



March of Dimes: Exposing the Truth

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They may come knocking on your door this month, innocent children collecting pledges and pennies at the request of their schools for an organization that is based on eliminating children with disabilities. You may think you would never give to such an organization. However, each spring thousands of us reach into our pockets and give without even knowing what we are supporting.

For years, Georgia Right to Life has held a no-support policy of the March of Dimes. In 1972 the March of Dimes became one of the major forces behind the development of amniocentesis in the second trimester of pregnancy. Amniocentesis is a test that is used to detect abnormalities in an unborn child. 95-100% of children who are shown to have a “defect” are aborted. Although the March of Dimes claims a “neutral” stance on abortion, their actions prove otherwise.

Henry Foster, who was rejected by the Senate as President Clinton’s nominee for Surgeon General, served on the March of Dimes’ Medical Service Advisory committee. While on the committee, Foster admitted doing nearly 700 abortions following the results of an amniocentesis.

Foster is but one example of how the March of Dimes promotes abortion. The money raised by our children for a “good cause” also goes to research that is harmful to unborn babies. March of Dimes has given grants for developing tests that can detect abnormalities in the first trimester. Prostaglandin abortionists Dr. Maurice J. Mahoney of Yale received \$35,000 for research on chorionic villi sampling and for developing a prenatal diagnostic technique that would permit the first-trimester abortion of affected pre-born children. From 1989 to 1990, MOD gave \$50,000 to Dr. Haig H. Kazazian of Johns Hopkins University, a staunch advocate of eugenic abortion, to perfect methods to detect, early in pregnancy, disorders such as beta-thalassemia, hemophilia A, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and cystic fibrosis—none of which is treatable in the womb.

Another startling discovery is that the MOD is currently lobbying Congress for federal funds (your tax dollars) to use human embryo stem cells in research. To be an organization that claims to have the best interest of children in mind, the MOD doesn’t seem to be protecting the interests of the unborn at all. They continue to support fetal tissue research, their policy statement reads that the MOD, “supports the use of fetal tissue research as one technique to broaden understanding of human biology and pregnancy outcome.”

The most recent discovery is that the MOD is even trying to cover up the obvious link between abortion and premature births. They once warned of this on their website; however, that statement has been removed along with information about the risks of premature birth following an abortion.

Although MOD has done many good things for children, their support of embryonic stem cell research, fetal tissue research, and abortion as an alternative to prenatal abnormalities is definitely doing more harm than good.

There is an alternative to the March of Dimes. The Michael Fund is dedicated to intertwining scientific research for the prevention of genetic defects and the pro-life philosophy:

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