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The landscape is changing.

Are we ready?

Karen Garnett, Executive Director

Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas

Dear Friends of Life,

The landscape of abortion in Texas, in particular in Dallas, is changing like never before. On the heels of the two most pro-life legislative sessions in Texas history, we have seen an unprecedented number of abortion facilities close across the state and an estimated 20% decrease of abortions in Texas. Our sidewalk counselors report **3,300 fewer abortion clients** in Dallas this past year compared to 2013, plus over **575 abortion-minded women chose life** outside the Dallas abortion facilities in 2014! We have so much to be thankful for!!

But the abortion industry in Texas is not going quietly into the night. **They are fighting back.** Abortion providers have challenged the implementation of pro-life law HB 2, stalling the enforcement of the final provision requiring all abortion facilities to meet ambulatory surgical center standards. If the courts allow HB 2 to be fully implemented, it is expected that the abortion facilities now remaining in Texas will be reduced to only eight. Until then, abortion providers who refuse to upgrade their facilities to meet the new safety standards remain operational.

In Dallas last year, we celebrated the closures of both Northpark as well as Robinson's facility on Record Crossing. Sadly, while abortionist Lamar Robinson closed his facility at Record Crossing, he re-opened the previously closed Northpark facility. But less than a month later, the landscape shifted again as the hospital which had granted admitting privileges to both Robinson and Jasbir Ahluwalia (Routh Street abortionist) closed its doors; thus both abortionists lost the privileges required by HB 2 to perform abortions. The new number at "Robinson @ Northpark" has already been disconnected, and it is our prayer that HB 2 will be fully implemented in the coming months, and that Routh Street, too, will **close**.

But even if HB 2 is fully enforced, two abortion facilities – Southwestern on Greenville and the new Planned Parenthood on West Virginia – will continue to operate, as they are already ambulatory surgical centers. The opening of the Planned Parenthood in South Dallas this past year evidences a trend in the abortion industry to focus on "mega" facilities, over 10,000 square feet, intended to service large geographic areas and clients traveling in from across the state.

As the abortion industry redoubles its efforts, it is critically important that we recommit ourselves. We cannot afford to breathe easy when so many children remain at risk and mothers and fathers are suffering. Thanks to you and God's grace, we look forward to another amazing year of saving lives, supporting families, and helping the suffering find healing. Your support makes it all possible!

Blessings in Christ, for Life,

On cover: CPLC GEMs graduate Maria Fernanda with daughter Marifer and husband Juan Pablo Segundo