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DCRTL will have a private showing of Unplanned at the AMC theater in Dubuque on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm. We only have 130 FREE tickets to hand out, therefore getting your ticket will be on a first come, first served basis. To get your ticket for this private event, please stop in to the DCRTL office between 9am-4pm, from now through March 28th.

On the night of the movie, we ask that you please arrive at 6:30pm so we can adequately seat everyone. We will be in **auditorium #3**—please note there are other auditoriums showing this movie at the same time, but if you get one of our tickets you will need to go to **auditorium #3**.

If you are not able to join us, or miss out on a ticket, please note that Unplanned will be showing at AMC on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday this weekend (show times below). After this weekend it is not guaranteed that the movie will be at AMC any longer so make sure you get there **THIS WEEKEND** to see this absolutely amazing movie. **You will NOT want to miss it, we promise!**

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Movie Showtimes

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Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, education 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.

April	Abortion Recovery Month
Wednesday, 3 rd	DCRTL Booth at the Clarke University Wellness Fair
Thursday, 4 th	Membership Event: Project Rachel & Abortion Recovery Presentation, DCRTL office, 7pm
Saturday, 6 th	-Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts, DCRTL office, 9am — Bring the whole family for lots of fun! -Day of Mourning
Thursday, 11 th	Board of Director’s Meeting
Friday, 12 th	National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day!
Sunday, 14 th	40 Days for Life Ends
Monday, 15 th	RSVP deadline for the LIFE Dinner – you won’t want to miss it!
Saturday, 20 th	High School Scholarship Speech Contest, DCRTL office, 9am-12pm
Sunday, 21 st	Happy Easter! 
Friday, 26 th	DCRTL’s 27th Annual LIFE Dinner! Grand River Center, 5pm
Friday, 26 th — Sunday, 28 th	Healing, Grace & Glory Retreat, Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque
May	No Membership Event This Month
Friday, 3 rd — Sunday, 5 th	One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies
Sunday, 12 th	Happy Mother’s Day! Mother’s Day Roses available at local churches! 
Thursday, 16 th	Board of Director’s Meeting
Monday, 27 th	Happy Memorial Day!

Wish List: Prayers for the Unborn and Stamps

A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



WOW, thank you to everyone who donated towards our February Diaper Drive! Because of you we raised thousands of dollars' worth of diapers, to be able to help moms and families in need.

Beckman Catholic's pro-life student group recently participated in our February diaper drive as well! Students were allowed to dress down for the day by bringing in diapers or making a donation. Pictured are 8th grade students, along with Anna Durr, Beckman Catholic instructor, and myself. The group was pleased to present a check for over \$850 along with the diapers and supplies that were collected! THANK YOU for standing up for LIFE by supporting moms and families in need!



Pictured are: (L to R)

Front row: Leah Thier, Mia Maiers, Hannah McDermott

Back row: Grace Helle, Ellie Recker, Anna Durr, Ashley Stackis, Molly Kruse, Jenna Lansing

We've had another very exciting festivity happening in the office lately as well! For the past few weeks, a wonderful high school volunteer, Emilee, has been assisting us in putting together 150 bags full of educational goodies for the DCRTL booth at the Clarke University Wellness Fair on April 3rd. This is a great outreach opportunity at the college campus to spread the pro-life message. I'm looking forward to changing hearts and saving lives there!

Yours in the service of LIFE,

Ash



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Abortion Recovery Month

Some women personally become “aware” of abortion complications the moment they get off the table. Men often become aware the second their girlfriend/wife rolls out of the operating room. However, most individuals usually don’t become aware of the prospects for recovery until days, weeks or even years later. Abortion hurts individuals and families.

Abortion recovery changes a person’s life! Most abortion clients search out healing opportunities only when their pain becomes unbearable, they are triggered by something, or they are encouraged by a friend or family member to seek help. The goal of **Abortion Recovery Month** is to enlighten society by raising awareness of abortion and its aftermath. We also want to inform people of the recovery programs that are available.

