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Dear Friends of Life:

Standing room only! That is the type of crowd we had for Erin Caviezel's presentation at our June 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting. What a joy it was to see over 100 people in attendance. Erin, whose brother Jim played Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ" movie, gave a wonderful presentation on how it was possible for her and her brother to keep their pro-life ideals intact while she pursued a college degree at Loyola Marymount University and Jim pursued an acting career in Hollywood. As I told those in attendance, their seats are reserved for our next monthly meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We always have an interesting and educational presentation. Join us at the Cathedral Center in downtown Dubuque at 7:00 p.m. on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

I also want to update you on the new building at 2205 Carter Road. Things are moving along and we are finalizing drawings and plans. The remodeling of the building will be put out for bid, and we hope to begin actually pounding nails, etc. very soon. Many thanks to Steve Hardie, the Chairman of our Building Committee, and architect Jeff Morton, both of whom have put in countless hours toward the building project. Arnie Honkamp, Eldon Herrig, and Sister Catherine Dunn continue to inspire the Building Committee as our honorary co-chairs. While the new building is being prepared, we will soon be moving to temporary quarters in the former Junior Achievement space in the rear lower level of Asbury Square shopping center. The move to these temporary quarters will occur in the first week of July, and volunteers to help are needed. Many thanks to Tom Luksetich and Steve Smith for their generous offer of this rent-free home for Dubuque County Right to Life while the new office is being constructed. Also, thanks to Dave Hansel for loaning us his truck for the move to our interim home. Lastly, many thanks to Marie and Doug Colin for being wonderful landlords these last years at 1205 Cleveland Avenue!

Many exciting things are on the horizon for Dubuque County Right to Life. The Dubuque County Fair is coming July 26 through July 31, and volunteers are needed. Our summer picnic is Thursday, August 4, at Murphy (Grandview) Park. Before we know it October, Respect Life Month, will be upon us and our month-long concentrated pro-life educational effort will be in full swing. In the meantime, the new building will be taking shape at 2205 Carter Road. Volunteers in all of these areas are needed, so please call the office at 556-5960 if you can help in any way.

As you know, we depend on you to help Dubuque County Right to Life spread the educational message throughout the tri-state area that human life begins at conception and that there are positive, pro-life answers to crisis pregnancies that do not include abortion. Life is precious at all stages. You have showered us with your support, both financial and physical. In return, our staff and your Board of Directors have tried to be good stewards of the money you have entrusted to us, while at the same time working tirelessly to defend life. In the next few months, we need your support more than ever. Thanks for joining us in defense of life!

Sincerely,

Arthur F. Gilloon, President

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**We're ready to move—and we can use your help!** Can you clean? Pack? Move? Here's our schedule: Clean the temporary space on June 30th & July 1st. Pack and move small stuff on July 5th & 6th. Move big stuff on July 9th. We have the truck (Dave Hansel, of Hansel Realty, has generously offered the use of his company's moving truck) but we'll need some strong men! Clean old space on July 11th and 12th. Please let us know what you can help with—**we really need you now!**

## **URGENT! ACTION NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!**

The recent outbreak of rubella in Ontario, Canada has sparked fears of the disease spreading among unvaccinated people in the U.S. This may provide the opportunity to import the untainted vaccine from Japan with FDA approval. Currently this drug isn't licensed in the States but the FDA allows importing a drug when there is no similar one available here. Children of God for Life is presenting the argument that for those refusing to use the Merck MMR/rubella there is no vaccine here; therefore, the exception should be allowed. **HERE'S WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO:**

1. Go to their website at [www.cogforlife.org/rubellaregistration.htm](http://www.cogforlife.org/rubellaregistration.htm) and fill out the request form. Anyone with children in need of the vaccine (regardless of when they are due for their "shots") should fill out the form. If anyone needs a computer to use for this, call us @ 563-556-5960.
2. As soon as you have sent yours in, spread the word. This is a nation-wide project, so inform everyone on your email lists, in your address books; friend, relatives, etc.
3. Next, call your pediatrician, obstetrician, family practice physician, the Visiting Nurse's Association, City/County Health Department [anyone else you know who orders/administers vaccines] and ask them to send a \*letter of support to either Debi Vinnedge, Executive Director, Children of God for Life, 943 Deville Drive East, Largo, FL 33771-1122 and/or Dr. Lester Crawford, Commissioner of the FDA, 5600 Fischer Lane, Rockville, MD 20852

