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Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization dedicated to preserving and fostering respect for human life from conception to natural death. We educate the public about the dangers of abortion, euthanasia, and infanticide.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

ABSTINENCE EDUCATION VS. COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION



A recent Zogby poll shows parents favor abstinence education. Planned Parenthood (PP) is pushing for “comprehensive, medically accurate” sex ed. Parents vs. PP: Who wins? The game isn’t over, but for now, Planned Parenthood is in the lead and the ball is in their court. Effective July 1, 2007 (almost immediately after signed into law) all school districts in Iowa must teach “medically accurate, age appropriate” sex-ed. And currently, there is a campaign underway to de-fund the federal program that supports abstinence education while continuing funding that can be used for “comprehensive” sex ed. Congress dropped the abstinence funding provision from the bill last fall and unless it is renewed abstinence education funding will expire this year and PP wins. This in spite of what parents want. This in spite of a major national study (showing) “*Comprehensive Sex Education is Ineffective: Abstinence Works.*” This in spite of the fact that American taxpayers have spent billions on contraceptive education since the '70s and in return got skyrocketing teen pregnancy and STD rates. Parents want a change.

So why is PP so far in the lead? Several reasons come to mind. They have money. They are great marketers. The mainstream media is on their side. Apathy. Deception.

A program described as comprehensive, medically accurate, research based, and age-appropriate sounds very acceptable, very good. It’s understandable that parents, school boards and city councils would be taken in by a program described as such. But the reality is that PP style sex-ed teaches children to engage in sexual activities, uses sexually explicit films and images in presentations, opposes parents’ role in instructing their children and makes sure to start teaching kids as young as nine all of this. Since 1970, PP has pushed for sex ed in public schools. Their goal: mandated sex ed in every school district in the nation for all grades—K through 12! They see sex ed as a way of indoctrinating our children with their philosophies—acceptance of abortion and deviant sexual practices.

Abstinence education emphasizes relationship building, self-worth, and the potential negative emotional, financial, and physical consequences of premarital sex. Credible peer reviewed studies show the positive effects from abstinence education include delaying sexual debut, reducing partners once sexually active and empowering students to embrace abstinent behavior.

But how would one know this? One must be told; or one must monitor the program; or one must research. And one must not believe all that is reported. (Last April, after reviewing a problematic study by Mathematica Policy Research Inc. the *Boston Globe* editorialized that abstinence education is a “waste” of both time and money.)

Sex education is a parent’s right and responsibility. The time to get involved is now. DCRTL has many resources to help. To understand the PP philosophy read: *Humanist Manifesto I & II, Grand Illusions & Bad Choices* or listen to STOPP Planned Parenthood’s new CD set. For information directly related to sexuality education: *What’s Wrong With Sex Education* (Anchell), *Sex Education: The Final Plague* (Engel), *Parent Power* (Sedlak), or *The Myths of Sex Education* (McDowell). Start by contacting your U.S. Senators. Ask them to renew funding for abstinence education. Next, learn about the many problems with the type of sex ed PP advocates. Then find out what is taught in your school. Discuss these issues with your teachers, principals, and school board members. Volunteer to help implement curriculum and/or policy changes. Do whatever is necessary for the sake of our children and our society.

Sex education is a parent’s right and responsibility. Stand up for your rights! Accept the responsibility! Educate yourself and others. Spread the word. Contact your legislators. Involve the school board. Talk to your principal and teachers. Get that ball back in your court! Go! Fight! Win!



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ACTION ITEMS: 1. On June 21, 2007 the US House voted 223-201 on an amendment (H. AMDT.367) to a spending bill (H.R.2764) that would allow international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that do not comply with the Mexico City Policy to receive donated contraceptives from the U.S. Critics warn that *this measure would effectively overturn current law*, which prohibits NGOs from receiving any U.S. assistance unless they agree not to use funds to perform or refer patients for abortions or to advocate the legalization of abortion. Make your voice heard by **contacting your senators** today.

