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Dear Friends of Life:

Summer is coming to a close, and the school year is about to start. Our regular meetings will start up again, beginning Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please plan to join us at the Cathedral Center at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bluff at 7:00 p.m. We will have our usual informative educational program, followed by fellowship. We hope to see you there!

On another note, a big thank you to Anne Schmieder for all her work chairing our Dubuque County Fair booth! It was organized and attractive. Thousands of fair visitors were able to easily view and obtain pro-life educational materials. Thanks also to the volunteers who staffed the booth during the fair.

Now, for a quick building update. Plans have been finalized, and we are soliciting bids from contractors. Once the bids are received, we will seek certain in-kind donations of time, talent, and materials. If you believe you can offer something by way of construction/remodeling skills or in-kind donations to the building project, please contact Ellen or Colleen at the office, 556-5960. We also need volunteers to help in many other areas, so if you have any extra time, feel free to call!

I will leave you to reflect on the words of Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney who wrote an article for the Boston Globe describing why he vetoed a pro-abortion piece of legislation that was sent to his desk for signature:

**"For all the conflicting views on this issue (i.e., abortion) it speaks well of our country that we recognize abortion as a problem. The law may call it a right but no one ever called it a good, and, in the quiet of conscience people of both political parties know that more than a million abortions a year cannot be squared with the good heart of America . . . Many women considering abortions face terrible pressures, hurts and fears; we should come to their aid with all the resourcefulness and empathy we can offer. At the same time, the starting point should be the innocence and vulnerability of the child waiting to be born . . . In some respects, these convictions have evolved and deepened during my time as governor. In considering the issue of embryo cloning and embryo farming, I saw where the harsh logic of abortion can lead to the view of innocent new life as nothing more than research material or a commodity to be exploited . . . I have also observed the bitterness and fierce anger that still linger 32 years after Roe v. Wade. The majority in the U.S. Supreme Court's Casey opinion assured us this would pass away as Americans learned to live with abortion on demand but this has proved a false hope."**

Governor Romney is right. Abortion is not good, we must help women considering abortion, and we must protect innocent human life from conception to natural death. A good friend of mine recently said to me that he couldn't believe after all this time that abortion was still "so much disputed in this country." What he and others need to know is that abortion is just like slavery. It is always wrong. It is never right. It leads to both a further loss of respect for all human life, and a particular lessening of respect for women. There are positive pro-life alternatives to crisis pregnancies. These include adoption and providing women with real help: prenatal care, money, housing, education and other essentials.

The pro-life movement seeks a better day in America and in the world. A day where we will not be the only species on the face of the earth that kills its own before they are born.

Join us, support us, defend life.

Sincerely,

Arthur F. Gilloon, President  
Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc.



PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR DCRTL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE **16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN**. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 2:00—3:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2. MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO JOIN US. DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

**The Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. Board of Directors is seeking nominations of individuals interested in serving on the board. Elections to the Board are held annually in November. The term of office is three years. Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 5:00 P.M. Please submit names to Colleen Pasnik, Executive Assistant, DCRTL (563) 556-5960 before October 15th.**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Prepare coffee & treats for our monthly meeting on September 1
- Help out with the Leaf Ride for Life—help with promotions, 'man' a station, etc. (9/25)
- Offer to help at your church on Lifesaver Sunday (October 1 & 2)
- Help out with the LIFE CHAIN (October 2)
- Help sell tickets to the Younkers Benefit Sale; work at the sale (November 19th)
- Help organize March for Life bus participation

MORE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER!! (and always)

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2006** - Iowans for Life will again be hosting hundreds of Iowans as they march in Washington, D.C. to protest the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade. Buses will be leaving from several Iowa locations (including Dubuque) on Saturday, January 21 in the evening. We will travel overnight on the bus and arrive in Washington, D.C. on Sunday. The March & Rally are on Monday. Tuesday is a free day when we can see the sites of D.C. Tuesday evening we board the bus and head home, arriving back in Iowa on Wednesday, January 25th. The cost of the trip is \$250. This includes bus and hotel fees (shared rooms). You will need additional money for food, souvenirs and subway tickets. We would recommend a minimum of \$120 in cash for meals and incidentals while in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Dubuque County Right To Life @ 563-556-5960 or Iowans for Life 515-255-4113 or 800-727-2435.

If you are a student in grade 7 - 12, ask us how you can win the trip. **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND - NOW!** Reservations are due October 31. Now is the time to plan to attend the MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C.

**CORPORATE BOYCOTT UPDATE:** This month, please contact: **SYMANTEC**—Operations: computer software (Norton products, ProComm, Partician Magic, WinFax, & pcAnywhere; Mr. John W. Thompson, Chairman & CEO, Symantec Corp., 20330 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014-2132; 408-517-8000; symantec.com. Norton antivirus seems very popular—there are alternatives. If you have it on your computer you may want to let them know that when your subscription expires, you will not be renewing. Unless, of course, they agree to stop funding Planned Parenthood.