\*[sample letter:

Dear Dr. Crawford,

I am writing in support of the request that you allow the rubella vaccine to be imported from Japan. Some patients refuse the Merck version because of the use of fetal tissue, but would accept an "untainted" version of the drug. I would like to be able to offer this ethical alternative to them.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,  
(your name) ]

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:**

- **Pharmacists Conscience Clause:** In the Senate, the **Access to Legal Pharmaceuticals Act (S.809)** is sponsored by Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barbara Boxer, Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg. **H.R. 1539** is the companion bill, sponsored in the House by Carolyn McCarthy (N.Y.). These bills are designed to make it difficult for pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions for chemicals they know act to kill (e.g. RU 486, the Morning-After-Pill). Pro-life pharmacists are organizing to fight this; information is available from Pharmacists for Life @ <http://www.pfli.org/main.php?pfli=cc>.
- **Mandatory Contraceptive Coverage:** Senator Hillary Clinton has also filed a bill (**S. 844**) to expand Title X to mandate prescription contraceptive coverage by any health insurance that covers other prescription drugs. It would also force all hospitals to offer the morning-after-pill to rape victims. And it would establish a teen pregnancy prevention grant program in which abstinence-only education projects would be ineligible to participate. Senator Harry Ried (D-NV) is co-sponsor. The bill is on the Senate calendar for 'any time action'.
- **STEM CELL RESEARCH –1** Abortion rights activists in the U.S. House of Representatives support the **Stem Cell Research and Enhancement Act of 2005 (H.R. 810 and S. 471)** a bill that would require the federal government to "conduct and support research that utilizes human embryonic stem cells." The House approved this bill 238-194; it is awaiting action in the Senate. President Bush has promised to veto the bill.
- **STEM CELL RESEARCH –2** Along with that vote to approve funding of embryonic stem cell research, House members also voted (431-1) to promote the use of adult stem cells. **Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005 (HR 2520)** would create a new federally funded stem cell therapeutic and research program for the collection and inventory of umbilical cord blood. The measure now heads to the Senate (**S 681**). President Bush and pro-life groups strongly support this bill.

## **SPEAKER TRAINING/MIME TRAINING**

We have discovered that it is difficult for students to attend our Speaker Training during the school year because of busy schedules; and, sometimes Sunday evenings don't work well for people. So we have decided to conduct a Speaker Training session beginning on Tuesday, July 12th at 1:00 P.M. The other classes will be on the 15th (Friday), 20th (Wednesday) and 27th (Wednesday) - all also at 1:00. If you are interested, **please call\* (556-5960) the office to sign up** before July 8th. We can be flexible with our schedule, so if you aren't available for every class, we will try to work something out for you. We ask a donation of \$8 to cover the cost of supplies.

**Everyone is welcome to attend**—you don't have to be a student.

We will also be holding a training for anyone interested in learning how they can participate in our MIME. This session will be at 3:00 P.M. on July 15th (following Speaker Training). **Everyone is welcome to attend; please call\* (556-5960) the office to sign up**

\*we will be in 'temporary housing' starting in July, so ask for directions when you call.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** we are in need of someone who is able to make phone calls in order to promote our speakers in the community—to schools, to clubs and organizations, to EVERYONE! Call 563-556-5960 if you can do this for us. (All necessary information will be provided prior to starting calls.)

## **BOYCOTT UPDATE:**

### **COMPANIES THAT ARE NO LONGER BOYCOTT TARGETS**

**PRINCIPAL** [Mr. J Barry Griswell, Chairman, President & CEO, Principal Financial Group, 711 High St., Des Moines, IA 50392-0100; 1-800-986-3343 or 515-247-5111; www.principal.com] & **NEWMAN'S OWN** [Mr. Paul L. Newman, President, Newman's Own Inc., 246 Post Road E., Westport, CT 06880-3615; 203-222-0136; www.newmansown.com]& **KROGER** [Mr. David B. Dillon, Chairman & CEO, The Kroger Co., 1014 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-1100; 513-762-4000; www.kroger.com] **have been removed** from the latest *Boycott List*. Feel free to conduct business with them again. **Please write to thank these companies for their decision.** They need to hear from us our appreciation. Note: Kroger was placed on *the LIST* for the first time this May (in the Boycott issue we just received and are using to give you the information found below). Because of pressure they have already experienced, they have quit funding PP!

