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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK—STEVEN BRODY



A question has recently been brought up that I believe is very valid and important to consider for this year: What should our Pro-Life goal be for 2009?

In the past, that question may have been very easy to answer. But now, there are several items that can and should be addressed, and I would like to ask you to consider your Pro-Life goal for 2009.

The first and obvious one is the presence of Planned Parenthood in Dubuque. What should the goal be? Is it to see them shut down in 2009? Is it to continue to have a constant presence outside its facility every hour that it is open? Maybe the goal should be to work to have its funding cut at the state and federal level due to the economic crisis we are facing. Or perhaps it is simply to have our readers so informed and educated about Planned Parenthood that they can speak out in every school, church, and community organization. How wonderful would it be to remove the scales off the eyes of so many and allow the truth to be revealed!

The next important issue involves our new President and his pro-abortion agenda. A 55-page memo entitled "Advancing Reproductive Rights and Health in a New Administration" was listed on the Obama transition website and provides a chilling wish list of all the things

Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and the entire abortion industry wants to see enacted and voted into law by the Obama administration. A copy is available in our office if you are interested in seeing it for yourself. The memo asks for increased abortion funding, eliminating all abstinence education funding, appointing pro-abortion judges at all levels, and of course, passage of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). Perhaps your goal can be to contact your Senators, Congressmen, and State Representatives, urging them to resist the pro-abortion agenda and to maintain current pro-life legislation.

There are so many opportunities available for you to fulfill your pro-life goal this year and we are excited to partner with you to assist in any way possible. You may want to consider joining our Speakers Bureau as we will have two training sessions in February. You may want to begin standing outside Planned Parenthood. You may want to start writing letters to the editor to keep our issues in the spotlight. You may want to increase your giving to support our operations. Or you might simply have a goal of spending more time with God in prayer over what He would like you to do. I have seen firsthand the power of prayer in my life and how unexpected blessings have shown itself at just the right time.

Thank you for your support of Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. Thank you for your involvement, for your prayers, and for setting goals in 2009 that will protect and uphold the Sanctity of Life.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Have you ever wondered what you can and can't do while standing outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in Dubuque? Do you have to stand still? Do you have to keep moving at all times? Can you speak to the customers going in and out? What do you say to the media if they show up and start asking questions? What do you say to the Planned Parenthood employees? Come to our meeting on Thursday February 5th at 7:00pm at our office. We will have an engaging and informative session to equip you with all you need to know. Even if you have not yet stood outside Planned Parenthood, this will be an excellent opportunity to educate and learn the do's and don't's. Who knows? You might want to become a prayer warrior following the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PICKETERS NEEDED: Our campaign against Planned Parenthood requires a constant presence outside the Dubuque facility. We need volunteers to stand outside every hour they are open. If you can spare 1-2 hours at a time, please contact Ellen Markham at 563-580-1436, or email her at protestpp@mchsi.com.

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 infant icide.

“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

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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 1-202-225-3121

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Our goal is to provide the public with information with which to make an informed decision.

World Headlines:

Explicit Sex-Education Pamphlet to be Given to Six Year Olds in British Schools ([LifeSiteNews.com](#), **September 18, 2008**)
Non-Terminal People Increasingly Seeking Assisted Suicide in Switzerland ([LifeSiteNews.com](#), **November 6, 2008**)
Serbian Abortionist Who Aborted 48,000 Babies Becomes Pro-Life Activist ([LifeSiteNews.com](#), **November 13, 2008**)
Vietnam Proposes Two-Child Limit Similar to China’s Forced Abortion Policies ([LifeNews.com](#), **November 21, 2008**)
Czech Cabinet Approves Bill Enabling “Abortion Tourism” ([LifeSiteNews.com](#), **November 28, 2008**)
Abortion Now Number One Cause of Death in Spain ([LifeSiteNews.com](#), **November 28, 2008**)

Planned Parenthood Abortion Funding Requests in Obama Memo Top \$4.6 Billion ([LifeNews.com](#), Dec. 19, 2008) Planned Parenthood and dozens of other abortion advocacy groups presented their wish list to incoming President Barack Obama in a secret memo last week that wound up published on the transition team website. In the memo the nation’s largest abortion business requested \$4.6 billion in taxpayer funding for abortion and other efforts. Much of the funding would come in the form of increases in federal budget allotments. Other high-priced goodies Planned Parenthood requested from Obama include \$120 million for abortions by striking some of the current budget restrictions that prevent taxpayers from being forced to pay for abortions except in very limited circumstances. The abortion funding would also include \$65 million for the UNFPA, the United Nations population agency that has been involved in the China program limiting couples to once child and forcing them to have abortions or sterilizations when they don’t comply. Planned Parenthood also wants \$50 million for sexual education programs, \$66 million for school-based sexual education programs, \$850 million more of the Title V maternal and child health program, and as much as \$935 million for international family planning programs.

Planned Parenthood End of Year Report Excludes Abortion, Has 3 Million Clients ([LifeNews.com](#), Dec. 8, 2008) Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards emailed an end-of-year report to her supporters over the weekend and the nation’s largest abortion business conspicuously left out any mention of abortion. Richards bragged that Planned Parenthood had three million customers last year. Planned Parenthood’s annual report, released in April at the end of its fiscal year, showed the number of abortions it does has gone up. It revealed roughly 25 percent of all abortions in the United States are done at Planned Parenthood centers. Some of the other highlights from Richards’ report include her bragging that Planned Parenthood “helped convince 11 more states decline federal abstinence-only funding, bringing the total to 26.”

