

# RNC *For Life* REPORT

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## Mission Accomplished!

*As the Republican nominee for Vice President of the United States, Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska, occupies center-stage (we can hardly draw our attention away from her), it is time to give you a re-cap of our very successful operation at the 2008 Republican National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul. To those of you who supported our efforts with financial contributions, THANK YOU!*

### THE PLATFORM

As you know, the mission of RNC for Life is to protect and defend the pro-life plank in the Republican National Platform from the efforts of the abortion industry and its friends in the Republican Party to remove, or at least weaken the statement of principle that has been adopted in one form or another by every national convention since 1976.

Since 1992, we have executed an effective strategy which has resulted in the retention of the pro-life language that has graced the Platform since 1984 ([Pages 52-53](#)), and this time we succeeded in strengthening the 2008 Platform even further through the adoption of an amendment to the Health Care Reform section ([Pages 40-41](#)) calling for a ban on human embryonic stem cell research! Other amendments include statements that federal funds should not be used for drugs that cause the destruction of human life (RU-486 and Plan B), and that the Drug Enforcement Administration ban on use

of controlled substances for physician-assisted suicide should be restored. The Platform also states that “No health care professional—doctor, nurse, or pharmacist—or organization should ever be required to perform, provide for, or refer for a health care service against their conscience for any reason.”

It was an incredible team effort, with RNC/Life,

Family Research Council and the wonderful and dedicated pro-life members of the Platform Committee working together to bring about a Republican National Platform that is more strongly pro-life, pro-marriage and pro-family as well as conservative on other policy issues than ever before. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped accomplish our mission.

### THE LIFE OF THE PARTY PARTY

**Please visit our web site at <http://www.rnclife.org> to view clips of the party, complete with protesters.**



The *LIFE of the Party* Party, sponsored by RNC for Life, was the hit of Convention week in St. Paul. Over 800 Delegates, Alternates, elected officials and friends attended our cocktail reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, complete with Dixieland band, great food and drink, and Phyllis Schlafly as hostess and MC.

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Months earlier, Governor Sarah Palin had agreed to be our featured guest and allow us to honor her with the 2008 *LIFE* of the Party Award. But that was before she was tapped by Senator McCain to be his running mate.

The party was scheduled for 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2. Contacts with Governor Palin's scheduler caused us to believe that she would still be able to attend, but it was not to be. At 10:00 p.m. on Monday night, the McCain campaign called and cancelled her appearance.

Although we understood—after all, Governor Palin had to prepare for the biggest speech of her life the next night (Wednesday, September 3)—we were aghast. What were we going to do with 800 people coming to see and hear the woman who had infused new life and enthusiasm into not only Republicans, but the American people as a whole, only to be disappointed?

It was one of those situations in which you simply give it to God. So we did. And He delivered. He delivered in the form of a phone call from a friend who had a friend by the name of Laura Ingraham. One thing led to another, and Laura graciously agreed to step in for Sarah Palin.

Debbie Joslin, Republican National Committeewoman for Alaska and a personal friend of Governor Palin, agreed to accept the *LIFE* of the Party Award on her behalf.

Our guests were treated to a stemwinder of a speech about Sarah Palin by the popular national talk show host and author of the best selling book "Power To The People," Laura Ingraham, another great speech by Congresswoman Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, and remarks by pro-family leader Gary Bauer, president of American Values, in which he rebuked the media for their vicious attacks on Governor Palin, calling it "tabloid journalism."

The party was a huge success, thanks to Laura Ingraham's generosity, for which we are very grateful. ☐



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