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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



VACCINES FROM ABORTION— The Rest of the Story

The issue is not whether we are for or against vaccines. That is for each individual to decide. We are against use of fetal tissue in some vaccines. There are 3 vaccines made from aborted fetal tissue (Rubella, Hepatitis A & Chicken Pox) that we have no ethical alternative for in the United States. The outbreak we are experiencing is mumps. We are suggesting that people ask for Mumps-vax alone instead of taking the MMR. That will not compromise their health or the health of the community. At present, the CDC has said that rubella has virtually been eradicated in the U.S. Besides, rubella vaccine does nothing to treat the mumps. Now is our opportunity to let Merck, the CDC and the FDA know that we want ethical options. We have the ability to do this. Consumer demand would force them to comply. What better time than now, when we are experiencing an out break of a different communicable disease? Call DCRTL (563-556-5960) for more information.

THANK YOU PRO-LIFE DUBUQUE!

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you, our generous donors, for the new Office & Education Center. We are delighted beyond words and humbled by your support and encouragement. Many of you gave of your time and talents and of your treasures. I hesitate to name names—but we have decided to recognize our “in-kind” donors in this newsletter. Thank you—7 Bluffs Nursery (3 plants), A to Z Landscaping (installation of landscape mulch), Ann Bauman Sitescape (landscape design), Allen’s Soda Blast (mold removal), Anonymous donor (1/2 of electronic message center), Anonymous donor (tables & chairs), Apex Concrete (half of concrete), Business Telephone supply (portion of communications), Carpet One/Carpet Shack & Cathy B. Interiors (window treatments & more), Dennis Hermsen (4 plants), Dubuque Bank & Trust (3 office system furniture groups), Eagle Window (portion of windows), Flynn Ready Mix (half of concrete), Giese Company (steel railing for landscape), Giese Sheet Metal Co. (portion of HVAC contract), Jeff Morton Design (portion of architect service), Jim Giese Roofing (portion of the roof), Lange Sign Group (4’X 8’ identification sign and interior & exterior door signs), Nauman Nursery (35 plants, soil, sod & installation), Portzen Construction (portion of contract), Ridge Road Nursery (6 plants), Security Products of Dubuque (burglar alarm system), Spahn & Rose Lumber Co. (cash), Theisen’s (12 plants), Time-O-Matic (shipping of electronic sign), and Zephyr Glass (portion of glass). Please forgive us if we neglected to mention one or more of you—it is not that we aren’t appreciative, just forgetful. And if you let us know, we will publish a correction in our next newsletter. In addition, 194 individuals or families contributed over \$192,000. Our Ribbon Cutting and Open House were a tremendous success. If you weren’t able to join us, you are still welcome to stop by to see us. We’d love to show you around!

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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 _____.

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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.

GOOD NEWS

- The **Defense Authorization Act**, HR-5122, the annual attempt to force overseas US military facilities to commit abortions was defeated 191 to 237.
- President Bush signed legislation to establish a national databank of umbilical cord blood and bone marrow that would allow doctors to quickly find a match for patients who need a transplant. (AP 12/20/05)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **HR 810 Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005** will allow use of taxpayer money for lethal experiments on embryonic human beings. In addition to the ethical concerns, this research would divert funds from the more promising adult stem cell research, including research using umbilical cord blood. Currently, taxpayer subsidies are limited to those using cell lines from embryos killed as of August 9, 2001. This legislation has already passed in the House. Call your Senators now!
- The **Child Custody Protection Act** (S 8) would prohibit minor girls from being transported across state lines by non-custodians for the purpose of having an abortion. This is done to avoid parental notification laws. Majority Leader Bill Frist has placed it under a "Rule 14" which allows him to bring it to the floor at any time. Unfortunately, a filibuster has been threatened. Contact Senator Frist and your own Senators. Let them know if you would like to see this voted on before the November elections.
- Senators need to hear from voters on the issue of cloning. In the United States there is no ban and researchers are actually demanding federal funding to clone. Senators Sam Brownback (R-KS) and Mary Landrieu (D-LA) are co-sponsoring the **Human Cloning Prohibition Act** (S-658).
- The Houston woman whose life was threatened by a hospital ethics committee has passed away. Under Texas law, medical providers are authorized to remove life-sustaining treatment from a patient when further care is deemed "futile," providing the family is given 10 days notice. Family members vow never to "stop working to change the [futile care] law."

