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Dear Friends of Life:

We have broken ground on the new Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. Office and Educational Center!!

Please drive by the corner of Asbury and Carter Roads to see our progress. This is an interim "thank you" to all of you who have supported us these last three years on the long road that the building project became. A proper thank you will come at the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house yet to be scheduled. In the meantime, it should come as no surprise that we still need your support! Fund-raising efforts continue, as we are still short of our building project goal of \$250,000.00. Smarter people than me have said that once all of the wonderful pro-life people see the building actually going up, enthusiasm will be rekindled and financial support will again stream in. I hope they are right, but only you hold the answer. We continue to need your prayers, talent and yes - money to make the building a reality.

Also, let's not forget what the new office/educational center will allow us to do for the Right to Life movement. First, instead of traveling to area schools, we can set up our informational displays about fetology and alternatives to abortion the way we want, and then invite classes to take a field trip to the educational center. We will not be hampered by the different classroom layouts and facilities we encounter when our educational efforts are taken on the road. Second, the fact that we own our own "home" now sends a message to everyone that the Right to Life movement is here to stay, has long-lasting and permanent support, and will be trumpeting the life message for years to come. That is something of which all of us should be proud. Third, you will soon see a new electronic message sign at the center. This will allow us to communicate pro-life messages and information to the inhabitants of the 11,000 cars that go by each day! What a great way to spread the pro-life message.

In summary, the new Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. Office and Educational Center is a testament to the fact that the pro-life message is the truth, the pro-life movement is growing (and never shrinks), and that someday we will see respect for life restored in our culture and in the law from conception until natural death.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this newsletter, spread the pro-life message, and support the efforts of Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.

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



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) has introduced **The Right to Life Act** of 2005 which seeks to extend the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to include the right to life of every born and pre-born individual. In his own words: "This legislation does what the Supreme Court refused to do and recognizes the personhood of the unborn for the purpose of enforcing four important provisions in the Constitution. 1. The due process clause (Section 1) of the 14th Amendment, which prohibits states from depriving any person of life; 2. Section 5 of the 14th Amendment, which gives Congress the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this amendment; 3. The due process clause of the 5th Amendment, which concurrently prohibits the federal government from depriving any person of life; and 4. Article 1, Section 8 which gives Congress the power to make laws necessary and proper to enforce all powers in the Constitution. The Right to Life Act of 2005 will protect millions of unborn children by prohibiting any state or federal law that denies the personhood of the unborn, thereby effectively overturning Roe v. Wade." **ACTION:** Call your Senators and Representatives and let them know what you think about this bill. Then tell others about the bill and have them call their Senators & Representatives, too.

MONTHLY MEETING Our November general membership meeting will be held at the Cathedral Center at 7:00 P.M. on **November 3rd**. Our speaker will be Denise Switzer. Denise is a wife and mother of three. She works full time at the Village Inn. Denise completed our speaker training session this past spring and is anxious to share her speech, titled, "My Story" with all of you. Please join us.
(If you're able to bring treats, please do so.)

VOTE—NOVEMBER 8. We sent our legislative survey to all candidates for the Dubuque city election prior to the primary on October 11. Those candidates for the November election NOT responding included Roy Buol, Ric Jones, Kevin Lynch and Joyce Connors. Karla Braig sent this note: "Thank you for recognizing my candidacy for a seat on the Dubuque City Council. I was very interested to receive and read the survey you sent me from the Right to Life. It raises some very interesting questions. However, I fail to see how my answers to any of the questions have pertinence with any decision I could possibly make should I be elected to serve on the Dubuque City Council. I fear, of course, that the survey could be used as a way for your organization to suggest to others who is "in line" with your thinking, and therefore, to vote or not vote for them. Perhaps that is not the case, and I certainly hope it isn't. Meanwhile, I am returning your survey in its original condition. My beliefs about any of these very important issues have absolutely no relevance to my service as a City Council candidate. I will be glad to share this rationale for not completing the survey and hope you will share it to interested parties within your organization." The results of surveys completed by John Markham, Dan Nicholson, Andrew Koons & Lou Oswald are available on request. Call Ellen @ 563-556-5960.

BOYCOTT UPDATE: The following corporations are no longer boycott targets: The Charles Schwab Company, Safeway, Inc. & Portland Brewing Company. The latest edition of *The Boycott List* should be available in December. Copies are available for a suggested donation of \$3 . Call if you'd like one.

Our **visits to the abortion mill** in December will be on Tuesday, **November 15th** and on Saturday, **November 19th**. 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 Tom (563-588-1635) 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

- Younkers Benefit Sale—November 19th
- December 1—general membership meeting
- 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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