terminally ill and making a voluntary, informed decision. In 2016, that list of rules expires, with the hope that doctors will have established their own personal guidelines.

After the rules expire, the law protects physicians from civil or criminal liability, and from any sort of professional misconduct charges. The law will still require informed consent, mandating that doctors inform patients of "all feasible end-of-life services," including palliative care and hospice, but it no longer mandates when or how doctors respond to requests, as long as "the patient makes an independent decision to self-administer a lethal dose of medication."

Dr. Edward Mahoney, president of the Vermont Alliance for Ethical Healthcare, said in a statement, "[T]his [law] will result in the collection of incomplete, inaccurate and insufficient data; does not safeguard patients from abuse; and makes it impossible to determine whether physician-assisted suicide is being practiced outside the framework of the law. The diverse coalition opposing assisted suicide will continue to work against this unwise policy regardless of the legislative outcome." (See <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/statement-vermont-alliance-ethical-healthcare-181200068.html>.)

<http://www.nationalrighttolifeneeds.org/news/2013/05/vermont-passes-most-dangerous-assisted-suicide-bill-in-united-states/#.UZRLP8rA9OI>

## Euthanasia laws not being followed in Belgium

In Belgium euthanasia is legal, but not for children under 18 years of age. However, a senate investigation revealed that there is much active euthanasia going on already in minors. Instead of enforcing the existing laws, the remedy being suggested is to legalize the illegal actions. One suggestion is to allow euthanasia at 12 years old with parental permission and 16 without. Another suggestion is age 15 without parental permission.

Bruno Vanobbergen, the Children's Rights Commissioner of Flanders, says that children over 12 should have the same rights as adults do in their personal life-and-death decisions.

Michael Cook March 02, 2013 in BioEdge [www.bioedge.org](http://www.bioedge.org) and [www.flanderstoday.eu/content/face-flanders-132](http://www.flanderstoday.eu/content/face-flanders-132)

## Opportunities of interest to area pro-lifers

**Thursday – Saturday, June 26–30 NRLC Convention** in Dallas

**June 27 – August 3 National Right to Life Academy** for college students.

**Wednesday – Saturday, July 17–20 RARTL Garage Sale** at 2148 Norton Street. Hours: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM W/Th/F and 10:00 AM–2:00 PM Sat. To donate items or to volunteer to help, call RARTL at 621-4690. To shop, if it's not raining just come!

**August 23 – 25 Camp Esther**, an intensive weekend-long pro-life "boot camp" that trains students to be effective advocates for Life. A teen leadership weekend in Utica, NY. Cost for the weekend \$150, with possibilities for help and scholarships. For more details, call (518) 434-1293 or e-mail [ClareD@NYSRighttoLife.org](mailto:ClareD@NYSRighttoLife.org).

**Saturday, August 24 Silent Dancers for Life Kickoff Day.** Silent dancing in front of abortion clinics around the country to raise awareness of abortion and to send a message of healing and forgiveness for the men and women suffering in the silence of shame after the choice of abortion. All dancers are invited to participate.

Sponsored by Sandy Arena Studios and The Life Ballet. Visit [www.sandyarena.com](http://www.sandyarena.com) for information.

**Mondays beginning September 16 Up From The Ashes** Post Abortion Bible Study at Sandy Arena Studios from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Call 585-350-9012 for more information and to register to participate in this 10-week study. Books and materials are required (\$10 fee for the book). Sandy Arena Studios is located at 875 Main Street, Rochester, NY, in the Auditorium Center.

**Saturday, September 28 Magnificat Breakfast** with speaker Christine DiNovo. Airport Holiday Inn.

Contact them at [MagnificatRochester@frontier.com](mailto:MagnificatRochester@frontier.com)

**Save The Dates:**

**Friday, October 11 Leo Holmsten Human Life Awards Dinner**

**Saturday, October 19 NYSRTL Convention**

**Thursday, October 24 RARTL Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014 March for Life** in Washington, D.C.

**Saturday, April 5, 2014 Break for Life**

**Saturday, April 12, 2014 RARTL Oratorical Contest**

## Legislation

### Washington: Protecting unborn children who can feel pain

The neural equipment for perceiving pain is in place by 20 weeks. Dr. Sunny Anand, a researcher and neonatal specialist, has testified, "If the fetus is beyond 20 weeks of gestation, I would assume that there will be pain caused to the fetus. And I believe it will be severe and excruciating pain."

A bill sponsored by Congressman Trent Franks is intended to protect unborn children who could feel pain. This bill, "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (H.R. 1797), would prohibit abortions after 20 weeks.