- Abortion advocates in Congress have reintroduced the **Freedom of Choice Act**, which would legalize unlimited abortion and overturn key pro-life laws. The bill goes much further than making *Roe v. Wade* the law of the land. It would nullify every pro-life limit on abortion. NARAL & friends are asking their activists to contact Congress and support the bill. Please call and let them know your thoughts on this bill.
- Abortion advocates are seeking signatures throughout the state of **South Dakota** to put the ban on abortions on the November state ballot. It is likely that they will meet their goal (17,000) because national pro-abortion groups are pouring money into the state and paying about 400 volunteers. They decided to seek ballot status to avoid having to go to court. Should voters uphold the ban, Planned Parenthood can still file a lawsuit against the ban.
- A plan to help millions of Americans who are without **health insurance** is being proposed. The plan would allow small businesses to band together into large associations to purchase cheaper insurance as a group. It is being blocked because it is proposed that the insurers would not have to follow individual state laws. Hillary Clinton & Harry Reid are concerned that millions of women “are going without prescription contraception.” Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY) the bill sponsor, pointed out that access to contraceptives is protected under federal rulings. Most of these women are now “going without any insurance.” Call your Senators to let them know what you think about this.

- **The Birth Control “Patch”**: The Contraceptive Patch, Ortho Evra, is a product of Ortho McNeill Pharmaceutical, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson (this month’s featured boycott target). Research reveals that this drug produced \$400,000,000 in sales in 2004. On 11/10/05, Ortho McNeill issued another product label which reveals increased risks related to its use. Information from the **FDA** indicates that they have received 20,923 Adverse Events Reports and that at least 55 girls have died as a result of using the “Patch.” Yet they still do not seem interested in doing anything. There have been many lawsuits filed against the manufacturer. Please help spread the word about the danger of the “Patch” and help get it off the market. [Information about the ‘Patch’ was provided by Charlie Burke.]
- The **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** and the **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** recently held a workshop to discuss the “emergence” of fatal *clostridium sordellii* (CS) bacterial infections. Although the agenda revealed an acknowledgement of a causal relationship between RU-486 and toxic shock syndrome caused by CS, no consensus was reached and no action taken. *Life Advocacy Briefing* notes, “The FDA has yanked other drugs off the market in recent months when presented with reports of as few as two deaths linked to the medications. Some seven RU-related deaths and well over 600 complications have been reported, yet the FDA’s response is to convene a workshop.”
- The **American College of OB-Gyns (ACOG)** is launching a campaign to promote the “morning-after-pill (MAP).” The new program encourages obstetricians and gynecologists to offer a prescription for the MAP to women at each visit. In a news release from Pro-Life Action League, Ann Scheidler states, “The nation’s Ob/Gyns are acting as if fertility is a virus and that women need to treat it as an illness rather than a healthy condition.” and wonders if the campaign is “aimed at pressuring the FDA to approve of Plan B, the morning-after-pill, for over-the-counter sale.” Barr Laboratories, Plan B’s manufacturer, has petitioned the **FDA** for non-prescription status. The FDA has not yet responded.
- The **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** has awarded \$773,000 in taxpayer funds to Professor Maxwell Mehlman, director of the Center for Genetic Research, Ethics & Law at Case Western Reserve University. The project is to ‘determine the conditions under which it would be ethical to conduct genetic enhancement research using human subjects.’ C. Ben Mitchell, senior fellow at the pro-life Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity (CBHD), responded that, ‘Providing this grant signals a fundamental and dangerous change in the policy of the NIH, resurrecting the mistaken goals of the eugenics programs in the United States and Europe in the early 20th century.’ CBHD President, Andrew Fergusson states, “the project presupposes that it is ethical to re-engineer normal human beings.