Planned Parenthood Lays Off Staff Over Economy, South Dakota Director Fired ([LifeNews.com](#), Dec. 4, 2008) Americans across the country are hurting due to the poor economy, but, for pro-life advocates, there is a silver lining. A Planned Parenthood affiliate has announced that the abortion business will lay off 10 employees covering nine and a half positions including its South Dakota director. Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota said hard economic times forced the layoffs. That includes South Dakota director, Kate Looby, who confirmed to AP that she will be fired from her position. Other positions were cut in Minnesota and spokeswoman Kathi Di Nicola indicated none of the Planned Parenthood abortions centers or facilities, including those in Sioux Falls and Rapid City, would close. The news of the layoffs comes one day after the South Dakota health department announced that abortions declined 5.5 percent from 2006 to 2007.

Komen Affiliate in California Gives Grant to Planned Parenthood Abortion Biz ([LifeNews.com](#), Nov. 30, 2008) A Susan G. Komen Foundation affiliate in California is the latest to send hundreds of thousands of dollars to the nation’s largest abortion business. The money is going to Planned Parenthood even though research confirms abortion increases a woman’s risk of contracting breast cancer. The Orange County affiliate of Komen for the Cure is giving more than \$1.3 million to several groups, including Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties. Although Planned Parenthood has received a grant, no pregnancy centers, which provide women with abortion alternatives, are listed as receiving funds from the grants. The amount of the grants from Komen affiliates to Planned Parenthood appears to be on the rise and 25 Komen affiliates now have a partnership with the abortion business.

Memorials to DCRTL — Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of: Florian “Skeeter” Besch from Arthur McMahon; **Mary T. Charland** from Doug & Jenny Send, Vince & Jackie Crimmins, Chuck & JoAnn Olson, Evelyn Averkamp, Mike & Julie Meunster, Margaret Mulerig; **Msgr. William Leonard, Charles Griebe, and Elda Vogt** from Jim & Cathy Conlon; **Rose Connolly** from Ron & Pat Donovan;

Christmas Gifts In honor of: **Will Cushman** and **Nick Glab** from Virginia Reinardy; **William & Mary Mormann** from Jacob Renne; **Phil Turnis** from Ruth Turnis; **Bud & Madonna Portz** from John & Lisa Portz and Joan & Kevin Hedrick; **Dr. Mike Lattner** from Ruth Lewis, Connie Weis, and Rhonda Mueller; **Mac & Jan McDonough** from Kelly & Phil Davis, Bill & Colleen Pasnik, Kevin & Pok-Sun McDonough; **Loras & Jo Sabers** from Sianne Crimmins; **Dori Naber, Joan Schmitt, Joyce Davidshofer** from Mary Jane Tilp.

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.

MERCK—Operations: pharmaceuticals (bone density/osteoporosis: Fossamax; **cholesterol:** Vytolin, Zetia, Zocor; **diabetes:** Janumet, Januvia; **hair loss:** Propecia; **hypertension:** Cozaar; **nausea/vomiting:** Emend; **pain relief/anti-inflammatory:** Vioxx; **respiratory/nasal:** Singulair; **urinary tract:** Proscar); Mr. Richard T. Clark, President & CEO, Merck & Co., Inc., 1 Merck Dr., Box 100, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889-0100; (908) 423-1000; merck.com (Note: Merck’s website includes a link to Planned Parenthood.)

New to the "**Dishonorable Mention**" section, which identifies **charitable organizations** that are associated with Planned Parenthood and/or its agenda:

Human Rights Watch is publicly on record as a pro-abortion group; Ms. Jane Olson, Chairman, Human Rights Watch, Inc., 350 5th Ave., 34th Fl., New York NY 10118-3299; (212) 290-4700; hrw.org

For more information, visit <http://www.fightpp.org>.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE LEADERSHIP OVER AN IMPORTANT ACTIVITY?

Surgical abortions take place at the Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City. In the past, a delegation from Dubuque has traveled on the third Saturday of each month to pray in front of this facility. There has not been a consistent pilgrimage in recent months due to our efforts here with Planned Parenthood in town. However, we would invite anyone interested in taking leadership over this important ministry to contact our office. You would be responsible for organizing and coordinating the monthly trip. Our friends in Iowa City would love to see the support.

PRAYER FOR LIFE AT THE STATE CAPITOL: The annual Prayer for Life has been moved this year so as not to conflict with the March for Life in Washington, DC. It is scheduled for Monday, February 9th at 3:30pm in the First Floor Rotunda of the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines. Guest speakers are Congressman Steve King, Sonja Bates, and Pastor Tim Braun. If you are interested in going, please contact our office. We will arrange transportation if there is enough interest. A great way to meet other pro-lifers from across Iowa!

SPEAKER TRAINING IN FEBRUARY: Connie Hardie will be heading up Speaker Training sessions for those interested in serving on our Speakers Bureau. The sessions will be on Sunday February 8th and 22nd from 6-8pm at our office. Come learn the tools and techniques necessary to be effective speakers in the community on our behalf. Our Speakers Bureau is a free service that we provide to groups and organizations in our area to assist in spreading our message.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED WEBSITE

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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.

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