The House Judiciary Committee's Chairman Bob Goodlatte, in his introductory remarks to the hearing on the bill, commented that 64% of Americans would support a bill such as this, including 47% of those who self-identify as "pro-choice." Only 30% would oppose such a bill.

<http://judiciary.house.gov/news/2013/05232013.html>

### New York State: Abortion Expansion in the Reproductive Health Act and the Women's Equality Bill

It goes beyond a simple codification of Roe v. Wade.

The governor, in his state of the state address, identified the Women's Equality Bill as something he intended to have passed. It treats issues such as pay and domestic violence. Unfortunately, one of the provisions concerned "women's reproductive health," which means an expansion of abortion.

It was originally thought that he would use the existing Reproductive Health act as the vehicle for the reproductive issue, and there were immediate objections from the pro-life community. As a matter of fact, the pro-life movement is referring to the RHA as the Abortion Expansion Act.

Since then, the governor has said that his bill does not include the RHA. However, as of press time and with only four weeks left in the session, he has yet to release the text of his own bill. It is likely that he plans to release the text only after he has made certain that he has the votes to pass it and after he has a commitment on an immediate vote.

**Tracey Brooks, of the Family Planning Advocates, the lobbying arm for Planned Parenthood, said that the new text will look very different from the RHA but that it will be intended to accomplish the same purposes. It is essential, therefore, that pro-life advocates oppose this not-yet-published bill.**

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20130522/NEWS01/305220064/Ted-O-Brien-Andrfew-Cuomo-abortion>

As of press time, there were floods of calls coming in to legislators from "pro-choicers." They must be countered!

**Even if you have already called your senator in Albany, make that call again.** Let your senator know that the reproductive health provisions should be uncoupled from the rest of the Women's Equality Bill.

**We don't need more abortion in New York State!**



Call your senator either at his local office or the Albany office.

The Albany Senate switchboard is (518) 455-2800.

Individual phone numbers can be found in the phone book or by calling

the RARTL office at 621-4690 and leaving a message.

### A reminder: why we say NO to Cuomo's proposal

Here is a reminder of some of the reasons to oppose the Abortion Expansion legislation. It would:

- **Make the determination of infant viability outside the womb a much looser definition.** A child requiring extraordinary measures for survival outside the womb could be deemed not viable.
- **Enshrine late-term abortion in New York.**
- **Prohibit widely supported abortion regulations such as** informed consent, parental notification, limits on taxpayer funding, and even the ban on sex-selection abortion.
- **Replace fact by the opinion** that implantation is the beginning of pregnancy rather than conception.
- **Threaten current conscience protections** for individuals or organizations that refuse to refer or counsel for abortion.
- **Allow non-MDs to perform abortions.**
- **Raise** obtaining an abortion to a fundamental right.

(Reporting assisted by Susan LeDoux)

## Obamacare cases in court

### Tyndale House wins

The Tyndale House Publishers, a Bible publisher, has been involved in a battle with the federal government over the ObamaCare requirement to provide abortion-causing pills. The federal government has chosen not to further pursue compliance. Tyndale has won. Penny Nance, of the Concerned Women for America, comments “While the President has retreated from his position that Tyndale House is not religious enough for an exemption, he is denying that same choice to millions of Americans nationwide.”

Meanwhile, other companies continue fighting.

Press release: Concerned Women for America, 1015 Fifteenth St. N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005

### Eden Foods sues

Michael Potter, founder and CEO of the organic food company Eden Foods, objects to Obamacare. He considers that hormones (contraceptives) pollute the waterways and cause cancer, according to Simcha Fisher, and he doesn't want to be forced to pay for them for his employees or anybody else.

He says, “This lawsuit is about protecting religious freedom and stopping the government from forcing citizens to violate their conscience. We object to the HHS mandate and its government overreach.”

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/simcha-fisher/so-long-and-thanks-for-all-the-intersex-fish#ixzz2Qupo4wyQ>

## Congratulations! Choose Life license plates pass the \$18,000,000 mark!

The Choose Life license plate program reports a major milestone in their success. “The total sales ... in the 29 states it is available just passed \$18,000,000.00. We can only imagine how many children's lives have been saved with these funds. ... Over 830,000 Choose Life plates have been sold or renewed since the first plate went on sale in August 2000.” (Meanwhile, New York state remains locked in a court battle to avoid having these plates be available in the state.)

## Communism and abortion?

“... So what does all this have to do with abortion? Absolutely everything. China boasts both a Communist government and [7.9 million abortions](#) annually – more than any other country. Eastern Europe, much of which retains strong Communist influences in both government and culture, has the [highest abortion rate](#) in the world. In Communism's atheistic, collectivist philosophy, the liberties of the individual are superseded by the “common good,” and human life becomes disposable.”