Some of the women’s recovery resources are: Forgiven & Set Free, Free Me to Life, HEART - Healing the Effects of Abortion Related Trauma, Her Choice to Heal, Into My Arms, Living in Color, No One Told Me I Could Cry, Oil of Joy Instead of Mourning, Project Rachel, Rachel’s Vineyard, SaveOne: A Guide to Emotional Healing After Abortion, Surrendering the Secret, The Journey, and Victims of Choice.

Some of the men’s recovery resources are: Healing A Father’s Heart, House of Essau, Men & Abortion Network, Missing Arrows – Fatherhood Lost, Rachel’s Vineyard for Men, Reconciled, and SaveOne for Men.

To find more information regarding **Abortion Recovery Month** and other resources, please feel free to contact our office.

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, DCRTL’s Executive Director, Ashley Stackis, and other pro-life advocates from across Iowa attended the Proclamation Signing by Governor Kim Reynolds, proclaiming April as “Abortion Recovery Month.” The purpose of the Proclamation is to promote healing and recovery for individuals and families who suffer from the devastating effects of abortion, and to promote organizations in Iowa who aid in healing and recovery for those in pain. This document reads:

WHEREAS, many Iowa organizations offer support and recovery services to those who have had abortions or who have been impacted by abortion; and

WHEREAS, many organizations in Iowa promote policies that reinforce a culture of life and hope; and

WHEREAS, abortion recovery programs help individuals heal by providing counseling, support groups, encouragement, and education; and

WHEREAS, Abortion Recovery Month encourages and promotes healing opportunities and raises awareness of the aftermath of abortion experienced by individuals and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as **ABORTION RECOVERY MONTH** in Iowa.



The official, sealed document is hanging in our office. Stop in to see it!

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April 2019 Events



Membership Event: Project Rachel & Abortion Recovery Presentation

Thursday, April 4th

DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)
7:00PM – 8:00PM

Post Abortion Counseling and Reconciliation | Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a free and confidential program available to anyone who is having difficulty with the after effects of an abortion. Project Rachel consists of meeting with a professional counselor and, if desired, referral to a priest, or minister who can prepare individuals for reconciliation.

Angie has a Master's degree in clinical psychology and is a licensed master level social worker and is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy. She has been employed at Catholic Charities since 1994. Angie provides individual, marriage and family counseling. Examples of issues treated include: anxiety, depression, stress, self-esteem, grief/loss, relationship concerns, trauma and abuse recovery. Special interests include women's issues, depression and anxiety. Angie is committed to helping people restore hope and healing to their lives. In addition to her counseling duties, Angie coordinates Catholic Charities' Post Adoption Search program.



Please join us for this membership event to learn more about the Project Rachel program and the abortion recovery process.

Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts...PLUS LOLA THE BUNNY!

Saturday, April 6th

DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)
9:00AM

We have a very special morning planned for you and your family, to celebrate Easter! Please join us for an Easter egg hunt, crafts, coloring, snacks, and fun at the DCRTL office! Also this year we will have an extra special treat – our receptionist, Erica, will be bringing in her bunny for everyone to pet and snuggle! All ages are welcome – bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc. The more the merrier!



Bring the whole family for lots of fun – we can't wait to see you there!

Day of Mourning

In the wake of Governor Northam's recent advocacy for infanticide, a grassroots movement of distressed citizens have turned their disgust to action with a "Day of Mourning" on **Saturday, April 6th**. Citizens were shocked and a national firestorm ensued when Virginia Governor Ralph Northam not only defended infanticide on already born babies, but also doubled down on his highly controversial comments.

Organizers of the *Day of Mourning* are asking Americans to do three things:

1. **Wear black**
2. **Fast and pray**
3. **Repent for the sin of abortion**

Virginia resident and pastor E.W. Jackson stated, "When we've reached a point in our culture where killing babies is a reason for people to celebrate, it is time to mourn and cry out to God like never before."



Visit www.DayOfMourning.org for more details.

