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Dear Friends of Life:

The other day I saw a bumper sticker that ended with “abortion-- in your heart you know it is wrong”. The people who make up the right to life ‘movement’ know in their heart that abortion is wrong. That is why we do what we do.

Thousands and thousands of people across the nation have spent much of their adult life working on this issue about which they are passionate. They have dedicated themselves to being a voice for the preborn and the mothers who have fallen prey to the abortionist. Through the volunteer and financial support of organizations like Dubuque County Right To Life, they speak out on abortion, embryonic stem cell experimentation, help women experiencing a difficult pregnancy, pray at abortion chambers, refuse to give money to companies and organizations that support abortion, promote chastity and educate the youth about the horror of abortion.

We ask you to not support many otherwise worthwhile organizations because their national organizations support embryonic stem cell research. This is a very difficult thing to do because of all the good that these groups do locally. Things can come up legislatively without any prior notice. Every citizen has the right and the duty to let their representatives know where they stand on an issue. We are here to keep everyone’s feet to the fire. Abortion has been legal since 1973 and when something has gone on as long as this struggle, people can become tired and give up. Important and worthwhile events going on in the rest of the world that need attention, too, can be distracting. We understand that. That is why it is so important that we stick together so that when one of us falls behind for a while, someone else will step up and take our place.

We are now in the cyber age. It is time for Dubuque County Right To Life to do a better job of using electronic communication. We know that many of you access the internet daily or at least several times a week. We want you to be part of an action network. Please read Ellen’s note and notify us if you are willing to be part of an action alert group.

Sincerely,

Maureen Ward, President

LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ISSUES - Dubuque County Right To Life has an extensive lending library containing books, videos, cd’s and other materials concerning all of the life issues. Whether you are a veteran pro-lifer or are newly interested you are welcome to make use of these resources. Stop by the office at 2205 Carter Road and check out the contents of our library. We invite you to find a topic of interest and explore it.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SAMPLES OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

ENDING ABORTION NOT JUST FIGHTING IT - National Director of Priests for Life, Father Frank Pavone, presents a collection of his stirring and informative pro-life essays for those who seek to protect human life from abortion and euthanasia.

BAD CHOICES A LOOK INSIDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD - Douglas Scott details the activities of the world’s primary advocate of legal abortion. Designed for a general audience, this book includes explicit and offensive quotations from Planned Parenthood literature which is made available to children without parental knowledge.

LETTERS TO GABRIEL—The story of Gabriel Michael’s short but meaningful life and a tribute to the sanctity of life. Written by his mother Karen Santorum during her pregnancy.

DEADLY COMPASSION - Rita Marker tells the story of Ann Humphry who alleged in her suicide note that she was driven to kill herself by her husband, Derek Humphry, co-founder of the Hemlock Society and author of the number-one best-seller FINAL EXIT.

ATTENTION KIDS — PRO LIFE FUN DAY

KIDS GRADES 3-5 come join us for a **PRO-LIFE FUN DAY– THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2007**
Enjoy a day of fun at the new Dubuque County Right to Life office
on the corner of Asbury and Carter Road

Making t-shirts, reading stories, and visiting the elderly are only a few of the fun things planned for the day. The cost is \$5, which covers all materials needed for the day and includes a snack.

The day starts at **9 am and ends at noon.**
Call **Ellen at 556-5960** to register.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2008

ITS NOT TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING & SAVING SO YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC FOR THE MARCH JAN. 22.



We do not hold a general meeting in the month of July. DCRTL’s next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 2** at our office at **6:00 P.M.** August is always the time to kick back & enjoy the ‘lazy hazy days of summer’ (quick before school starts!). It is also the month for our annual pro-life picnic. We have moved from the park to our office and plan to remain here. We will once again be grilling hot dogs for you (in our parking lot) an ask each of you to bring a side dish to share. So start thinking of what picnic style dish you’d like to bring and we’ll see you in August!



Our scheduled **visits to the abortion mill** in July will be on Tuesday, **July 17th.** We will also go on Saturday, **the 21st.** Tuesday's visit will be to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women, leaving from the Resurrection parking lot after 7:30 A.M. Mass. Call Tom (563-588-1635) if you are able to go. Call DCRTL about the Saturday visit.

CALL US IF YOU CAN WORK AT OUR BOOTH AT THE DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIR!! July 24-29



Please join our Action Alert List—We are currently setting up a database so we can notify you by email if there are any Pro-Life issues that you need to be aware of. Often we hear of legislative actions at the last minute and could then get the information out to you so we don’t miss an opportunity to influence or at least let our views be heard. Email your address to dcrtl@dcrtl.org. If you do not have email and want to be notified, let us know and we will put you an a call list.
In addition to setting up an action alert database, we are exploring the possibility of distributing our newsletter via email or by notification that it is up on our website to anyone preferring that to the regular mail If you prefer to receive your newsletter online, please let us know.

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

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