

LIFE TIME

Life for Everyone

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



ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH

The big news in medical research since late November was how scientists (2 independent researchers) had discovered how to produce embryonic-type cells from ordinary (adult) skin cells using a fairly simple process. Pro-lifers rejoiced, thinking this would signal the end of embryo-destructive research. A moral alternative had been found. There simply would be no need for it. It was good news for scientists; at least for Dr. Yamanaka, one of the researchers who discovered the technique. [Dr. Yamanaka had realized about 8 years ago that human embryos look remarkably like humans. He had remarked, "I thought, we can't keep destroying embryos for our research. There must be a better way." He has been searching for an alternative ever since viewing them through a microscope. www.inforumblog.com 12/15/07] It was good news for politicians. They would no longer have to defend their support of embryonic stem cell research; it simply would no longer be necessary and thus, "not an issue."

However, in a January 8th press release, Children of God for Life reported, "a recent stem cell breakthrough that turns adult skin cells to "embryonic" is not a pro-life solution as currently done." Come to find out, both researchers used several versions of aborted fetal cell lines to modify the DNA of the host adult skin cells. Unless you read the papers published *and* know what you're looking for, you would have no idea that is what was used. [If interested, you may go to www.cogforlife.org for details.] This, obviously, is not good news. As Debi Vinnedge stated, "Using aborted fetal and embryonic stem cells from deliberately destroyed human beings is certainly not any kind of moral victory."

But there is good news: the actual technique used, iPSC (called direct reprogramming), is ethical because *it doesn't have to involve* the use of aborted fetal cells. Dr. Theresa Deisher, R&D Director of Ave Maria Biotechnology Company, a research firm dedicated to pro-life alternatives for unethical human therapeutics said, "There are other ethical ways to produce the DNA needed for transformation efficiently and morally. If these means were employed to produce the needed DNA, there would be no moral issues with the use of reprogrammed adult cells for research."

Our job as pro-life individuals is threefold: First, stay informed and continue to be critical thinkers. Don't believe everything reported even if it's the good news we've been waiting for. Second, continue to pressure scientists and politicians to do and/or support only ethical research. And finally, continue to support pro-life research and pro-life politicians!

Speaker Training/Education Sessions

Dubuque County Right to Life is once again offering informational classes on topics pertinent to the Right To Life movement. Involvement in the pro-life movement begins with learning the truth - the facts about abortion, chastity, euthanasia, stem cell research, Planned Parenthood and more. Anyone interested in learning more about issues to become a speaker or just to be an effective advocate one-on-one is welcome to join us. Classes will be given by Connie Hardie, Educational Director. They will be held at our office, 2205 Carter Road. Arrangements are pending but we would appreciate if anyone interested would give us a call (556-5960).

**PLEASE SAVE THIS CONTACT INFORMATION
WE WILL NOT BE PRINTING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR**

“THERE’S AN OLD SAYING IN WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESS LISTENS TO WHO’S TALKING!”



PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

The addresses and phone numbers for your members of Congress are:

U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

Phone: 1-202-224-3121

Capitol Switchboard toll free number: 1-888-723-5246

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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E-mail addresses for **Representatives** can be found at <http://clerkweb.house.gov> (and then go to “Write your Representative”). Phone numbers are listed above. Rep. Bruce **Braley** (D), 1408 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515; 202-22502911; Email through his website: <http://braley.house.gov/Contact/>; or call 319-287-3233 in Waterloo; 563-323-5988 in Davenport & 563-557-7789 in Dubuque.

E-mail addresses for **Senators** can be found at <http://www.senate.gov>. You can **reach any senator** by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Senator Charles E. **Grassley** (R), 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. E-mail: chuck_grassley@grassley.senate.gov/ Phone: 202-224-3744 in Washington; 319-232-6657 in Waterloo; or 319-363-6832 in Cedar Rapids.

Senator Tom **Harkin** (D), 731 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. E-mail: tom_harkin@harkin.senate.gov/ Phone: 202-224-3254 in Washington; 319-365-4505 in Cedar Rapids; or 563-582-2130 in Dubuque.

To contact your IOWA Congressmen:

Call the State House to reach your Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Secretary of Ag., Auditor, and Attorney General @ 515-281-5211. To reach your State Senators, call 515-281-3371. To reach your State Representatives, call 515-281-3221. The toll free number to the Iowa Capitol Building is 800-375-7097.

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 _____.

To FAX: House - 515-281-6108; Senate 515-281-5868

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.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS/UPDATES:

- The **Sanctity of Human Life Act HR4157/Right to Life Act HR618**—declares that human life begins at fertilization and is vested at that time with a constitutionally protected right to life. (This bill is similar to the Paramount Human Life Amendment introduced in some state legislatures.) HR4157, HR1094 & HR2597 were the bill numbers with that title - all “in committee.” Watch for action and encourage the support of your representative in Congress.
- A new bill has been introduced that would fund programs that provide information to assist women in making decisions about adoption or parenting. The bill number is HR4852 and it is called the “**Positive Alternative Act.**” The current Health and Human Services department currently permits states to use TANF funding for abortion alternatives, it is subject to interpretation by those administering the program. The Positive Alternatives Act codifies the current state option. Contact your member of Congress and encourage support of this pro-life bill. This is NOT the same bill as S.21 the “**Prevention First Act**” which would expand access to contraception and “medically accurate, comprehensive (read PP style) sex ed programs.”
- The proposed changes in/expansion of the SCHIP bill is on hold. After Congress failed to override President Bush’s veto of the **State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)** they have said that they will leave the bill for the 111th Congress (2009). The pro-life concern with this bill is that it mandates contraceptive coverage for minors without parental knowledge. The latest SCHIP bill would also a lot more taxpayer dollars to third-party “family planning” organizations such as Planned Parenthood to distribute contraceptives and count them as eligible expenditures. We are not against insurance for un- or under-insured children. On December 17, 2007, pro-abortion language was removed from the 2008 foreign aid budget. So, for now, the **Mexico City Policy** (pro-life limits on making taxpayers fund groups that perform or promote abortion overseas) remains in effect.
- On the state level, many are introducing conscience clause bills for pharmacists (designed to protect them from being forced to dispense drugs used for abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide or mercy killing) and there is increasing need for such laws for physicians and hospitals. We are not aware of any proposed legislation of this type in Iowa.

