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Pro-Life Centers Refuse to Close Despite Acts of Terror

They terrorize in the dark of night, masked and clad in all black, armed with anger and deadly weapons, smashing in windows and kicking down doors, tapping a rage more demonic than human. In post-Roe America, violent pro-abortion activists have burned American flags and spray-painted hate-fueled messages in holy sanctuaries and spaces of wellness and healing.



From Washington state to Massachusetts, dozens of pro-life organizations and churches have endured vile attacks by deeply troubled individuals hysterical that the federal government can no longer force Americans to live under an unconstitutional ruling permitting the annihilation of tens of millions of innocent babies in the womb.

And things may get much worse before they get better. On July 12, during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, a terrified director of a pregnancy center in Sacramento described how her center was approached by a man armed with a machete. The incident forced the clinic to close temporarily a mobile care unit and hire more than 25 full-time security guards to protect the center's staff and its clients.

This is exactly what the Democratic Party and the Left that has conquered it wish to happen — to harass and intimidate and break people down until they no longer resist the mob's demands.

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) has publicly decried crisis pregnancy centers as places designed to "fool people who are looking for pregnancy termination help." She told reporters that "we need to shut 'em down here in Massachusetts, and we need to shut 'em down all around the country."

Warren's palpable fear of the good work of these centers proves the radical pro-abortion activists have employed a strategy that is already beginning to backfire. Since the Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade*, actually *more* women than ever are now seeking help from crisis pregnancy clinics, even in deep-blue pockets of the country such as Washington state.

Refusing to Cower

In this new post-Roe reality, amid the aggressive threats and savage attacks, compounded by dishonest messaging from a corrupt corporate media that spreads lies with well-oiled-machine-like efficiency, two crisis pregnancy centers in Washington state that have recently been targeted have refused to cower in fear of the extremists trying to shut them down.

Armed with faith and "doing great," Care Net of Puget Sound and Next Step Pregnancy Services are standing strong and determined to continue to "serve women" and "do everything possible to ensure



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they receive the care they need despite the challenges of this time.”

Care Net of Puget Sound, a pro-life organization comprised of six clinics and two mobile units, serves between 450-500 clients a month and has been operating in western Washington for 22 years. On July 4, its clinic in the Seattle suburb of Kenmore was targeted and vandalized by one or more perpetrators who broke a window, burned an American flag, and graffitied the clinic building with the message “if abortions aren’t safe, you aren’t either!” The tagged line has been used by the militant extremist group Jane’s Revenge in multiple similar attacks.

Amelia Graham, communications director at Care Net of Puget Sound, explained in an email interview with *The New American* that a police investigation is underway, and that as a reproductive healthcare provider, under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, the clinic is guaranteed federal-level protection.

Graham said that, despite receiving zero communication from any state or county officials after the vandalism, she was grateful for the support she received from multiple local police departments and the FBI, both in response to this incident and in collaboration to deter any future vandalism.

Demonstrating the resilience of the Care Net staff, Graham explained that upon discovering the damages to the clinic on July 5, clinic director Cindy Dahl responded by asking, “how can we fix this so we can open to serve our clients?”

With the help of generous volunteers, who immediately jumped in to help clean up the property, Care Net staff removed the graffiti and the burned flag and boarded up the broken window.

“Our landlord stopped by and offered assistance and support. A caring neighboring business also brought encouragement. A person visiting the local jeweler saw the window and made a cash donation. All this happened before the arrival of the first client of the day,” remarked Graham.

While they wait for repairs to be made to the broken window and blinds, Care Net is serving clients without interruption, explained Graham.



Amelia Graham

Photo courtesy of Amelia Graham

Since the beginning of 2022, Care Net of Puget Sound has seen a significant, 42-percent increase in clients served, and an 86-percent increase in positive pregnancy tests, compared with 2021.



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Graham said it's a little early to know how the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe* will impact client numbers, but she expects the number of women the clinic serves will continue to grow, despite predictions that the number of women looking for abortions in Washington state will increase 385 percent.

"We are focused on ensuring these women receive life-affirming, compassionate care in our centers," she said.

Remaining Calm and Standing Strong

Across town from Care Net, in the city of Lynnwood, is Next Step Pregnancy Center, serving the western Washington community for almost 25 years and meeting with approximately 1,200 clients a month. The clinic was attacked on May 25 by a criminal clad head to toe in black, with a hoodie and mask. The person graffitied the Next Step front and back porch areas with the words, "If abortion isn't safe, you aren't either!" Noteworthy is the exclamation point filled in with a heart. They also tagged the clinic with "Jane's Revenge."

Heather Vasquez, director of Next Step, told *The New American* that while the police investigated, "they didn't have a lot to go on." The black, Antifa-style outfit makes certain that identifying the assailant is nearly impossible.

Vasquez said extra police patrols have been organized, and the clinic's board was forced to hire security on the day the SCOTUS decision was announced. According to the Jane's Revenge website, it's now "open season" on pro-life organizations as a result of the SCOTUS ruling.

Still, Vasquez and her staff have remained calm. She and her entire staff still come into the clinic every day, vowing not to close its doors. "This is our work. We are obviously doing something right if people are that angry about it," she said.

As of this writing, there has been no more vandalism at Next Step, and "lots and lots of visits from folks who are seeking services or want to learn more," said Vasquez in an email to *The New American*.

Certainly, as evidenced by the testimonies above, navigating the post-*Roe* world won't be easy. A long but necessary battle lies ahead to abolish abortion in every state in the union. But as Vasquez and Graham and the staff at their centers continue to stand strong, enduring abuse with patience, so, too, must all conservatives fight for life and support these clinics by praying, volunteering, and donating to give women the ability to keep their babies instead of killing them.

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