**CHARITABLE DONATION BOYCOTT: ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION/ Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.** Washington Office – 1334 G St., NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005 Phone (202) 393-7737 FAX (202) 393-3109 and/or Des Moines Office, 700 East University Avenue, Level B, Des Moines, IA 50316-2392 (515) 263-2464, 800-738-8071 FAX 515-263-2466. The Alzheimer's Association supports federal funding of Fetal Tissue Transplantation.

**FALL 2005 COMMUNITY DAY EVENT** formerly YOUNKERS HOLIDAY BENEFIT SALE - Younkers will once again be hosting its annual fundraising event and we plan to participate. It is an exciting and easy fund-raiser. Here's how it works: We sell tickets (\$5) The purchaser receives a packet with money saving coupons, one ticket worth \$5 off a single item (in essence, getting their money back) and a chance to win valuable prizes. We keep the \$5. **HOW YOU CAN HELP? We are in need of an event coordinator for this sale. [This is not a tough job—Younkers does most of the work.]** If you love to shop, or love to volunteer—give us a call –563-556-5960. If you don't want to be the coordinator, volunteer to sell tickets for us; volunteer to work the sale (November 19, 2005); and/or buy tickets from us. It would also be a good idea to let Younkers know we appreciate what they are doing.

We have been invited to attend a seminar on **“Understanding Infant Adoption”** at Mercy Medical Center on September 8th from 1:00—5:00 P.M. The training will update us on adoption practices; adoption law and procedure; social, cultural, and person influences on the patient/client; informed decision making; and resources and community referrals for pregnancy counseling and adoption. Information on medical costs, foster care, counseling, placement practices and the Iowa law will be included. We welcome this opportunity to update our knowledge about adoption. Anyone interested in more information about the seminar or wanting to going with us should call Colleen at 563-556-5960.

**MONTHLY MEETING** It's September! And, as usual, we'll be back at the Cathedral for our regular monthly meeting, beginning at 7:00P.M. Our speaker will be Rachel Begle. Rachel is a sophomore at Beckman High School and recently completed our speaker training course. Her topic is Euthanasia. (If you're able to bring treats, please call the office.)

**Thank you Anne Schmieder and all other Fair volunteers!** Thank you Chuck Seipp & Steve Hardie for set up and take down of our display. Thank you to Pam Birch from Air Gas for donating the helium for the balloons. Thank you Dave Larson for the carpet. And none of that would have been necessary if we didn't have people to tend the booth during Fair hours: Lee Andre, Jean Blaser, Cathy Brehm, Hannah Brehm, Meghan Brehm, Sara Brehm, Robin Brehm, Evie Brecht, Luvern Digmann, Ruth Fransen, Paula Friedman, Art Gilloon, Deb Goar, Emily Green, Jolene Green, Jeani Hohnstadt, Kim Koetz, Callie Kronlage, Dave Larson, Cathy Ludwig, Fr. McAndrew, Dianne McDermott, Jean Mescher, Mike Meyer, Eric Rugeberg, Jessica Rugeberg, Peggy Schares, Anne Schmieder, Steve Schmieder, Carol Schmitt, Mary Seipp, Jenny Send, Jerome Urbain, Ruth Urbain, Maureen Ward, Lorraine Weber, Vernon Weber & Antonia Yaklin.

Anne, once again you did a super job. Here's hoping you'll continue volunteering for years to come!

**Thank you Mike Ward and all other Moving volunteers!** Benjamin Cheah, Dave Larson, and Maureen Ward helped Colleen & I move lots of boxes during the week before Tom Becker, Mike & Sara Brehm, Dave Cushman, Rich Glover, Tony Grebner, Jim Herring, Kevin Koch, Pat McNamara, Mike Meyer, and Bill Pasnik came with the moving truck(s) and completed the job. We also thank Monie Anstoetter, Marilyn Gilloon, Amanda Healey, Jan McDonough, and Irene Scherrman for cleaning the new space prior to our move and Sue Thome for cleaning 1205 Cleveland Avenue after we moved out.

Our **visits to the abortion mill** in September will be on Saturday, **September 17th** and on Tuesday, **September 20th**. Tuesday's visit will be to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women, leaving from the Resurrection parking lot after **7:00 A.M.** Mass (note change of Mass time). Call Bill (563-582-4436) if you are able to go. Please call Ellen or Colleen (563-556-5960) for more information if you plan to go on Saturday.

**COMING EVENTS**

- September 1, 7:00 P.M. Regular monthly meeting @ the Cathedral. Speaker-Rachel Begle. September 25—Leaf Bike Ride for Life.
- October 2—LIFE CHAIN; Life Saver Sunday
- October 18-20 Bryan Kemper in town for pro-life awareness.
- Younkers Benefit Sale—November 19th
- December 8-9th. National Night Of Prayer for Life. St. Mary's Church 9:00P.M.— 1:00 A.M.
- WALK for LIFE in Washington Park—January 21, 2006
- Iowans for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C.—January 21-25, 2006. Plan now to attend.
- LIFE Dinner 2006—April 28. Mark your calendar—date certain. Details pending.

MEMBERSHIP FORM: Please mail to DCRTL, 2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

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