

Massive Buffett Donations Will Fund Pro-Abortion Agenda around the World

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Amidst the media's cheerleading for Warren Buffett's June 25 announcement that he will donate billions to charities was a chilling fact: this philanthropic alliance will be used to advance a pro-abortion agenda at home and around the world.

The 75-year-old Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., and a legendary investor, will donate billions of dollars in stock annually to five charities: the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and four Buffett family foundations. According to USA Today, the new "philanthropic powerhouse" will be "about five times as big as No. 2 Ford Foundation." It is also generally reckoned to be the single largest charitable gift in U.S. history.

"Buffett's gift to the Gates Foundation could result in big increases in Gates' donations to Planned Parenthood," said NRLC President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. "But the media almost totally ignored Buffett's other big gift—the three billion dollars he's donating to the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, a group that's given money that supports partial-birth abortion, RU486, overseas abortions, and expanded access to abortion everywhere."

The Gates Foundation, which will receive the bulk of the money from the world's second richest man, is already the largest philanthropy in the world with assets of about \$29.1 billion, according to the Associated Press (AP). The foundation, according to its web site, aims to "reduce inequities and improve lives around the world" by "improving health, reducing extreme poverty, and increasing access to technology in public libraries."

However, the Gates Foundation's "health" programs include funding Planned Parenthood to the tune of \$34 million, the AP reported. Although the foundation gave the money with the stipulation it would not be used for abortion services, the donation frees up funds so the nation's largest abortion provider can continue its grisly business.

The foundation also supports so-called global "family planning" and population control initiatives, according to the AP, which lead to coercive programs like China's one-child policy.

"Some of the wealthiest men in the world descend like avenging angels on the populations of the developing world," wrote Population Research Institute president Steven Mosher, the AP reported. "They seek to decimate their numbers, to foist upon vulnerable people abortion" and sterilization.

The more upfront use of Buffett's enormous resources for abortion advocacy will be through the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, named for Buffett's late wife who died in 2004. Its endowment will be doubled as a result of Buffett's gift of stock, National Public Radio (NPR) reported.

Internal Revenue Service tax returns made by the Buffett Foundation for several years are available online. They clearly demonstrate that the foundation is a major supporter of abortion. In 2003, it gave \$42,000 to the Abortion Access Project (which works to expand abortion services and train abortionists), \$200,000 to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, \$485,000

to Catholics for a Free Choice, \$680,000 to the Center for Reproductive Rights—all on the first page of a nine-page list of grant recipients.

Other well-known pro-abortion charities that received thousands of dollars from the Buffetts that year were Planned Parenthood, Population Council, National Abortion Federation, NARAL, Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health, and Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

The foundation gave \$2 million to fund RU486 trials in the 1990s, according to the AP. Buffett was also one of the major investors who provided start-up funds to Danco Laboratories, the pharmaceutical company that produced and marketed the abortion pill for use in the United States, the Wall Street Journal reported.

The Buffett pro-abortion money has also gone to train new abortionists in the business and to fund lawsuits against the Nebraska law banning partial-birth abortion, according to NPR.

“The amount of money that the Buffett Foundation has had to invest in reproductive rights, and including abortion rights, has been substantial,” Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice, told NPR.