BOYCOTT UPDATE: This month our featured **Boycott target company** is: **Johnson & Johnson (J&J)** (Operations: *baby care* (Johnson's products, Balmex, etc.), *medical devices/diagnostics* (Advanced Care, ChemTrak, DePuy, direct Access, InDuo System, LifeScan, OneTouch, Ortho), *personal care* (dental: floss, ACT fluoride, Ar-estin, Reach; feminine: Carefree, 'o.b.' Stayfree; sunburn prevention: Piz Buin; *treatments*: Actisorb, Axert, Band-Aid, Cortaid, Ethicon, Gas Aid, Imodium, Lactaid, Medipren, Monistat, Motrin, Mylanta Mylicon, Pariet, Pepcid, Simply Cough, Simply Stuffy, Sine-Aid, Tylenol, etc.; *nutrition*: Benecol, Sesame Street, Splenda, Viactiv; *skin/hair*: Aveeno, Clean & Clear, Evian Affinity, Neutrogena, Purpose, RoC, Shower to Shower; *vision*: Acuvue, Sure-vue, Vistakon; KY lubricants); *pharmaceuticals*: (Companies: ALZA, Centocor, Janssen-Cilag, Janssen-Ortho, Noramco, Ortho, Ortho-McNeil, Therakos, Tibotec, etc; *products*: Cordis, Ertaczo, Levaquin, Nizoral, Procrit, Regranex, Remicade, Retin-A, etc.); *websites* (itsmybody.com), & Codman & Shurtleff. **CONTACT:** Mr. William C. Weldon, Chairman & CEO, Johnson & Johnson Inc., 1 Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933-0001; (732)524-0400; www.jnj.com **TO ORDER A COMPLETE BOYCOTT LIST, WRITE TO LIFE DECISIONS INTERNATIONAL P.O. BOX 75161, WASHINGTON, DC 20013-0161 or phone 540-631-0380.**

PLEASE TAKE TIME THIS MONTH TO MAKE THIS CONTACT LETTING MR. WELDON KNOW YOUR CONCERNS. We chose J&J as our target company because Fr. Tom Euteneuer of Human Life International just attended their annual shareholders meeting exposing their link to the abortion industry. In addition, several deaths have occurred from use of the birth control Patch which is manufactured by Ortho-McNeil of which J&J is parent company. Fr. Euteneuer says the companies who fund the abortion industry "need to hear from us in the only way they understand: if you continue to fund the killers **it's going to cost you.**" (emphasis mine)

Our featured **Charitable Organization** to boycott is: the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**. In recent ads there have been incentives given to customers and promises by the retailers to make contributions to the Komen Foundation with part of the company profit from your purchase of certain items. **DON'T DO IT!** Instead, tell the retailers that if part of the profit from your purchase is going to the Komen Foundation, you will shop elsewhere. Let them know that Komen funds Planned Parenthood and denies medical facts about breast cancer risks. The foundation sponsors *Race for the Cure*, a national event to raise money for breast cancer research. The "races" take place in various locations all year long. So if you're asked to contribute or participate in that, use it as another opportunity to share information on the Planned Parenthood - Komen connection.

HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU! Since you no longer plan to buy Johnson & Johnson products and won't be shopping at local retailers during their Komen Foundation benefit sales, you will need to find a place for all your money! We know the perfect pro-life non-profit organization in need of money. Many of you missed the opportunity to make your annual pledge to DCRTL since you were unable to join us for the Life Dinner. We missed you! And we need your pledge. Our goal for the building fell short & expenses were greater by over \$100,000 and we had to take out a loan for the difference. We still have our operating budget and we are counting on you. Please fill out and return the enclosed pledge card. Note that we have an added feature—automatic payments—to make it easier for you to help us. Thank you for whatever you can give and for all your past support.

P.S. If you haven't been in, please stop by to see us in our new environment. You will like what you see!

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of the following: for **Geraldine McDonough** from Louis McDonough; for **Marguerite S. Wright** from David & Renee Wright and Art & Penny Gilloon; for **Mary Bailey** from John & Mary Bailey, Tony & Mary Burbach, Bill & Mary Rhomberg, and Janet Rhomberg; for **Hong Tran** from Barb & Dan Nicholson; for **Msgr. Robert Hogan** from Barb & Dan Nicholson and Bud & Madonna Portz; for **Alice Ament** from Theresa & Jeff Chapman; for **Audrey Kinney** from Ron & Pat Donovan; for **Bill Donovan** from Ron & Pat Donovan; for **Lois Ferris** from Tom & Ruth Becker; for **Roy Mills** from Norm & Gloria Hein; for **Glenn Harvey** from Barb & Dan Nicholson; for **Barbara Mueller** from Barb & Dan Nicholson; for **Courtney Davis** from Ron & Kristina Turnis; for **Lyle Clemens** from Mrs. Lawrence Kersten.; and for **twin** grandchildren who died before birth from Mary Bridges.