National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day

One day of action to wear your favorite pro-life t-shirt everywhere you go! On Friday, April 12, the whole nation will be wearing pro-life t-shirts! Join the fun! What a great way to speak volumes without saying a word. National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day has been a favorite event for several years as it is an opportunity to make an impact on everyone you see. It may be just the message someone needs. We encourage everyone to make your statement known by wearing a pro-life shirt to work or school (or to coffee, or play, or anywhere you go) on Friday, April 12. **We have several shirts in our office – if you don't already own a pro-life t-shirt, stop in for one.** Then, take a picture with your family and friends wearing your pro-life t-shirt and email it to us so we can share it on our social media platforms! What a fun way to spread the pro-life message!

High School Scholarship Speech Contest

Saturday, April 20th

DCRTL Office
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. awards up to \$10,000 worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college. The applications have been submitted and judges are in the process of selecting finalists. On **Saturday, April 20 at 9:00AM**, those selected as finalists will deliver their speeches before a panel of judges. **Everyone is welcome** to attend the speech contest at **DCRTL's office** (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque).

Scholarship winners will be announced at our L.I.F.E. Dinner on April 26th.



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Healing, Grace & Glory Retreat

Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque
Friday, April 26th – Sunday, April 28th

Healing GRACE AND GLORY is a retreat for all (mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, etc.) who have lost a child whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, never being able to conceive, accident, suicide, or any other means of loss. It is an invitation for healing and a reminder of that simple, yet profound truth that we always have and always will belong to God. There will be time for quiet reflective prayer, sharing and creative expression in a nurturing environment. We are all in need of healing and grace. When we give God time to love and nurture us back to wholeness, it brings a joy and peace the world cannot give. We would love to have you join.

Deadline to RSVP: Friday, April 19th

Cost: \$150/person

To RSVP: Call Susan Miller at 563-582-6817

Seven Reasons to Boycott the March of Dimes

Although pro-lifers have been boycotting the March of Dimes (MOD) since the 1970's, the general public seems unaware of the boycott and continues to support MOD. To help educate more people on the facts, we have provided a list of seven good reasons for boycotting MOD:



1. Their emphasis on pre-natal diagnosis of birth defects, for which abortion is often the “treatment”
2. Their close ties to the eugenics movement
3. Their support of experimentation on live babies in the womb and on tissue from aborted babies
4. Their support of federally funded embryo-destructive stem cell research and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD)
5. Their dishonesty in ignoring the connection between prior abortions and premature birth
6. Their grants to Planned Parenthood
7. Their “neutral” stance on abortion, which accepts and encourages abortion by its silence

The March of Dimes is a well-known organization that arrays huge resources for the purpose of reducing the incidence of birth defects. MOD has improved the lives of many by striving to improve prenatal care and by providing treatment to children born with birth defects. This is what the public sees and supports, and it helps MOD to maintain a positive image as it organizes battalions of volunteers to raise money at the grass roots level. However, as our list indicates, there is a lot more going on behind this public face.

Special Thanks

- Thank you Beckman Catholic High School, St. LaSalle Pastorate, St. Joseph Church in Bellevue and DCRTL members for participating in our February Diaper Drive!
- Thank you Mark & Sue Lansing, as well as Mary's Inn, for your donation of bottled water!
- Thank you Rose Ann Kunkel, as well as Mary's Inn, for your donation of stamps!
- Thank you Christie Whiteman for donating beautiful artwork to our office!
- Thank you to the following businesses and members who donated prizes for the Pro-Life Bingo Night: Accessorize Me, Big 10 Mart, Chick-fil-A, Creslanes, Culver's, Denny's Lux Club, Dubuque Mining Company, East Mill Bakeshop, Freddie's Popcorn Company, Steve's Ace Hardware, Your Pie, Anita Sullivan, Ruth Becker, Stacy Stackis and Trina Hingtgen.
- Thank you to Rosemary Remakel and Juanita Tigges for baking goodies for the Pro-Life Bingo Night!
- Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped to stuff, seal, and label the LIFE Dinner invites! What a project!

