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Dear Friends of Life:

Here is an update on a lot of things. First, the building project. Supporters continue to show their generosity and contribute to Dubuque County Right to Life's Building Fund. As you know, our first effort at relocation ended in a disappointing manner when we had to cancel our contract due to certain concerns. The good news is that we are actively pursuing the purchase of an alternative building at a similar location. This alternative site has virtually the same traffic count as the first building, is located on the west side, and is convenient to numerous schools and educational institutions. All of the reasons to purchase the first building exist in regard to the second building, and we are in the process of negotiating a price. We hope to have an announcement in the near future, but again, for reasons beyond our control, a set timetable is not possible at this time. Please keep us in your prayers in this regard, and if anyone knows of potential locations for our new office, please contact Ellen or Colleen at 556-5960. The building project will become a reality, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and confidence!!!

Many of you may have read that one of the Federal Courts considering the ban on partial birth abortion struck down the ban and ruled against life. At the same time, there was some good news from the Federal Appeals Court for the Eighth Circuit. A three-Judge panel of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, on May 27, 2004, upheld a 24-hour waiting period for women seeking abortions in Missouri. This ruling means that Missouri physicians will have to wait 24 hours to perform abortions after conferring with women about such things as physical, psychological and situational risk factors. As usual, Planned Parenthood is challenging the law, and they could ask the Appellate Court to reconsider, ask a State Judge to issue a new restraining order, or appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the meantime, we hope that some babies will be saved because their mothers will receive factual information about the growth and development of their unborn baby and the risks of abortion.

California citizens will vote in November on whether to fund stem cell research to the tune of three billion dollars over the next ten years. If passed, the law would make \$295,000,000.00 available each year to California stem cell researchers for the next ten years. The law would also fund laboratory cloning projects intended to create stem cells for regenerative and therapeutic medicine while specifically banning the funding of cloning programs aimed at creating babies. The law, however, would allow for stem cell research that destroys human embryos. California pro-lifers are rallying to oppose the proposition. Keep watching the news and supporting these good people with your prayers.

Lastly, my wife and I were recently in Spain visiting our daughter. As we toured the southern countryside, it was apparent that the pro-life movement is alive and well overseas! For example, we saw a billboard that said, "Aborto no! Viva si!" (Abortion no! Life yes!)! I also visited a Catholic church while visiting the Rock of Gibraltar, and there were numerous pro-life programs highlighted on the bulletin boards in the rear of the church. I tell you this so that you know we have pro-life friends around the world doing the same work!!

Don't forget - there is no general membership meeting in July, but please come to our Fair booth and to our August picnic on Thursday, August 5. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

That is my update from around the area, around the country and around the world. The

COMING EVENTS

- No meeting in July. Stop by our booth at the Dubuque County Fair, July 27—August 1, 2004. There are still openings for you to work there, so if you are available, please call Colleen and let her know you can help out. You'll be glad you did—it's fun!
- August 5 –picnic.
- September 26—Leaf Bike Ride for Life.
- October 3—LIFE CHAIN; October 12-14 Patty Schneier in town for pro-life awareness.
- Iowans for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C.—January 22-26, 2005. Plan now to attend.
- LIFE Dinner 2005—April 8. Mark your calendar—date certain. Details pending.

Our visits to the abortion mill in July will be on Tuesday, **July 20th** and on Saturday, **July 17th**. Tuesday's visit will be to Planned Parenthood in Bettendorf, leaving from the Resurrection parking lot after **7:30 A.M.** Mass (note summer Mass time). Call Bill (563-582-4436) if you are able to go. On Saturday, the group will leave from St. Columbkille's parking lot (in front of the church) at 7:00 A. M. Please call Ellen or Colleen (563-556-5960) if you plan to go.

Pray for: Jill June, CEO of Planned Parenthood (PP), Des Moines; Karen Kubby, Director of Emma Goldman, IA City; Linda Beireger, Director of PP, Council Bluffs; Barbara Buchanan, Director of Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women; & Connie Saunders, Manager of PP, Sioux City.

Most mutual fund managers don't consider whether the companies they invest in are morally responsible. It has been brought to our attention that the Ave Maria Mutual Funds team of portfolio managers select stock and bonds based on sound investment fundamentals as well as pro-life values. Call toll-free 1-866-283-6274 for more information.

The *Cincinnati Enquirer* editorial (June 5, 2004) on Judge Phyllis Hamilton's ruling authorizing Planned Parenthood to commit partial-birth abortions: "Even those who believe in abortion rights should find something wrong with a ruling that dismisses as 'irrelevant' the issue of how much pain a fetus feels while it is being aborted. . . The ruling threatens a great deal more than the legislation itself. It is a painful, rather startling look at where the abortion debate has led us and how far it has polarized us—not only from one another but from some of our most basic instincts as human beings. . . Asking people not to think about the actual act of abortion is hardly a credible means to defending it as a reproductive option. Denying that abortion is a haunting issue won't keep it from being one." (from—Life Advocacy Briefing#11-20 June 7, 2004)

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