

# PROTECTING *Black Life*

REACHING THE BLACK COMMUNITY WITH THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

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## **YWCA FIRES AFRICAN AMERICAN PRO-LIFE EMPLOYEE**

Women no longer being presented all their “choices”

An injustice was committed by the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, when they fired Ms. Shannon Nixon, an African American Case Manager and graduate student, on November 1, 2007. Among those the YWCA serves, are low-income women, some of who are pregnant. Ms. Nixon, given authorization by YWCA management, invited Arnold Culbreath, Protecting Black Life’s Urban Outreach Director to conduct life-affirming presentations to equip the women with knowledge, and empower them to make the most informed decision concerning the future of their pregnancies. Although some of the women have chosen life for their pre-born babies as a result of the presentations, Ms. Nixon was fired and Mr. Culbreath will no longer be permitted to conduct future pro-life presentations at the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati.

Ms. Nixon stated, “It is questionable and possibly illegal to be terminated because a pro-life message was presented to the participants in the program. I feel that my termination needs to be exposed to the community, because an injustice has been done to me and to the women in the program. So I wonder; does the YWCA really empower women and eliminate racism?”

Based on data from the US Centers for Disease Control and the Alan Guttmacher Institute (i.e., the research arm of Planned Parenthood), abortion is the leading cause of death in the black community...higher than AIDS, crime, accidents, cancer and heart disease combined. Research reveals that Planned Parenthood targets African Americans by intentionally locating 62.5% of their abortion mills within black communities, resulting in black women being three times more likely to have an abortion than white women. Although black women represent only 13% of the female population, they account for 37% of abortions performed. Reproductive racism, population control and abortion have taken a devastating toll on the African American community resulting in the deaths of more than 14 million black babies since 1973.

Mr. Culbreath stated, “The YWCA claims to be pro-choice. If that were the case, they should allow all perspectives to be presented, not just the abortion choice. By banning me from conducting pro-life presentations for these predominately black women’s groups, but continuing to allow Planned Parenthood, our nation’s leading promoter and provider of abortions, to conduct anti-life presentations makes the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati a direct, co-conspirator in the abortion industry’s reproductive racism. This pro-life education is desperately needed in the black community, and if given the opportunity to conduct presentations at the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati in the future, I would do it in a heartbeat...pun intended.”