### **CORPORATIONS NEW TO *The Boycott List*.**

Please write to express your disappointment at their funding of Planned parenthood and to let them know you will no longer do business with them. It is vitally important that you write to the newly listed corporations or they will not know the effect of being placed on the *List*—if they hear from us, they listen to us! **CHARLES SCHWAB** (Investment services –U.S. Trust & CyberTrader) [Mr. Charles R. Schwab, Chairman & CEO, The Charles Schwab Corporation, 101 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94101-4174; 800-435-4000 or 414-627-7000; www.schwab.com] **EMMIS COMMUNICATIONS** (broadcasting, magazines, books) [Mr. Jeff Smulyan, Chairman, President and CEO, EMMIS Communication corp., 1 EMMIS Plaza, 40 Monument Cir., Ste.700, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3011; 317-266-0100; www.emmis.com] **EPIC SYSTEMS** (healthcare management software & technology) [Ms. Judith R. Foulkner, CEO, Epic Systems Corp., 5301 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI 53711-1027; 608-271-9000; www.epcsys.com] **ERNST & YOUNG** (accounting & auditing) [Mr. James S. Turley, Chairman & CEO, Ernst & Young International, 5 Times Square, New York, NY 10036-6530; 212-773-3000; www.ey.com] **HIGHSMITH** (library & school products) [Mr. Paul R. Moss, CEO, Highsmith Inc., W5527 Hwy. 106, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-8428; 800-558-2110 or 920-563-9571; www.highsmith.com] **LESLEY & ASSOCIATES** (corporate relocation management; Ms. Patsy Lesley, President, Lesley & Associates Inc., 3800 Buffalo Speedway, Ste. 165, Houston, TX 77098-3719; 713-850-9240; www.lesley.net] **MERCK** (pharmaceuticals) [Mr. Raymond V. Gilmartin, Chairman, President & CEO, Merck & Company Inc., 1 Merck Dr., Box 100, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889-0100; 908-423-1000; www.merck.com] **NOTE: MERCK FUNDS PLANNED PARENTHOOD (PP) THROUGH A MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM BUT IT PROHIBITS FUNDING OF PRO-LIFE GROUPS UNDER THE SAME PROGRAM. CORPORATE OFFICIALS REFUSE TO SAY THERE ARE NO OTHER MERCK DOLLARS OR PRODUCTS GOING TO PP OUTSIDE OF ITS MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM. MERCK'S WEBSITE HAS A LINK TO PP'S NATIONAL WEBSITE. THIS IS THE SAME MERCK THAT REFUSES TO OFFER AN UN-TAINTED (NOT MADE FROM FETAL TISSUE) RUBELLA VACCINE IN SPITE OF THE FACT THERE ARE TWO PERFECTLY GOOD VACCINES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE STILL LICENSED TODAY BUT ARE NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION.** Please write to Merck today (and every few months) until we get results. Understand that you should not give up any necessary treatment. But, every time your doctor orders a medication, ask which drug company produces it. If it is Merck, ask if there are any alternatives produced by another drug company. And, ask your doctor to tell the Merck reps that they have patients who refuse their drugs because of the funding of PP and the production of vaccines from fetal tissue. If there are no alternatives, do not forego treatment! Be sure to check the labels of over-the-counter medications as well—and let the pharmacists know that there is a boycott of Merck going on—they can make Merck aware as well. **NEIMAN MARCUS** (retail stores, Bergdorf Goodman, Last Call, Horchow, Kate Spade products, Gurwitch Products) [Mr. Burton M. Tansky, President, CEO & Director, The Neiman Marcus Group Inc., 1618 Main St., Ste. 1900, Dallas, TX 75201-4748; 214-741-6911 or 888-888-4757; www.neimanmarcus.com] **ORACLE** (computer software, PeopleSoft) [Mr. Lawrence J. Ellison, CEO & Director, 500 Oracle Pkwy., Redwood City, CA 94065-1677; 800-672-2531 or 650-506-7000; www.oracle.com] **PORTLAND BREWING** [Mr. Fred Bowman, President, Protland Brewing Co., 2730 NW 31st Ave., Portland, OR 97210-1718; 503-226-7623; www.portlandbrew.com] **SAFEWAY** (food & drug retailer) [Mr. Steven A. Burd, Chairman, President & CEO, Safeway Inc., 5918 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588-3229, 800-723-3929 or 925-467-3000; www.safeway.com.] **SCOT INDUSTRIES** (honed tubing & chrome bar products) [Mr. Steven L. Wilmeth, President & Director, Scot Industries Inc., P.O. 146, Hwy. 250, Lone Star, TX 75668-0146; 903-639-2551; www.scotindustries.com] **TIME WARNER** (broadcasting, movie theaters, Internet, Atlanta Braves, publishing) [Mr. Richard D. Parsons, Chariman & CEO, Time Warner Inc., 18th Fl., New York, NY 10019-4609; 212-484-8000; www.timewarner.com] **WELLS FARGO** (finance) [Mr. Richard M. Kovacevich, Chairman, President & CEO, Wells Fargo & Co., 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104-1205; 800-333-0343 or 800-869-3557 or 415-396-4928; www.wellsfargo.com] **WILLIS STEIN** (equity investment) [Mr. John R. Willis, Co-founder & Managing director, Willis Stein & partners, L.P., 1 N. Wacker Dr., Ste. 4800, Chicago, IL 60606; 312-422-2400; www.willisstein.com]

