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ITS EVERYWHERE - the culture of death, that is. Being in this business, we see it all the time. People inquire about companies on the boycott list. Whose profits are funding Planned Parenthood? People ask about various charities - do they do embryonic stem cell research? Are they involved with any 'family planning' or 'reproductive rights' programs? And, sadly, the answer is usually "Yes."

For over 30 years, the pharmaceutical companies have been producing vaccines derived from tissues of aborted fetuses. Years ago, when I first heard this, my first reaction was shock and disbelief. Except, I did believe, because I trusted the source of information. Research into the history of vaccine development reveals that use of fetal tissue was/is totally unnecessary. It is similar to embryos being used for stem cell research. We know that adult stem cell research is producing better results. We know that perfectly good vaccines can be created without using human cells. Why the push for using embryos and fetal tissue? Might this be an attempt at justification for abortion?

Ethicists differ on the morality of using the tainted vaccines. Some believe it constitutes moral complicity in the evil of abortion. Others argue that it is morally permissible in the absence of alternatives. Currently, there is no alternative source of chicken pox, rubella or hepatitis-A vaccines available. According to Children of God for Life, the pharmaceutical industry has perceived a public acceptance of the current vaccines. They are continuing to utilize both the existing aborted fetal cell lines, and fresh sources to create new vaccines. Except when challenged. Remember when they were using fetal cells for the smallpox vaccine? Public outcry resulted in an untainted alternative. Perhaps the real complicity lies not in whether we choose to use these vaccines, but rather that we do nothing about them.

Perhaps now is the time to do something: ask questions about alternatives, petition the pharmaceutical companies, inform others about the problem. There are vaccines made

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE - update:

Our capital campaign to purchase the property at 1870 Asbury is well on its way! Many generous donors have already contributed **\$168,957.50** in cash and pledges, toward our goal of \$250,000. More information and campaign brochures are available at the office. If you have a group that would be interested in hearing our presentation, call to arrange it!

If you haven't yet sent your money or pledge to us, please do so promptly. No amount is too small or too large. Make checks payable to DCRTL Building Fund and send to us at 1205 Cleveland Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52003. We need to raise this money above and beyond what is needed for our normal operating budget.



PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

The addresses and phone numbers for your members of Congress are:

U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

Phone: 1-202-224-3121

Capitol Switchboard toll free number: 1-888-723-5246

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 1-202-225-3121

E-mail addresses for **Representatives** can be found at <http://clerkweb.house.gov> (and then go to "Write your Representative"). Phone numbers are listed above. Rep. Jim **Nussle**, 303 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202-225-2911. Fax: 202-225-9129. E-mail: nussleia@mail.house.gov. Dubuque office: 563-557-7740, Waterloo office: 319-235-1109, Mason City office: 515-423-0303, and the Manchester office: 563-927-5141 or 800-927-5212.

E-mail addresses for **Senators** can be found at <http://www.senate.gov>. You can **reach any senator** by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Senator Charles E. **Grassley** (R), 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. E-mail: chuck_grassley@grassley.senate.gov Phone: 202-224-3744 in Washington; 319-232-6657 in Waterloo; or 319-363-6832 in Cedar Rapids.

Senator Tom **Harkin** (D), 731 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. E-mail: tom_harkin@harkin.senate.gov Phone: 202-224-3254 in Washington; 319-365-4505 in Cedar Rapids; or 563-582-2130 in Dubuque.

To contact your IOWA Congressmen:

Call the State House to reach your Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Secretary of Ag., Auditor, and Attorney General @ 515-281-5211. To reach your State Senators, call 515-281-3371. To reach your State Representatives, call 515-281-3221. The toll free number to the Iowa Capitol Building is 800-375-7097.

To write: The Honorable _____, Office of the Governor or Senate Chamber or House Chamber, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Begin letters with Dear Governor _____ or Dear Senator _____, or Dear Representative _____.

To FAX: House - 515-281-6108; Senate 515-281-5868

To E-mail: firstname_lastname@legis.state.ia.us Please note: an underscore character must be typed between the first and last name. When e-mailing your legislator, please let them know where you live in their district. There are various e-mail addresses for legislators.