Senate Bill to Stop Infanticide of Born-Alive Babies Fails

The United States Senate voted 53-44 in favor of legislation to guarantee medical care to babies who survive botched abortions, but failed to reach the 60 votes necessary for the bill to overcome the current filibuster rules and pass. Yes, 44 Senators voted AGAINST protecting babies BORN ALIVE after botched abortions. President Trump voiced, "This will be remembered as one of the most shocking votes in the history of Congress." We completely agree with you, President Trump.



Originally introduced in 2015 and proposed in the current session in response to comments by Virginia Democrat Gov. Ralph Northam defending the prospect of letting a disabled or "non-viable" infant die after a failed abortion attempt, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act would require abortionists to provide medical care for such babies. Under the 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, babies who survive abortions are recognized as human beings with human rights, but how specifically to handle them isn't defined.

"According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), nationwide, between 2003 and 2014 at least 143 babies died after being born alive during botched abortions – and the CDC states this could be an underestimation," said Live Action Founder and President Lila Rose in a statement. "In 2018, 16 infants in Florida alone were born alive after surviving abortion attempts. Senators who voted no on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act should be ashamed of themselves. Shockingly, infanticide in the context of abortion is not illegal in the U.S. There is no existing federal law that prohibits the denial of medical care to infants born alive after abortion attempts. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act would have appropriately required that infants delivered alive during attempted abortion procedures be given appropriate medical care and penalized those who neglected to save them."

The final vote fell largely along party lines, though Democrat Sens. Doug Jones, Bob Casey, and Joe Manchin broke ranks to support it. One of the Senate's two pro-abortion Republicans, Susan Collins, also supported the bill, while the other, Lisa Murkowski, didn't vote. Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood and NARAL -- who bankrolled many of the Senators who voted against the bill -- fought it to protect their abortionists from legal action.

"Public officials, at all levels and in every party, should be able to condemn infanticide and come to the defense of the weakest members of our society," Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE), who re-introduced the bill's Senate version, wrote in a Fox News op-ed. "Recognizing the equality of every person shouldn't be a cheap campaign line. It is a core American promise. My colleagues know this. They have attested to it eloquently and powerfully in recent weeks. Now is the time to make good on those promises."

When it comes to the 2020 presidential election there is no bigger divide between President Donald Trump and those who want to replace him than the issue of infanticide and abortions up to birth. Every single Democrat in the Senate who is running for president voted against this bill. That includes Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Amy Klobuchar. While they all voted to support infanticide, President Trump spoke out against infanticide in two tweets saying that it's nothing short of "executing" babies to let them die after failed abortions. Between now and the presidential primaries next year and the November 2020 general election, pro-life groups have vowed to hold these pro-abortion presidential candidates accountable for also supporting infanticide. Remember those six names when they trot out their "sympathy" for every underdog but the most vulnerable, the most powerless, and the most defenseless of all: the unborn child.

As a poll conducted earlier this month conclusively demonstrated, the 44 Senators who voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act are completely out of step with the public. A survey conducted by McLaughlin & Associates of 1,000 likely general election voters found that **77%** agree that "a baby who survives a failed abortion should be given the same medical treatment as any other baby born prematurely at the same age." As we move forward to fight against radical anti-life bills across the country, these polls should be a reminder for legislators and citizens alike to acknowledge that Americans are broadly pro-life, and that very few support unlimited abortion. ***Thank you for your support for the most vulnerable in our society.***

Why Gov. Reynolds Opted Not to Appeal Fetal Heartbeat Law Ruling

We want to urge you to not let disappointment and social media misinformation overtake you. There are **three things you need to know** about the Governor's Office choosing NOT to appeal the ruling that overturned Iowa's Heartbeat Law:

1. The decision striking down Heartbeat CANNOT be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Overturing Roe v. Wade will be critical to protecting life at the national level. But Planned Parenthood's lawsuit ONLY claimed Heartbeat violated Iowa's Constitution, not Roe. So the highest court that can hear this Heartbeat case is the Iowa Supreme Court.