A quote from a Mother Teresa Diary: "A child is God's greatest gift to the family, to the nation, to the world. The child is a life from God, created in the image of God, created for great things, to love and to be loved."

**There will be no MONTHLY MEETING in July. Plan to join us for our annual picnic in August. Details will be printed in our next newsletter. Save the date! (August 4th)**

**PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILL—**

There will be a group going to Iowa City to pray at the Emma Goldman Clinic on the third Saturday - **July 16th**). If you can join us, please call the office (563-556-5960) to let us know.

Our **PEACEFUL PRAYER PROJECT** at the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women continues. The clinic is open Monday & Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M. and Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. If you plan to be in that area **any weekday** and can stop by the clinic, even for just a few minutes to pray, please do so. For more information or directions, call us at 563-556-5960. If you can pray (at any location) for the closure of this clinic on a regular basis, let us know when you are doing that. We are trying to get prayer coverage for each hour the clinic is open.

Our regular group of pray-ers goes to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women on the **third Tuesday** of the month. If you can go, meet the group after 7:30 A.M. Mass @ Resurrection's parking lot on Tuesday, **July 19th**. Call Bill @ 563-582-4436 to let him know you are going.

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT**

DCRTL is exploring the possibility of offering our members the opportunity to give to DCRTL electronically through Internet Banking. Many of you are already familiar with this process if you pay your electrical, heating or cable bill this way. This same method can be used for charitable giving.

All you would need to do is to let us know how much you would like to give to support the pro-life movement and when you would like to give it. Giving could be done monthly, semi-monthly, or quarterly. For example, you could make a donation of \$10 on the 15th of every month. If you ever want to change your amount or date of giving, you would just let us know with one phone call.

You would no longer have to bother with checks, envelopes or stamps. We would no longer have staff time or money (paper, envelopes, stamps, or printing) involved in reminder letters. Best of all, DCRTL would have a more consistent cash flow and staff time to concentrate on our vital work of saving babies from abortion.

Please give Colleen a call at the office if you would be interested in hearing more about electronic giving, or if you would like to set up your electronic donation.

Our cable access shows can be seen on **cablevision Channel 16!** Watch for our **upcoming programs**, scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M. Here's what's coming: On Mondays & Fridays through July 8th will be the April issue of Life Dynamics video magazine. Then from the 15th through the 29th will be the May issue. Every Saturday (from June 24th through 29th) we will be showing "**I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.**" - Erin Caviezel @ our June 2nd meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FORM: Please mail to DCRTL, 1205 Cleveland Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa 52003

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