



Wise Choices PRC Gala 2022

Keynote Speaker Abby Johnson

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

It was this conviction that both led Abby to a career with Planned Parenthood and caused her to flee the organization and become an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement. During her eight years with Planned Parenthood, Abby quickly rose in the organization's ranks and became a clinic director. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. However, Abby became increasingly disturbed by what she witnessed. Abortion was a product Planned Parenthood was selling, not an unfortunate necessity that they fought to decrease.

Her life was changed on September 26, 2009, when Abby was asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion. She watched in horror as a 13-week baby fought, and ultimately lost, its life at the hand of the abortionist. At that moment, the full realization of what abortion was and what she had dedicated her life occurred to Abby and a dramatic transformation took place. Desperate and confused, Abby sought help from a local pro-life group. She swore that she would begin to advocate for life in the womb and expose abortion for what it truly is.

Planned Parenthood is fully aware that the workers who leave are their greatest threat. They took immediate action to silence Abby with a gag order and brought her to court. The lawsuit was ultimately thrown out of court.

The media continues to be interested in Abby's story as well as her continued efforts to advocate for the unborn and help clinic workers escape the abortion industry. She shared her story at the 2020 Republican National Convention and is a frequently requested guest on Fox News and a variety of other shows. She is the author of the nationally best-selling book, *Unplanned*, which chronicles both her experiences within Planned Parenthood and her dramatic exit. The book has become the movie *Unplanned*. From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of *God's Not Dead*, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. *Unplanned* brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson's best-selling book of the same title, Cary and Chuck were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation.

Today, Abby travels across the globe sharing her story, educating the public on pro-life issues, advocating for the unborn, and reaching out to abortion clinic staff who still work in the industry. She is the founder of *And Then There Were None*, a ministry designed to assist abortion clinic workers in transitioning out of the industry. To date, this ministry has helped over 600 workers leave the abortion industry. Abby lives in Texas with her husband and eight precious children.