2. The Iowa Supreme Court has already indicated how it will rule.

In a decision handed down after Heartbeat was signed last year (in Iowa's 72-hour waiting period for abortions, the court declared that there was a "fundamental right" to abortion in the Iowa Constitution), the Iowa Supreme Court demonstrated it would go to *any length* to protect abortion – even twisting and practically amending Iowa's Constitution to stop pro-life legislation. This Court is turning Iowa into the next New York, and appealing to it won't help.

3. This is why Iowa NEEDS to pass a constitutional amendment.

The best check and balance we have against such an activist court is "We the People." We need to correct the courts that have somehow concocted a "right to abortion" out of nowhere. And the way "We the People" correct the courts is to pass a constitutional amendment, just like the people of Alabama, Tennessee, and West Virginia have in their states over the last few years. Until then, Iowa's Supreme Court ruling threatens to undo ANY pro-life legislation that gets passed. Like you, we are dismayed that Iowa's Supreme Court has so effectively dismantled the amazing work accomplished in passing the Heartbeat Law.

Update on the "Life Amendment" (Senate Joint Resolution 9) – On March 5th the Life Amendment passed through a full committee hearing and will now be eligible for debate on the Iowa Senate floor. Should the amendment pass through both Iowa House and Senate in the next two years, it would have to be passed *again* by the newly elected Legislature after the 2020 election. Only then would it be brought before a vote of the people for ratification. To be clear, the amendment's current language wouldn't immediately change abortion laws or restrictions in Iowa. BUT the amendment would serve as a "We the People" check and balance against the State Supreme Court's attempts to erase abortion laws by judicial fiat.

That's why we need to come together to be the voice of "We the People" and tell our judges, "No! There is no 'right' to abortion, and no requirement that we taxpayers must fund abortions, in the Iowa Constitution!" Yes, passing an amendment is a daunting challenge. **But we've already** accomplished more for life in the last 2 years than in the previous 45. This is a battle we can win!

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Trump Administration Cuts \$60 Million from Planned Parenthood

The Trump administration finalized the **Protect Life Rule** to redirect Title X family planning program funds away from the abortion industry. The rule advances President Trump's promise to stop taxpayer funding of abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood, who will no longer receive Title X funding if they choose not to comply.

President Donald Trump announced the move last May, which will require facilities providing Title X services to be physically separate from those that commit or refer for abortions. Under the previous rules, Title X services and abortions could "co-locate" in the same center, as long as the abortions were privately funded. Now, the money will be redirected to Women's Qualified Health Centers that are not involved in abortions, which dramatically outnumber Planned Parenthood locations across the United States.

According to an HHS press release and fact sheet released, the finalized language requires "clear financial and physical separation between Title X funded projects and programs or facilities where abortion is a method of family planning," bans "referral for abortion as a method of family planning," eliminates a "requirement that Title X providers offer abortion counseling and referral," and requires "more complete reporting by grantees about subrecipients and more clarity about informal partnerships with referral agencies."

"The final rule amends the Title X regulation, which had not been substantially updated in nearly two decades, and makes notable improvements designed to increase the number of patients served and improve the quality of their care," the department's press release says. "The Department received and carefully reviewed more than 500,000 comments, and made certain changes to the final rule as a result of its consideration of the comments."

"We thank President Trump for taking decisive action to disentangle taxpayers from the big abortion industry led by Planned Parenthood," Susan B. Anthony List president Marjorie Dannenfelser responded. "The Protect Life Rule does not cut family planning funding by a single dime, and instead directs tax dollars to entities that provide healthcare to women but do not perform abortions. The Title X program was not intended to be a slush fund for abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood, which violently ends the lives of more than 332,000 unborn babies a year and receives almost \$60 million a year in Title X taxpayer dollars."

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