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### Dec 2013 *Newsletter*

**2013 was a year of positive advancements.**

**Read the good news about the fruits of our labors at SCPI!**

**Reserve the date : April 3, 2014 6-9pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Fund Raiser!**

- 1) **The Washington Times acknowledges : Scientists went 'ethical' in 2013 :**  
Embryonic stem cell hotbeds like California and Maryland have transferred funding for embryo destroying research to truly life saving adult stem cell research.
- 2) **SCPI stands for families afflicted by regressive autism as an expert witness in multiple cases.**
- 3) **SCPI has raised awareness of human trafficking for biomedical purposes.**  
Look for more awareness and partnering on this issue in 2014.
- 2) **SCPI has moved to a new lab & office space at 1749 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109.**  
Our past location is being demolished to build a new medical office building. Come visit us at our new site if you are in the area.

The Christmas season reminds us of how grateful we are for all our donors and supporters; we could not have accomplished so much without you. As you will read, SCPI's courageous stance for the dignity of every human being has left us black-listed from federal grants and research funds. At least for the present, we rely on the generosity of our donors. Please remember us generously right now so that in 2014 SCPI accomplish ever greater progress towards safe, effective, affordable and ethical vaccines and medicines.

**PLEASE DONATE TODAY! WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT!**

*Dr. Theresa Deisher, President, Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute*

#### Stem cell scientists and funding went 'ethical' in 2013.

What a victory this is, not only for those who value the dignity of each human life, but a victory for patients, doctors and tax payers. While the news below will warm your heart and fuel your hopes for safe, life-giving medical advances, we cannot diminish our efforts to hold scientists and our government accountable and to demand that medical advances are ethical advances. We must keep SCPI's work moving forward so that the advances of 2013 continue.

Consistent with SCPI's mission to end human trafficking in biomedical research, Dr. Deisher agreed to be a plaintiff in the federal lawsuit, Sherley vs. Sebelius, that temporarily halted federal funding for embryo destroying research. The fruits of that lawsuit were that federal funding was diverted away from embryonic stem cell research towards adult stem cells. Now, we have 14 FDA approved adult stem cell products, and funding for adult stem cell research in states that once solely supported embryo destroying research!

In 2007 California issued 100 grants totaling \$121M for embryonic stem cell

research and \$0 for adult stem cells. By 2013 California's funding had shifted heavily in favor of adults stem cells (\$50M vs \$19M for embryonic). Maryland has followed a similar maturation : in 2007 they funded 11 embryonic but only 4 adult stem cell projects but by 2013 Maryland is now funding 28 adults stem cell but only 1 embryonic stem cell projects (<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/dec/3/pro-lifers-hail-shift-in-stem-cell-funding-as-embr/?page=2>).

However, the price paid by Dr. Deisher, SCPI, Dr. Sherley and the Boston Biomedical Research Institute to advance adult stem cell therapies was steep indeed . The level of administrative animosity, harassment and grant blacklisting experienced by Dr. Deisher and Dr. Sherley has been shocking. We have been blacklisted from almost all granting sources, and our manuscripts seem to have been blacklisted as well. I guess that is the price to pay for standing up and saying exploiting vulnerable people for biomedicine is wrong. We have no regrets though— it is wrong and with your help we can stop it.

You may ask, "how do we know we have been blacklisted?" The first step in applying for federal research dollars is to write

a 3-5 page letter of inquiry (LOI). Dr. Deisher wrote these for Sound Choice and for a collaborating top-10 university and submitted them under her name. The LOIs were all rejected.

Since the LOIs were well-written, to test whether she was blacklisted, the same LOIs were submitted by the collaborating university; all were accepted. When the full grant proposal was submitted, Dr. Deisher's name had to go back on the application, and all of the grant applications were rejected—except one. However, after receiving notice of funding, the granting agency began demanding onerous and unreasonable accounting and audits that would have cost more than the grant monies. On the advice of the university, the grant monies were returned because of the bizarre and persistent persecution.

Dr. Sherley was facing the same type of retaliation, and because of this, his research institute had to close its doors in 2013 due to a lack of funding. Luckily, because of our supporters, we are still standing—and we are so grateful for your prayers and donations. SCPI continues its work because of the generosity of you, our donors.

You know from our past newsletters the benefit adult stem cells have provided for pets in the US and for human beings all over the world except the US. The *Sherley vs Sebelius* lawsuit temporarily halted the funneling of federal tax-payer dollars for research on outrageously expensive, tumor-forming, and immune-rejecting embryonic stem cell treatments. Instead, our tax money went towards safe, effective and affordable adult stem cell therapies which are being used to treat diseases including diabetes, stroke, blindness, paralysis, arthritis, kidney disease, heart disease, multiple sclerosis, lupus, tendon, ligament, and joint injuries, among others.

