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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

MOVING IN

Thanks to all of you who helped out with our cleaning and packing and moving. We couldn't have done it without you! For whatever little or large thing you did, we are forever grateful. We are now in our temporary location in the lower level of Asbury Square, 2255 JFK (although our office is facing Woodland Street). Please stop by and visit. To find us, look for the awning that says JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT—our sign is in the window, but it's hard to see from the road.

MOVING FORWARD—Our mailing address is now 2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, IA 52001. We do not yet have a time frame for our building renovation, but our friends at the Post Office suggested we use our permanent address during this interim. Our stationery and other forms will be updated as soon as feasible, but we ask that you 'bear with us' during this transition time.

Here's what Eleanor Smeal, President of the Feminist Majority Foundation, is telling her friends: "I've been leading fights for women's rights for many years. **Victory goes to those who are most committed, to those who do not get tired, and to those who do not give in. We cannot give in. We cannot give up. The lives of too many women depend on it.**" I'm afraid, in this case, she's right. **So let it be us who are most committed, who do not get tired, and who do not give in. The lives of too many women depend on it.**

So much for choice:

- Doctors are in federal court to defend their right to refuse to provide abortions and abortion referrals. In December 2004, President Bush signed the Weldon Amendment which forbids state and local governments that receive federal funds from discrimination against healthcare providers because they refuse to perform or refer patients for abortions. California Attorney General Bill Lockyer filed suit against the U.S. Government in January, claiming the Amendment is unconstitutional. On June 16, The Alliance Defense Fund & the Christian Legal Society filed a motion to intervene. Chief litigation counsel, Steven H. Aden, remarked, "Congress overwhelmingly passed this amendment to protect pro-life doctors and nurses from this very thing."
- For Planned Parenthood (PP), choice is worth defending only as long as it's their choice. Abstinence education is one choice. Nothing prevents schools from having abstinence educators in one month and Planned Parenthood the next. But that's not good enough for PP. Already, they have a funding advantage of 75:1 but they want funding for their brand of sex ed only. If they have their way, we will be paying taxes to have one choice, and one choice only—theirs.

THE RIGHT TO DIE. . .LIVING WILLS. . .DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE. . .EUTHANASIA. . .LIFE SUPPORT. . . . With all the discussion surrounding the case of Terri Schiavo, questions are coming up and confusion setting in on these topics. We have knowledgeable **speakers available**. Call us to arrange for one of us to talk to your club, organization or a group of friends.

“THERE’S AN OLD SAYING IN WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESS LISTENS TO WHO’S TALKING!”



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

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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: <http://www.nussle.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.

- U.S Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) and U.S. Representative Todd Akin (R-MO) are sponsors of the **Parent’s Right To Know Act**. This bill will require that minors provide their parents with five days notice before they could receive birth control drugs or devices at federally subsidized clinics. Akin called it “inconceivable” that children can receive “potentially life threatening birth control medication without their parents’ knowledge” - when they can’t get their ears pierced or receive aspirin at school without parental permission. Abortion rights advocates say the new parental notification measure might discourage girls from getting reproductive health care and push them into having unprotected sex.
- According to an *Associated Press* story on 7/2/05, abortion, assisted suicide, homosexual rights and the death penalty are some of the issues that will come before the **Supreme Court** in its next term. In addition, the Court will soon be asked to review a decision of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals made on July 8, overturning the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. With the retirement of Sandra Day O’Connor, the remaining Supreme Court Justices are split 4-4 on the constitutionality of partial-birth legislation. We need as many pro-lifers as possible to contact the White House about the vacancy. Please call the White House Comment Line at (202) 456-1111. You may also contact the President via e-mail at president@whitehouse.gov or by fax at 202-456-2461.

IT'S TIME FOR OUR SUMMER PICNIC



August 4th is the date for our annual summer picnic. So pack your basket with a dish to pass, table service and your own beverages. Then join us for grilled hot dogs at **Murphy Park**. If you wish to grill something else, bring your own! And don't forget to bring the whole **family and several friends!!** Festivities begin at **6:00 P.M.** in the first pavilion on your right as you enter the park.

In response to the numerous calls we receive asking, **“What can I do to help?”** we are beginning a **NEW COLUMN** in our newsletter. Each month we will feature one Boycott target company and ask you to write or call to express your disappointment with their funding of Planned Parenthood. We will also list one charity that is involved in embryonic stem cell research. This only involves 2 contacts per month. If you have a word processor, you can save a form letter and just change contact names and addresses each time. Your note can be as simple as “I refuse to continue doing business with you until you no longer fund Planned Parenthood” or “I will not contribute to [name of charity] until you quit providing support for embryonic stem cell research.” It should be do-able.

In addition, you will continue to see the new additions and those removed from the list twice per year. It is important to contact them as soon as possible after they are added to the list. That way, they are made aware that being placed on the *Boycott List* is a big deal. Remember, money talks. So, if you haven't written to all the companies in last month's newsletter, start there (call us if you need another copy).

This month we ask you to contact:

- **LEVI STRAUSS**– Operations: apparel (Levis, & Dockers); Mr. Philip A. Marineau, President & CEO, Levi Strauss & Co., 1155 Battery St., San Francisco, CA 94111-1230; 415-501-6000; levistrauss.com.

Abortion mill visits: Please join us and commit to praying at the mills! Remember that the best way to close these killing centers is to have a constant pro-life presence there. We can't do that without your help!!!

The upcoming dates for joining our group are August 16 & 20. We will accommodate your needs to the best of our ability. If you can go on the third Tuesday, meet our group in the parking lot after **7:30 A.M. Mass @ Resurrection's on August 16th**. Call Bill @ 563-582-4436 to let him know that you are planning to go. (Note change of Mass time for the summer.) Others are going to Iowa City to pray on the third Saturday (**August 20**). If you can join us, please call the office (563-556-5960) to let us know.

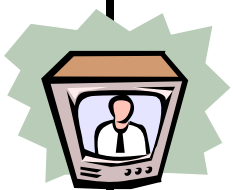
Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of the following: for **Brooke Marie Ehrlich** from Mr. & Mrs. David Thome; **Merlin Freiburger** from Dan & Barbara Nicholson, & Mary Kay Portzen; ;for **Carole Hanten** from Bill & Doris McDermott, for **Ed Lattner** from Bill & Doris McDermott, for **Marion O'Connor**, from Bill & Doris McDermott, for **Clara Rolwes** from Bill & Doris McDermott; for **Louis G. Schoofs** from Catherine A. Schoofs, for **Ervin Spahn** from Norm & Gloria Hein; **Genieve Quinlan** from Mary Kay Portzen; for **Delores Sigwarth** from Mary Kay Portzen & from Cheryl Billmyer, Rosie Hanson, Linda Ronek, Florene Wiese and Amy Weber; for **Karl Their** from Bob & Linda Sigwarth; for **John & Mary Vaassen** from the Vaassen family.

In honor of : for **Stan & Shirley Kane's** 50th wedding anniversary, from Ron & Pat Donovan; for **John & Donna Kruse's** 50th wedding anniversary from Dick & Jean Mescher; for **Warren Wolbers & family** from Evie Brecht & Jenny Send;

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



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. Upcoming programs feature **LIFE TALK NEWS**, Life Dynamic's monthly video magazine. There will be a new program every other week. These programs will show on Mondays and Fridays. On Saturdays, we will continue to show: **I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.** featuring Erin Caviezel @ our June 2nd meeting. [If these times aren't convenient, Mediacom will do their best to accommodate. Let them know!]