HLI Leader Fr. Euteneuer Issues 10 Challenges for the Pro-Life Movement in 2008:

He says, "If we really wish to beat the abortion culture we have to mature as a movement. Thirty-five years of the same strategies and ideas have not gained us the victory we seek because the fight against the most pervasive spiritual evil that has ever entered the world can only be won on God's terms. The pro-life movement has invested more in political and cultural change than in spiritual change. Let us not be afraid to fight Goliath's weapons of mass destruction with the faith of David who came against the giant "in the name of the Lord of Hosts." (1Sam17:45) Here's what he asks of us:

- 1) Get down on your knees and ask our one true Savior to end abortion.
- 2) Fast for the conversion of abortion promoters.
- 3) Remind the Christian churches, again, that abortion exists with their permission.
- 4) Embrace the embryonic stem cell and euthanasia issues with the same fervor as abortion.
- 5) Go on the offensive against Planned Parenthood's funding.
- 6) Boycott corporations and organizations that fund or promote abortion.
- 7) Educate doctors that abortifacient birth control is chemical homicide.
- 8) Challenge the accepted notion that condoms and birth control reduce abortions.
- 9) Reject politicians who believe in rape, incest, life-of-the-mother and fetal deformity exceptions.
- 10) Recruit Hispanics and other minorities into the pro-life movement.

Father expanded on each of these 10 points. For more information on any or all of these challenges call us!

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of: **Louise Templeton** from Catherine Schoofs; **Daniel Meyer** from Dan & Barb Nicholson; **Michael Auer** from Clark & Ann Williams and Scott & Monica Meissen and Dewey & Jane Meyer and Amber, Matt & Cooper Cook; **Mason Cate** and **Ronald Cate** from Dick & Mary Lou Lorenz; **Jerry Bourek** from Virgil & Marian Bourek and John & Ellen Markham and Bill & Colleen Pasnik and Larry & Irene Scherrman and Leo & Judy Woods; **John Schlegel** from Bill & Mary Mormann; **Thomas Casey** and **Louis Hendricks** and **Anna Errthum** and **James Helmer** and **Lorraine Behr** from Jim & Kathy Conlon; **Louis Curoe** from Ronald & Patricia Donovan.

In honor of the following: **Bob & Doris Wessels'** 45th Wedding Anniversary from Roger & Darlene Osterhaus; **Bud & Madonna Portz** for Christmas from John & Lisa Portz and Kevin & Joan Hedrick; **Roy & Ruth Frericks'** Golden Wedding Anniversary from Doris Wessels; **Joseph & Helen Ertl's** 50th Wedding Anniversary from Jeffrey Vorwald; **Thomas & Laura Kent's** wedding from Pat Doll

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.

BOYCOTT UPDATE:


The Boycott List identifies corporations that are boycott targets due to their support of Planned Parenthood (PP). It is published by Life Decisions International (LDI) after thorough investigation of the companies and confirmation that they have in fact funded PP. The CEO receives documentation of contribution, information about PP, and the opportunity to make PP ineligible for future support.

New to *The Boycott List* (as of January 3) are BBJ Linen (home products), Carlson Companies (travel agencies, hotels, restaurants), FastSigns (graphics/printing), Intercontinental Hotels, Midas & Paul Ecke Ranch (poinsettias), among others.

New to the "**Dishonorable Mention**" section, which identifies **charitable organizations** that are associated with Planned Parenthood and/or its agenda are **Amnesty International** and **Doctors without Borders**. Others not previously mentioned include Camp Fire, Children's Aid Society and Dr. Phil Foundation, among many others.


More information about the CFP, visit <http://www.fightpp.org>.

Our next monthly meeting will be on **February 7th** at 7:00 P.M. in our Office & Educational Center. Please join us for a re-cap of our bus trip to Washington, D.C. There will be a student produced video and participants will attend for an informal question and answer session. We've invited them to bring pictures and share their stories of the trip. If you missed the trip, you'll want to experience it through this sharing.



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. 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 for our shows at other times than those listed above.


This month will feature Mike & Cindy Kobusch:
 "International Adoption—The Experience."

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- DCRTL's WISH LIST:**
- ⇒ **Microwave oven** approx 22"X 11" (to fit in space available)
 - ⇒ Stamps
 - ⇒ **Digital camera**
 - ⇒ Coffee-decaf
 - ⇒ Printer ink cartridges Lexmark Z1300 or Canon CL-41 (color) or PG-40 (black)
 - ⇒ Minolta MT 201A toner for copy machine
 - ⇒ Avery labels-4013
 - ⇒ Medium & tall size garbage bags
 - ⇒ Speaking engagements
 - ⇒ Volunteers
 - ⇒ Prayers

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED BUMPER STICKER



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