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Dear Friends of Life:

The main thing we do at Dubuque County Right to Life is to provide information. We are first and foremost an educational organization that is always available to provide information or speakers in our mission to educate about abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Education includes chastity, embryonic stem cell research, abortifacients, Planned Parenthood, corporate sponsorship, and other related topics.

We work very hard to be on top of the aforementioned. However, in our last newsletter, a discussion of the United Way should have been separated from the area of the newsletter dealing with corporate boycotts. Dubuque County Right To Life is not boycotting the United Way and, therefore, an informational article would have been more appropriate. Unfortunately, it was not emphasized clearly that the local chapter is not involved in donating to those in the abortion industry. We apologize to the United Way of Dubuque for this error.

Because we have been so involved in the pro-life movement for so long, we have seen how the culture of death can encroach on us while we sit back. We know how national agendas and policies get pushed on local groups. In our zeal to encourage people to think critically, we ended up confusing them more. For instance, the August newsletter stated that the local Red Cross chapter condoned the distribution of condoms at the 2002 Olympics. In fact, it was a local Utah chapter that participated in the distribution of safety bags that included condoms. We apologize to the Red Cross for this error.

Our examples should have been presented as food for thought. For instance, not everyone understands the contraception connection to abortion. Not everyone understands the abortifacient nature of chemical contraceptives. Our concern is to present information so people can make educated decisions about life issues. We will continue this mission each and every day even as we are further bombarded by the culture of death.

Sincerely,

Maureen Ward, President

A great big thank you goes out to Anne Schmieder for taking charge of our booth at the Dubuque County Fair and also to all who helped out during Fair week. Whether you helped with set-up & take down or by "manning" the booth, you provided a much needed service to DCRTL, the unborn babies and those threatened with euthanasia. Thanks for all you did to spread the pro-life message throughout the county! We couldn't do it without you!



STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

Isn't that the way it works? It seems, no matter how much you plan, there is never enough storage space! Well, we're planning to make some crosses, this time to use for our LIFE CHAIN but before we do, we need to make sure we can store them. We have a volunteer who will make a box for them that will be 6' X 3' X 2'. Do you have room to keep our box of crosses? Are you willing to store them for us? If so, please call and let us know ASAP so we can begin construction in time to finish by October 7 for this year's LIFE CHAIN.

PRO-LIFE ACTION ALERTS: Keep watching for pro-life updates on our message center when you drive by our Office & Education Center. Tell your friends to do the same. This month, cord blood was donated to the John Paul Stem Cell Research Institute because someone was watching!

Join us for our meeting on **Thursday, September 6th** at our office at **7:00 P.M.** Our speaker will be Sue Stratman. 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.’

GO AHEAD AND GOOGLE!

Last month (as we have in the past) we suggested that you use the search engine ProLifeSearch.com instead of Google because they promised to share their profits with pro-life organizations. We had seen the site promoted in several other pro-life publications and have been using it successfully. We even received a small donation from them a while back.

A few weeks ago, without warning, we could no longer access the site. All efforts to contact them have failed. We have since heard from several of you, also unable to access the site. We have now become aware that individuals who have placed orders with them, haven’t received the items. We apologize for any inconvenience and will keep you posted. The investigation continues.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2008 MARCH FOR LIFE!

We will once again join with Iowans for Life for their trip to Washington, D.C. in January for the annual March. We will leave on Saturday evening, January 19th & return on Wednesday, January 23rd. 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 are extra. Call for more information or to sign up. **Reservations due October 31, 2007.** If you prefer an overnight in Cleveland, OH and a double occupancy room, Johnson County RTL is skipping the free day and providing 4 nights at a hotel for \$455.00. **Please call us by September 1** if you are interested in joining them. They will be traveling on the same dates (Jan. 19-23) as our bus.

HELP WANTED!

- We are currently looking for volunteers to act as receptionist at our Office & Education Center. If you can come for a few hours each week to help us out by answering phones and doing other office tasks we would love to have you. At present we have openings on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons or Thursday & Friday mornings.
- Sometimes individuals prefer to volunteer for a task that comes up once or twice a year. We would also appreciate someone to chair or assist with each of our recurring events (e.g. the Fair, the Day of the Unborn, Pro-Life Awareness, annual picnic, monthly meetings). Most of these projects/programs are ‘tried & true’ so guidelines are available. Call now if you can help with our October planning.
- We’re looking for a “computer geek” to come in and trouble-shoot for us. Scheduling is flexible and variable—that is, come when you can and only stay to help with our latest computer questions. [e.g. adding an email account; trouble-shooting]
- We are also looking for someone willing to provide snow removal for our small lot. Please contact us if you know of someone who can help us for a reasonable fee.

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

_____ \$300 Lifesaver _____ \$50 Supporter _____ Other
_____ \$200 Defender _____ \$35 Family
_____ \$100 Patron _____ \$25 Individual

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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