<http://liveactionnews.org/communism-what-you-dont-know-is-killing-the-unborn/>

## Umbert the Unborn



**In this issue we welcome Umbert and his friends.** They are the creation of pro-life cartoonist Gary Cangemi. Umbert is an unborn child who enjoys life in the womb while anticipating life after birth. He was created to give a voice and a personality to the unborn child and to change the hearts and minds of the “born” and the way we view

life in the womb. Umbert has also proven to be an effective way of introducing children to pro-life issues. Umbert the Unborn is a positive new approach to promoting the culture of life whose time has come. For more information about Umbert, “visit Umbert's womb-site at [www.umberttheunborn.com](http://www.umberttheunborn.com) .

**Suggested prayers (from last issue)**

Please become a **prayer partner**. Spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer about life issues to provide a 24-hour prayer shield over our area. Join in the following monthly prayer themes that

- June:** graduating high school and college seniors see the protection of the unborn as a part of their life's work.
- July:** abortionists will reconsider, change the direction of their lives, and find peace.
- August:** legislators find themselves taking pro-life values into all the decisions they make.
- September:** families will be able to find school choices that respect life.

**In Memory of**

**Serge Rosenfeld (Emanuel)**  
by Larry and Barb Ritzenthaler  
Culver Dygert



**Frank J. Beahan**  
by Stella Beahan

**Joseph Anthony Trunfio**  
by Mr. and Mrs. Nino Trunfio

**RARTL Garage Sale**

**Wednesday – Saturday, July 17 - 20**

Have you been doing spring cleaning?  
Have you uncovered “treasures” that you will never use again?  
Would you like them out of your house? Now?

Then call RARTL (621-4690) or Marylee at (585) 342-1177!

Either you can drop the items off or we'll come and pick them up. We'll take anything that isn't too heavy for us to lift. And we will be very grateful, as will be those who buy your items and those who benefit from RARTL's work.

And then please come and SHOP!!!!

2148 Norton Street, Rochester, 14609

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**Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM** – note the early close

**Rain dates are the following week.**

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There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted.

**RARTL calendar openings**

RARTL is scheduling the information booth for churches and public events for this summer and the fall. Do you think your church would like a display of pro-life information available at all the church services for a weekend? If so, please call RARTL (621-4690) and let us know.

**Want to go to the Fair?**

This year the Monroe County Fair will be August 1 – 4 in Northampton Park in Ogden. We're still trying to decide whether or not to go, as we would be in a big tent with other vendors. If you would like to volunteer to help staff the booth, please do let us know.

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## **An international windpipe from adult stem cells**

Hannah Warren was born in Seoul, South Korea, without a windpipe and had been on a ventilator there for her whole two years of post-natal life. Her parents were overjoyed when doctors at Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria transplanted a manufactured windpipe in a nine-hour surgery. This enabled her to breathe on her own and even taste her first lollipop.

The technique had been developed by Dr. Paolo Macchiarini, a researcher at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. He worked with the American researchers at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois and with Dr. Mark Holterman, a pediatric surgeon at Children's Hospital to prepare for Hannah's surgery.

The surgery could not, after investigation, be done in Seoul and the Karolinska Institute had already used up its funding that was available for charity cases. OSF Saint Francis generously agreed to be part of the extremely complicated medical process and bureaucratic maze that had to be planned and executed to bring Hannah to Peoria.

Philanthropic technical support was provided by Harvard BioScience, Biospherix, Inc., Advanced Center for Translational Regenerative Medicine of the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, and the Russian Megagrant Project "Regeneration of airways and lung." <http://www.childrenshospitalofillinois.org/trachea-surgery/press.html>

To prepare Hannah's windpipe, a windpipe scaffold was constructed of nanofibers and then put in a liquid that contained stem cells from the Hannah's own bone marrow. The stem cells attached to the plastic and grew and multiplied. Since they were her own cells, there was not an ethical issue nor was there expected to be a problem with the body's rejecting the new windpipe.

The surgery was performed on April 9, 2013. Doctors believe that in a few months she will be able to go home for the first time. Parents Darryl, a Canadian, and Young-Mi, a Korean, and big sister Dana, who is four, are looking forward to being "a regular family."

Hannah was the fifth patient – and the first child - to receive such a windpipe.

[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563\\_162-57582212/two-year-old-gets-windpipe-made-from-her-own-stem-cells/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57582212/two-year-old-gets-windpipe-made-from-her-own-stem-cells/)  
<http://www.childrenshospitalofillinois.org/trachea-surgery/>