- ◆ On December 8, 2003 the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R.2799, the **Federal Year 2004 Commerce-Justice-State appropriations bill**. Imbedded within the 1000-page bill is an amendment introduced by Dave Weldon (R-FL) banning any governmental right to process and issue patents of "human organisms" such as human embryos (including those created in vitro) and cloned humans. The amendment consists of a brief statement that "None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this act may be used to issue patents on claims directed to or encompassing a human organism." Advocates of the ban on the patenting of humans argue that such patents would violate the 13th amendment of the Constitution, which prohibits "slavery or involuntary servitude," since the patented humans would be legally owned by others. In addition, the proponents of the ban contend that **h u m a n l i f e w o u l d b e** transformed into a commodity to be commercialized if such patents were issued. The vote may prove to be a profound victory for the fight for the Culture of Life in the United States. [Culture of Life Foundation]
- ◆ No news from the Senate on the **Human Cloning Prohibition Act (HR534)**. However, New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey signed into law a bill which allows the biotech industry to actually clone a human embryo, implant that embryo into a woman's womb, develop the embryo to the fetal stage and then kill it for 'research purposes.' Contact your senators with your views on cloning.
- ◆ **The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act** - On December 8, 2003 Congressman Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) reintroduced the legislation and Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) has introduced a companion bill in the Senate. Current federal law protects "health care entities" from having to perform or provide for abortions, but it has been interpreted to protect only individual physicians and training programs, leaving hospitals, health plans, nurses, and other health care participants without protection unless helpful state laws are in place.
- ◆ The proposed **RU-486 Suspension and Review Act of 2003** would suspend use of the drug until a complete investigation of the approval process has been completed. The bill has been introduced in the House (HR 3453) and Senate (S 1930) [12/12/03].
- ◆ A March 2004 trial date has been set for each of the lawsuits in Nebraska, New York and San Francisco which are pending against the **Partial Birth Abortion Ban** which was signed into law on November 5, 2003.
- ◆ A related bill to watch: the **Federal Marriage Amendment** [if alternative family structures are just as good . . . if children don't need mothers and fathers. . . why abstain from sex? why have a shotgun wedding? why not



CHOOSE LIFE: Iowa RTL will propose the Choose Life License Plates Legislation again this year. The specialty plates cost \$35 the first year and an additional \$15 for the annual registration fee each year after. If you are interested in participating please send your name and address along with a note "add me to the Pro-Life License Plate list" to Iowa Right to Life Committee, Inc. 1500 Illinois Street Des Moines, IA 50314-3512. The purpose of the bill is to provide specialty license plates that will raise money to fund crises pregnancy centers and adoption agencies in Iowa.

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

in memory of the following: for **Rita Payne Ambrosy** from Ron & Pat Donovan; for **Duane Peterson** & for **Kay Banworth** from Robert & Mary Ellen Scherrman; for **John Flynn** from Ramona Thomas; for **Joe Giese** from anonymous, Dr. Paul Hoffman, Bob & Mary Johanningmeier, Nancy Kloster, Donald & Helen Meyer, & Susan Murray; for **Donald Kratz** from Dan & Barbara Nicholson; for **Lawrence Kersten** from Hazel Kersten; for **Anita Lenz** from Dee & Terry Shilling; for a private memorial from Mary Kay Portzen.

and in honor of: **Leslie & Patricia Furuseth's** 40th wedding anniversary from Ron & Pat Donovan; **Mary & Jim Wendt's** 50th wedding anniversary from Paul & Betty Frommelt; **Elizabeth & Maria Frommelt's** trip to the March for Life, from Harriet Heller

Whenever a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person of family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque which is displayed in our office.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

In FEBRUARY, we will be visiting Planned Parenthood in Bettendorf and Emma Goldman Iowa City. Meet Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) after 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Resurrection Church parking lot on Tuesday, **February 17th** or meet @7:00 A.M. in St. Columbkille's parking lot that faces the church on Saturday, **February 21st**. For more information, call our office @ 563-556-5960.

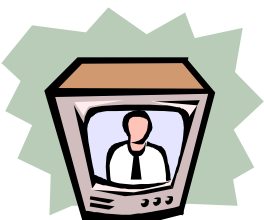
PLEASE CALL TO LET US KNOW YOU WILL BE JOINING THE GROUP.

SIDEWALK COUNSELING SESSIONS:

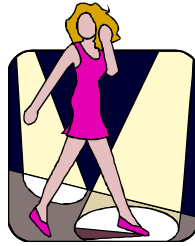
We are currently investigating the possibility of bringing in a speaker/trainer from the Pro-Life Action League to help us in our efforts to become more involved in sidewalk counseling at the abortion mills. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMING TO SUCH A SESSION. You will not be obligated to attend or commit to sidewalk counsel but we are interested in approximate numbers to be sure it would be a worthwhile activity. You are welcome whether your motive is to become a sidewalk counselor or to increase your knowledge or just out of curiosity.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SCHEDULE OUR VIDEO/CABLE ACCESS PROGRAMS

If you enjoy video technology and have some spare time, please call us @ 563-556-5960!



Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16! Our programs are scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M. Watch for our **upcoming programs:** this month will feature **Life Dynamics monthly news magazine** (with up to date pro-life news and features) and other locally filmed programs.



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Expressions of Faith - Asbury Square

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SPEAKER TRAINING SESSION TO BEGIN

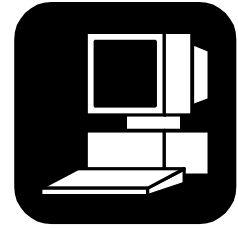
Our major focus as an organization is education. We are once again offering informational classes on topics pertinent to the Right To Life movement. Involvement begins with learning the truth - the facts about abortion, chastity, "contraception", euthanasia, and Planned Parenthood. Connie Hardie and Ellen Markham will facilitate the classes. They will be held at the DCRTL Office, 1205 Cleveland Avenue from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. on three Sundays - February 22 & 29 and March 14, 2004. (We can be flexible with the dates and times if needed.) One additional session will be needed for those who plan to complete the training and become a speaker. There will be an \$8.00 charge for materials. (Obtaining materials is strongly suggested, but optional.)