Dr. Deisher, along with Dr. James Sherley of the former Boston Biomedical Research Institute, agreed to be a plaintiff in the *Sherley vs Sebelius* lawsuit, suspecting the potential retaliation they would face from an administration so focused on embryonic stem cell research. But someone needed to stand up for patients who needed safe, effective, and affordable adult stem cell treatments. Someone needed to stand up for the dignity of all human beings. By supporting SCPI you have the opportunity to stand up in turn for Dr. Deisher and human dignity.

**SCPI stands up for families afflicted by regressive autism.**

Did you know that an alarming number of families afflicted by regressive autism are

torn apart and end in divorce? Looking from the outside, many of us do not see the stress and pain of this disease. The tolls of the disease are primarily inside the home, and not in public where we would bear witness to the struggles. The keynote speaker at our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Fund Raiser, Karen Mayer-Cunningham, shared some of the struggles of families afflicted by autism. She shared this through the art form of 'comedy' because the struggles are so painful for some families that it is only through humor that many of us can bear to hear them. Like the majority of families afflicted with regressive autism (some statistics say 89%), Karen's marriage ended in divorce. Her beautiful, precious son, developed very severe regressive autism : he did not sleep (imagine that toll), he ate rubber and carpet, they were investigated by CPS because of his autistic behaviors, and only the grace of God kept Karen together to help her son.

The emotional and financial tolls on families afflicted by autism are staggering. The Vaccine Injury Act was passed by Congress to help families whose children are damaged by a quasi-compulsory vaccine program such as the one we have in the US. Unfortunately, the Vaccine Injury Court rarely, if ever, awards support for families whose children regress into autism after vaccination.

Dr. Deisher is now an expert witness for several families seeking help from the Vaccine Injury Court, whose children will require life-long care for regressive autism. Your generosity is helping us help these traumatized families. How are you helping them? SCPI's work on the aborted fetal contaminants in vaccines is demonstrating the biological cause of vaccine-induced regressive autism so that families can get help from the Vaccine Injury Court. SCPI's data on causation is driving prevention and a cure. In 2014 we plan to see our morally manufactured vaccine initiative move forward, with your help, which will stop the continued loss of over 40,000 US children to regressive autism each year. In 2014 we also plan to launch our first clinical stem cell trial, and ultimately plan to develop stem cell based therapies for a cure for autism.

**SAVE THE DATE for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fund Raising Dinner : Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 6-9 pm at the Swedish Cultural Center off Lake Union.** We will honor two deserving groups who have sacrificed to help those afflicted with autism, and we will unveil for you the interactive world wide map we are putting together on autism rates, aborted fetal vaccines and key sociologic factoids. Dr. Deisher, by popular demand, will be our keynote speaker this year.

In 2013 SCPI succeeded in raising awareness of human trafficking for biomedical research.

Partnerships to end human trafficking for slave labor and prostitution have united diverse organizations; organizations that have typically worked against each other in the past. Catholic, Christian and prolife groups have partnered with public health officials, women's rights organizations and other diverse groups to combat human trafficking for slave labor and prostitution. Most of those groups, however, did not know about the even more widespread and egregious trafficking of human beings for biomedical purposes.

Most of those groups did not know that developing nations, like Nigeria, are being targeted for egg harvesting for embryo destroying research and human cloning experimentation. Almost none of those groups knew that thousands of aborted babies are harvested each day and shipped to scientific labs for experimentation. Almost none of those groups knew that refugees and immigrants are coerced into organ, stem cell or egg donations. Thanks to Jennifer Lahl of the Center for Bioethics and Culture, awareness is spreading about the targeting of vulnerable college girls for egg donation and the terrific health consequences they suffer.

In 2014 SCPI will be partnering more closely with organizations working against human trafficking for slave labor and prostitution, to expand those organizations missions to include trafficking for biomedical purposes. Alliances like this are a great gift, not only because of the broad reach of many of those organizations, but also because working

for a common purpose to eliminate human trafficking, we have the opportunity to discourse and to influence hearts and minds about the dignity of each human person. I have seen the fruits of such conversation many times over the past six years that SCPI has been in existence. I carry some beautiful memories, and ponder them regularly, of conversations with people who did not realize that they indeed value the dignity of each human life. One gentleman, at a dinner to discuss the plight of autistic children, thanked me for my research and support even though he "did not agree with my prolife views". I said in response, "Abortion has not really been good for women," and told him why. He looked at me eventually and said "You are right." Wow!

**Make sure to note our new address :  
1749 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109**

In late August we learned that we would have to find new space by October because Eklind Hall in the Life Sciences Center was scheduled for demolition. We were blessed to find the first floor of a building off Lake Union on Dexter Ave N. We even have a peek-a-boo view of the Lake from the parking lot! Yes, we have been very blessed. We have also been good stewards of your generosity, and although the unexpected move demanded an unanticipated cash outlay, we kept costs to a minimum by painting, laying flooring, building shelving and moving ourselves. We invite you all to come visit us in our new space whenever you are nearby.

**Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! & a Blessed New Year from SCPI to all of you.**

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