2. Title V, a provision of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act, has enabled abstinence educators to teach young people how to have a healthy, happy and productive life, free of the negative and sometimes deadly consequences of pre-marital sexual activity. Title V was dropped from the legislation last fall, and unless the money is re-authorized, many abstinence education programs will be shut down. **Contact your senators & representative** today.

BOYCOTT UPDATE: Cost Plus World Market is no longer a boycott target. :-)

With back-to-school shopping in mind, we felt it a good time to remind you that **Levi Strauss** remains a boycott target. Contact: Mr. Phillip A. Marineau, President & CEO, Levi Strauss & Co., 1155 Battery St., San Francisco, CA 94111-1230; (415) 501-6000; levistrauss.com Operations: retail outlets (apparel/accessories –Dockers, etc.) New to the most recent Boycott List is **Kara-Line**—Operations: apparel (Wild Carrots), retail outlets (Grasshopper, Tumbleweed); Contact: Ms. Kara Larson-Koenig, Owner, Kara-Line Inc., c/o Tumbleweed Boutique, 1804 NE Alberta St., Portland, OR 97211; (503) 335-3100; kara-line.com

Sometimes it is easiest to get businesses to stop supporting PP if they get a flurry of contacts early on. Please contact these businesses if only to say you are disappointed that they support an organization that kills 5,025 babies each week and that you won't knowingly do business with them for that reason. Be brief and be charitable.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION boycott: On August 8, 2007 the local **UNITED WAY** Annual Campaign will officially kick-off. Chances are you will be asked to contribute. Here are a few things to consider before doing so: While it is true that they fund many good organizations, they also contribute financially to others that do abortions. Although they state in writing that “no local United Way in the United States funds abortion services,” they also state that “some United Way -funded agencies provide family counseling services such as pregnancy-related discussions, adoption assistance, foster care, teen parenting and prenatal care and healthy baby programs.” This latter statement opens the door to support for groups that refer for, promote or in other ways encourage mothers to abort their pre-born children. Each local United Way is an independent and locally governed organization. Less than one percent of funds collected annually goes to the national headquarters, which has no governance or financing authority over local United Ways. Approximately 11% of every dollar is used for administrative costs. Funding decisions are made at the local level.

This year local funds are being raised for the following agencies: American Red Cross of the Tri-States; Boy Scouts of America, NE Iowa Council; Boys' & Girls' Club of Greater Dubuque; Catholic Charities; Dubuque Community Y; Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois; Hillcrest Family Services; Hoffmann Development Center; Iowa Legal Aid; JDWI (Jo Daviess Workshop, Inc.); Mental Health America of Dubuque County; Opening Doors/Maria House, Project Concern, Inc.; Salvation Army; and Substance Abuse Services Center. While most of these organizations are worthwhile, the local Red Cross condoned the distribution of condoms at the Olympics; the Girl Scouts of Little Cloud Council approved the “Baby Think It Over Project,” Hillcrest distributes the abortifacient “morning-after-pill” and offers birth control to minors without parental knowledge or consent.

One can designate their money to be used for a particular organization served. However, total contributions to the various agencies doesn't necessarily change based upon those requests. *[Donor A restricts funds; Donor B makes no restrictions. His money makes up the difference. In the end, the amount given to each agency remains the predetermined allotment.]* Consider donating directly to the individual agency or charitable organization of your choice.

Many teachers join the **NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** (NEA) for collective bargaining representation but are not aware of the NEA's socio-political and moral issue activism. The NEA has a history of pro-abortion policies (their longstanding Family Planning Resolution, supports “reproductive freedom” and “all methods of family planning” including abortion), a homosexual political agenda and aggressive promotion of sex-education and condom use. (They recently denounced abstinence curricula as “riddled with messages of fear and shame, gender stereotypes, and medical misinformation that puts young people at risk.”). There are alternative organizations for teachers, such as the Christian Educators Association International, the Association of American Educators (AAE) and Pro-Life Educators and Students (PLEAS). Concerned parents need to be get involved with their local school board and monitor curriculum issues of concern.