Attending a speaker training session does not obligate you to become a speaker. Many people come to learn how better to educate family, friends and acquaintances. For more information or to register, call DCRTL (556-5960) or Connie (556-8982).

Looking for information on life issues?

American Bioethics Advisory Commission - www.all.org/abac
American Life League - www.all.org
Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity - www.cbhd.org
Children of God for Life - www.cogforlife.org
Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer - www.AbortionBreastCancer.com
Concerned Women for America - www.cwfa.org
Democrats for Life - www.democratsforlife.org
Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics - www.stemcellresearch.org
Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. - www.dctrl.org
Family Research Council - www.frc.org
Feminists For Life - www.feministsforlife.org
Focus on the Family - www.family.org
Gravity Teen - www.gravityteen.com
God's People for Life - www.gp4L.org
Hope & Healing - www.afterabortion.org
Human Life International - www.hli.org
Life Decisions International - www.fightpp.org
Life Dynamics Incorporated - www.ldi.org
Life E-News Headlines - www.interlife.org
Life Issues Institute - www.lifeissues.org
March for Life Education & Defense Fund - www.marchforlife.org
Medical Institute for Sexual Health - www.medinstitute.org
Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life - www.mccl-inc.org
Morning After Pill - www.morningafterpill.org
National Abstinence Clearinghouse - www.abstinence.net
National Foundation for Life Litigation Project - www.nffllp.org
One More Soul - www.OMSoul.com
Pharmacists for Life International - www.pfli.org
Pope Paul VI Institute - www.popepaulvi.com
Population Research Institute - www.pop.org
Priests For Life - www.priestsforlife.org
Pro-Life.Net - www.pro-life.net
Project Reality - www.projectreality.org
Rachel's Vineyard - www.rachelsvineyard.org
Republican National Coalition for Life - www.rnclife.org
Rock for Life - www.rockforlife.org
Stand Up Girl - www.standupgirl.com
Susan B. Anthony List - <http://www.sba-list.org/>
Stop Planned Parenthood (STOPP) - www.stopinternational.org
Windows to the Truth - www.billgateseducate.org
Women Affirming Life - www.affirmlife.com
World Life League - www.worldlifeleague.com



Looking for info on life issues?

Call Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. (563-556-5960). Our library is stocked with up-to-date information (and perennial favorites) on all life issues. We have books, video and audio tapes available for your use. There are brochures on numerous pro-life topics. Stop by to pick out something that interests you! If you haven't seen the USCCB'S Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, we have copies on hand.



LIFE DINNER 2004

Plans are underway for our annual dinner. It will be held on Friday April 16th at 6:00 P.M. for cocktails & 7:00 P.M. dinner at the Grand River Center. Can you help us get ready? We need volunteers for a variety of tasks prior to the dinner (so you will be free to have fun that night!). Call Colleen @ 563-556-5960 to find out more OR to let her know where you can help.



Our **next monthly meeting** will feature several “Marchers for Life.” We took 3 bus loads of people to Washington D.C. this year and several of the students in attendance are excited to share their experiences we us at our next meeting. Please join us at **7:00 P.M. on February 5th** at the Cathedral Center. All are welcome, so bring a friend!

A person’s a person no matter how small -Dr. Seuss

- COMING EVENTS - Plan now to join us!**
- ◆ Pro-Life Mass **every Wednesday** at 2:25 P.M. at the Power of Prayer - 75 W. 17th Street - Fr. Tom McAndrew, celebrant.
 - ◆ **‘FUN’RAISING VALENTINE HAT & FASHION SHOW - February 8 @ NOON.** See inside this issue for details. Tickets required.
 - ◆ Two opportunities to **Visit** the abortion mills to pray and sidewalk counsel each month. Call 563-556-5960 for details. (more information inside this issue)
 - ◆ MODERN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - 4 **classes**, 1/month - call 556-5797 or 582-1673 for details.
 - ◆ LIFE DINNER - **April 16th.** Mark your calendar! Details next newsletter.

- DUBUQUE COUNTY
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WISH LIST:**
- ⇒ one month’s rent (\$450)
 - ⇒ Stamps
 - ⇒ volunteers (for odd jobs)
 - ⇒ \$150 to cover cost of purchase of fetal models
 - ⇒ coffee (decaffeinated)
 - ⇒ prayers for the intentions of DCRTL
 - ⇒ baby shoes (we still need 112 pair of new or gently used shoes to represent 1 hours work at the mill!)
 - ⇒ vacuum cleaner - ours is on its last leg - so if someone out there got a new one for Christmas,

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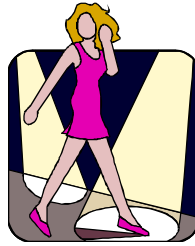
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