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Dear Friends of Life:

There are big things going on with Dubuque County Right to Life, as always!

In the last few weeks, we had speakers before the following audiences: Dyersville Hospital Auxiliary - stem cell research; Hazel Green - various abortion techniques; University of Northern Iowa - Respect Life banquet; Resurrection School Confirmation classes - respect life; CCD classes - respect life; abstinence training day for teens; and Catholic Daughters - stem cell research. Our Speakers Bureau continues to grow, and two more candidates have completed training. Three of our new speakers will be giving their final preparatory speeches soon. Please remember that throughout the year our speakers present right to life programs before hundreds of people in the form of student groups, community organizations, charities, churches and schools. We reach thousands more through our cable TV program. Approximately 14,000 drivers a day see our electronic message center at the office. I offer all of this to you to show that your support of Dubuque County Right to Life translates into education ... it's what we do!

Our new educational center at 2205 Carter Road continues to generate lots of activity with people responding positively to the electronic message center and all of the room we have now. Our general membership meeting was held there on April 6, with about 30 people in attendance. I was honored to be the first presenter at a general membership meeting in our new location. Pardon me if I sound a little sentimental, but it is nice to have a Right to Life "home," which is also a meeting place, office, classroom, organizing center and headquarters for the leading pro-life educational organization in the Tri-State area!

I want to remind everyone that our open house at the new office and educational center is scheduled for May 4, 2006. There will be a ribbon cutting with the Chamber of Commerce at noon, and the open house will continue throughout the day until the National Day of Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. Please come and see the result of your hard work and support. We are proud of our new home (and, by the way, are still accepting contributions to pay off the mortgage!) so please join us.

Now, for some national news. USA Today reported on April 17, 2006 that America was divided over what to do if Roe v. Wade is overturned. Wisconsin was listed as a state more likely than Iowa and Illinois to protect the rights of the Unborn. Iowa and Illinois were listed as states that have passed some but not all of the legislation which would provide for informed consent to expectant mothers, outlaw partial birth abortion, inform parents, provide for waiting periods, and protect hospitals and other institutions that do not want to participate in abortion. As you know, Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. does not advocate for or against legislation. Our goal is to educate the general public on abortion, infanticide and euthanasia and work toward restoring civil rights protection to the Unborn. Our educational mission, however, is unavoidably tied to the future cultural, social and environmental aspects of the Life issues in Iowa and elsewhere. We all need to remember how important our own individual actions are in educating our fellow citizens about the facts of human fetal development, the positive pro-life alternatives to crisis pregnancies, how to help women in crisis, and how to help women who have suffered from the injury and pain that abortion brings. We need to make Iowa a state that is filled with pro-life educated citizens! If you are reading this newsletter, you have been part of that mission in the past, you are part of that mission now, and you must remain part of that mission for the future.

Thank you all again for everything you do for the Right to Life movement. Make a pledge today to renew your efforts and join us in making the future a bright one for the educational efforts of Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.

See you at the open house on May 4!

Sincerely,

YOU ARE INVITED!
 Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc will host an
OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday, May 4th
 At our new location—2205 CARTER ROAD
 (corner of Carter & Asbury)
 12 noon: Ribbon Cutting
 12:15—7P.M.: tours, displays, refreshments
 7 P.M. Prayer Service
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

MAY MONTHLY MEETING—In conjunction with the National Day of Prayer and DCRTL’s Open House, Pastor Kristian Kincaid of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will conduct a Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. at our office. On the first Thursday of May for the past several years, groups around the United States have been praying for our country, our leaders and our people. Please join us as we join them. This year’s theme is: AMERICA, HONOR GOD! -based on I Samuel 2:30 NIV “. . .Those who honor me, I will honor.”

“Vietnam Orphan Airlift”
 LeAnn Thieman will be in the Dubuque area on Monday, **May 8th**. LeAnn is a nurse and was instrumental in facilitating adoptions of 300 babies from Viet Nam after the war. She is co-author of “Chicken Soup for the Nurses’ Soul” and is an inspirational, motivational speaker. Presentations open to the public will be held at Beckman High School @ **10:30** am and Clarke College at **2:00** pm. There is no charge to attend. There will be book signings following each talk.

A **Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Peosta, June 30- July 2 and Cedar Falls on August 25-27. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting because of an abortion. For more information, please call Maria at (319)530-2597, or email maria.shores@rachelsvineyard.org. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call a national toll-free hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME. Or, call us -563-556-5960.

Our visits to the abortion mill in May will be on Tuesday the 16th & Saturday the 20th. Call Colleen or Ellen (563-556-5960) to get details on the Saturday visit and call Tom (563-588-1635) if you are able to go on Tuesday.

Lutherans for Life is holding their 24th National Conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa this July 14 –16. You may attend all or part of “Cherish the Children.” The conference offers a “wonderful opportunity to come together for encouragement, education, fellowship, and renewal of strength in our work of upholding the sanctity of all human life.” We have brochures in our office (call 563-556-5960 or stop by @ 2205 Carter Road) or you may get more information and/or register online at www.lutheransforlife.org.

- DCRTL’s WISH LIST:**
- ⇒ Teachers willing to share their expertise with us to prepare pro-life informational packets for use by grade school, junior high & high school students
 - ⇒ Anyone interested in scrap booking
 - ⇒ Minolta toner—MT toner 201A for our copy machine
 - ⇒ Bookends –1 dozen standard
 - ⇒ 2 Garden hoses (50’), 2 sprinklers and a Y connector for our outdoor faucet.

Cable TV: Watch for our programs on Channel 16—Monday @ 10 A.M., Friday @ 3P.M. & Saturday @ 1:00 P.M.

MUMPS EPIDEMIC: Now is the time to contact the FDA, Merck and the CDC to let them know we want ethical alternatives to their vaccines made from aborted fetal tissue (human cells). The health care community is providing tainted MMR vaccine when only the untainted Mumpsvox is needed. If we act now, we should be able to get an ethical alternative available *before* there is an outbreak of rubella. Call us (563-556-5960) for more information.

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

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 _____ \$200 Defender _____ \$35 Family
 _____ \$100 Patron _____ \$25 Individual

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