Last year we moved our annual picnic to our office and changed its name to “Right to Life Social” It was so successful, we’ve decided to do it again on August 2, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M. We will grill out in our parking lot. Please bring your own drinks and table service and a dish to pass. We will provide hot dogs. [If you prefer something else to grill, bring your own.] Our regular MONTHLY MEETINGS will resume in September. (See article below)

DCRTL’s next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 6th** at our office at **7:00 P.M.** We will be back on our regular schedule. Our speaker will be Sue Stratman. Sue was originally scheduled to speak last March when our meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The title of her talk is: “*Embryonic Stem Cells—Not for My Brain Injured Son!*” Come to hear her story about the treatment options she was offered for her son Daniel after medical error left him severely brain injured. Sue will share the moral implications, her faith & their selfless decisions-based on their knowledge that ‘every life is precious.’

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

Dates for the upcoming visits to pray at the abortion mills are: **Saturday, August 18th (Iowa City)** and **Tuesday, August 21st (Cedar Rapids)**. Call for information if you can join us.



Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of: **Wayne Walsh** from Bill & Colleen Pasnik and John & Ellen Markham; **Sue Marso** from Bill & Colleen Pasnik; **Richard Norpel** from Mary Tilp; **Eva Ruth Sparks** from Mary Tilp; **Bernida Frye** from Bill & Mary Mormann and Bud & Madonna Portz; **Jim Link** from Paul & Betty Dolter; **Ruth Graham & Joe Graham, Jr.** from Roger & Lynne Gibbs; **Daniel F. Laughlin** from Art & Penny Gilloon; **Todd Faley** from Bill & Doris McDermott; **Melita Ross** from Terry & Dee Schilling; **Grace McMahan** from Dewey & Jane Meyer.

In honor of the following: **Fred & Helen Westhoff’s** 50th anniversary from Roger & Darlene Osterhaus; **Ruth Downs** 80th birthday from Richard & Colette Downs; **Larry & Irene Shermann’s** 50th anniversary from Bill & Colleen Pasnik and John & Ellen Markham and Bob & Bridget Kluesner; **Gerald & Marilyn Prier’s** 50th anniversary from Bob & Doris Wessels, Paul & Rita Wilhelm and Roger & Darlene Osterhaus; **Jim & Pat Edwards** 50th anniversary from Jim & Kathy Conlon

When 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.

Quit Googling!

Use www.prolifesearch.com instead! Users now select the charities who receive donations. When you are (randomly) tagged, select Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. to receive a donation check. Your use and promotion of ProLifeSearch helps protect the innocent unborn. Thank you!

Suggested pro-life resolution #4 for 2007: Boycott the businesses that fund the death industry. These groups don’t deserve one dollar of our hard-earned money if they are material cooperators in the killing of innocents. (Fr. Tom Euteneuer, Human Life International)

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 on 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.



Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16. Watch for our **upcoming locally taped programs**, scheduled for Mondays @ 10:00 A.M., Fridays @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturdays @ 1:00 P.M. This month we are airing *Kirsten Lillegard's talk, "Pro-Life Health Care: NaPro Technology."* We now are able to present other programs on Cable Channel 15. The scheduled times for **LIFE TALK NEWS** are:

Mondays @ 9:00 P.M., Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 3:30 P.M. and Thursdays @ 2:00 P.M. The scheduled times for **Faces of Abortion** are Tuesdays @ 8 P.M. & Wednesdays @ 1:00 P.M.

Please keep watching to get updated on life issues and events.

Mediacom now has 24 hour programming so our shows will also make random appearances during the night and on weekends—so watch to see if you can find our shows at other times than those listed above.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2008 MARCH FOR LIFE!

We will once again join with Iowans for Life and trek out to Washington, D.C. in January for the annual March. The price will be \$280.00. This includes the bus trip and a room (4 person occupancy) on Capital Hill for two nights. Food & incidentals extra. We hope you can come. Call for more information or to sign up.

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garbage bags
 - ⇒ **Medium size garbage
can** (for yard waste)
 - ⇒ Speaking engagements
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