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.

2006 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY—RESULTS:

We sent our survey to all candidates who will appear on our ballots locally if they have opponents in the primary election. The Primary Election will take place on June 6th. All received an email survey and a reminder notice of date due. The survey was divided into the following categories: RESEARCH, PUBLIC EDUCATION, END-OF-LIFE ISSUES, ABORTION REGULATION, INSURANCE COVERAGE, STATISTICAL REPORTING & FUNDING.

The following candidates for **Congressional District 1** did not respond: Bruce Braley, Rick Dickinson, and Denny Heath. Bill Gluba responded to the reminder stating that he didn't receive the survey which was then re-sent—please call the office for his response—it has not arrived as of press time.

Bill Dix supports prohibition of all abortion. He states, “While in Iowa legislature [he] voted and worked to secure votes of others in support of 1) ban on human cloning 2) women's right to know 3) parental notification 4) statistical reporting 5) ‘no’ vote on mandate coverage of contraceptives.” He plans to “1) Continue work to change minds both in public and within Congress. 2) Work to elect new members who will vote to protect the life of the unborn. It has been a privilege working in Iowa House to pass legislation which will (stop/reduce) unborn children from unnatural death.”

Brian Kennedy supports the prohibition of abortion except to save the life of the mother. He has attended the March for Life, Life Chain, right to life dinners; co-chaired the Republican National Platform Committee (1996) & fought to include strong pro-life planks. If elected, he promises to “be a pro-life leader, not just a pro-life vote & to co-sponsor a Human Life Amendment and federal parental consent law.”

Mike Whalen supports the prohibition of abortion except in rape, incest and genuinely to save the life of the mother. If elected he “will calmly, but assertively, argue for the right to life. I will try very hard to cause “pro-choice” advocates to reassess their abortion on demand stance, making them realize their own contradictions.” He states, “Any country that does not celebrate life suffers. Our country was founded on pro-life ideals.”

The following candidates for **Governor of Iowa** did not respond: Mike Blouin, Chet Culver, & Sal Mohamed. Ed Fallon's press secretary responded “Because much of the language in the survey shows a distinct bias, he is choosing not to respond. His record on choice is clear.”

Secretary of State:

Chuck Allison supports the prohibition of abortion except to save the life of the mother. He states, “I have supported pro-life events. I have prayed regularly for God's intervention I vote for pro-life candidates. As Secretary of State I can advise on issues on life. I will also have a vote on the Executive Council.”

Robert Dopf supports “a legitimate life of the mother exception.” He states, “I was a founder and principal organizer of the Pro-Life Action Council in 1978. It was the first pro-life PAC in Iowa and I guided it through the 1978 and 1980 elections. I have served on the Board of Directors of Iowans for Life and/or Iowa Right to Life continuously since 1976 and I debated Bill Baird two times, once at the U. of Iowa and a second time at UNI.” He says he will do “everything in [his] power” to promote the right to life.” “My commitment to the pro-life cause has been life long and it always will be. It comes ahead of any and all political considerations.”

For **Secretary of Agriculture**, Denise O'Brien and Dusky Terry did not respond.

Mark Leonard supports the prohibition of abortion except to save the life of the mother. Mark has had annual membership to the Iowa Christian Alliance; support of fundraisers and house parties and served on County & District Republican platform committees. [He] supports legislators that are working to advance right to life legislation.”

Bill Northey supports the prohibition of abortion with the only possible exemption being to save the life of the mother. He states, “I have supported pro-life candidates. I will not be in a legislator or policy position. But I will be willing to share my views when appropriate and will be supportive of other pro-life candidates. Thank you for your work!”

Our **June 1 meeting** will be held at **7:00 P.M. in our new Office & Education Center!!!!** Plan to join us to hear Mary Mormann, a recent graduate of our speaker training, tell us about talking to your kids about sex. The title of her speech is "Preparing Parents - Preparing Pre-teens."

Dates for the upcoming visits to pray at the abortion mills are: Saturday, June 17th and Tuesday, June 20th. Call (563-556-5960) if you can join us.



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, the Justice Foundation **Faces of Abortion** and local programming. Please keep watching to get updated on life issues and events. **TUNE IN TO CHANNEL 8 FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING!**

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