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Dear Friends of Life:

As I dictate this letter, we are still in the middle of Respect Life Month, and what a month it has been!

Six courageous women from **Operation Outcry: Silent No More** came to the Dubuque area on October 8 and 9 and spread their message of the pain and heartache caused by abortion, and the hope and healing that can follow. Our own Colleen Pasnick and Ellen Markham coordinated their efforts, including presentations at the clergy luncheon and area high schools and colleges. I was privileged to see the presentation both at the clergy luncheon and the religious education classes at St. Anthony's Church.

As I said in my last newsletter, if we can spread the message that abortion is harmful to women, perhaps we can turn the tide. I can think of no better messengers than the representatives of the "Silent No More campaign."

A big thank you goes out to all volunteers who coordinated Lifesaver Sunday, and to Lou Ann Switzer for coordinating the Leaf Ride for Life on Sunday, September 28. A final big thank you to Dave Larson for spearheading the "Life Chain" on October 5. Hundreds of people turned out, and one Dubuque Community School Board member remarked to me that it was a very effective witness on behalf of Life.

Also, a reminder that we are in the middle of our "**Building on the Foundation of Life**" campaign to purchase new office space. We just held our first campaign breakfast, and to date we have more than \$60,000.00 in contributions and pledges. The campaign to raise \$250,000.00 continues through November 30, so please spread the word among your family and friends. If anyone needs information concerning the campaign and its details, please call the office at 556-5960 and ask for Ellen Markham, Barb Nicholson or Marian Bourek.

In other news, many of you may have read about the California teenager who went to a Planned Parenthood Clinic, obtained RU 486 without her parents' knowledge or permission, and later died from complications stemming from its use. It became another so-called "safe, legal" abortion. There was only problem, two dead victims. It is amazing to think that if that young girl wanted to have her ears pierced or to take an aspirin at school, she would need her parents' permission, but to have an abortion she did not.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of those victims of abortion: the Unborn, women, and the fathers and other family members who suffer loss. We must keep up our educational efforts in regard to not only abortion but all the life issues and restore civil rights protection to the Unborn, the infirm and the

Our thanks to the following businesses for their donations to our annual Leaf Ride: the Bike Shack, Cynthia Leslein Insurance, Eclipse Sound Production, Econo Foods, HyVee, Mark Riniker Construction, Skate Country, and the Village Inn.

Thanks also to these businesses for their donations to our annual LIFE Chain: Inside Decor, RSC Rental Service and another who wishes to remain anonymous.

IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!!

COME ONE, COME ALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CATHEDRAL CENTER BEHIND ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHEDRAL AT 231 BLUFF STREET. AT THAT TIME, ART GILLOON WILL PRESENT A SYNOPSIS OF ALL THAT DUBUQUE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE, INC. DOES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

YOU WILL SEE - PICTURES OF VARIOUS EVENTS WE HAVE SPONSORED AND SEE GRAPHICS OF OUR MIME AND SPEAKERS IN ACTION!

YOU WILL HEAR - TESTIMONY TO THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS. THIS POWER POINT PRESENTATION ENCOMPASSES ALMOST ALL ASPECTS OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

YOU WILL BE - IMPRESSED BY THE NUMEROUS WAYS WE GET THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, THEN CALL A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU. PEOPLE NEED TO SEE WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO!

We currently have over 3000 people on our mailing list - only about 1/3 of whom are paid members. If you are not currently a member, please fill out the form below and join us. If you are not interested in becoming a member of DCRTL, would you consider a smaller donation to cover the cost of producing and mailing the newsletter? Thank you.

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\$ 3.18

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