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National Pro-Life Bridges Day!

DCRTL is extremely excited to announce the 2nd Annual Pro-Life Bridges Day that will be held on Friday, June 28th! Grab your friends to raise awareness in Dubuque to thousands of people driving by!



Friday, June 28

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Pedestrian walkway over Hwy 20
(near St. Joseph the Worker Church)

It's up to you how long you want to join us – 1, 2, or 3 hours. Whatever your schedule allows! We only ask that you RSVP for the time you're interested in so we can make sure to have at least 10 people there per hour. We hope that you can join us for this awesome event!

Two large 3'x6' signs will be provided, one for each direction of traffic. Just bring your smiling face (and a chair if you'd like)! See you there!!



To sign up, contact Ashley at 563.556.5960.



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UPCOMING Events

June	Birdies for Charity! (DCRTL – Bird #1662)
Thursday, 6 th	Membership Event – Speaker: Matt Selby, <i>Behold Your Child</i> Ministry, DCRTL office, 7pm
Tuesday, 11 th	Deadline to Register for the Post Abortion Syndrome Workshop
Thursday, 13 th	Post Abortion Syndrome Workshop with Kathy Slinger, DCRTL office, 9am – 2pm
Sunday, 16 th	happy father's day
Thursday, 20 th	Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 28 th	National Pro-Life Bridges Day, Pedestrian Walkway Over Hwy 20 (near St. Joseph the Worker Church), 3:00pm—6:00pm
July	No membership event this month
Monday, 1 st	Pre-Fair Party, DCRTL office, 12pm
Thursday, 4 th	Happy Independence Day! (DCRTL office closed) 
Friday, 12 th	Deadline for final pledges to be sent to Birdies for Charity
Thursday, 18 th	Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, 20 th	<i>Miss You Can Do It</i> Pageant, Grand River Center, 5pm
Tuesday, 23 rd - Sunday, 28 th	DCRTL Educational Booth, Dubuque County Fair
Monday, 29 th	Mime for Life Training Retreat Sign-Up Deadline

WELCOME, TERESA!



We want to give a very special welcome to Teresa Shepard, DCRTL's new receptionist! She recently started on April 8th, and would love to meet you. Feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself. She grew up in the Quad Cities but now lives in Peosta, since 2006. She is married to Gary and has 3 grown Children: Amanda, Daniel, and Sean.

She also has 3 adorable grandchildren to adore: Thomas, Samantha, and Aubrey. Teresa volunteered for Blackhawk County Right to Life around 1997, has volunteered at Clarity Clinic in Dubuque, and has worked in medical offices as a receptionist for over 20 years. Her hobbies are photography (which she's fantastic at!), cooking (which Ashley is hoping to reap the benefits of), and reading (good thing we have a library!). Teresa is abundantly pro-life and we are so blessed to have her at DCRTL! Welcome, Teresa!

June Membership Event!

Speaker: Matt Selby, *Behold Your Child* Ministry

Thursday, June 6th

DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)

7:00PM – 8:00PM

Behold Your Child is a new ministry developed by the Archdiocese of Dubuque offices of Marriage and Family Life, Respect Life and Social Justice, and Catholic Charities to help provide hope and healing for parents and families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death (whether recently or years ago). Please join us on Thursday, June 6th for our membership event where we will hear from Matt Selby, Director of Marriage and Family Life with the Archdiocese of Dubuque, about this new and much needed ministry.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Post Abortion Syndrome Workshop

with Kathy Slinger

Thursday, June 13th

DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)

9:00AM – 2:00PM



Ever wonder what's going on inside the hurting post abortive woman and how you might help her? Or the hurting post abortive father and how you might help him?

Learn this and much more from someone who has been there. Kathy Slinger, Post Abortion Advocate, has helped hurting men and women through her ministry of love, forgiveness and healing.

Kathy will be offering a "Surrounded by Love" workshop at DCRTL. It will be of great benefit for everyone! Plan to attend: **Thursday, June 13 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at DCRTL** (registration begins at 8:30 AM). **The seminar**

cost is \$5.00, which will cover materials and lunch, but registration is required by Tuesday, June 11th. Give us a call us today at 563.556.5960 to register! **See you there!**

At age 20 Kathy had an abortion and suffered in silence for 15 years before seeking help to deal with the guilt and shame that "choice" brought with it. Over the last 20+ years, Kathy has attended 15 post abortion trainings, pro-life seminars and speaker workshops. She has lead 5 post abortion support groups, and helped 23 one-on-one clients, most of which completed a post abortion program. It is her desire to educate people on Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS) and the devastating effects abortion has on the hearts and lives of those it touches. She is now offering workshops on PAS and how to understand and help these hurting men and women – meeting them wherever they are. And they are everywhere. They are our neighbors and friends, co-workers, even family members. They are sitting in our churches, wondering if God can forgive them for what they have done. And the answer is a profound yes!

Please join us for this wonderful workshop – give us a call today to register. We hope to see you there!

Miss You Can Do It Pageant

Saturday, July 20th
5:00PM
Grand River Center, Dubuque



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Miss You Can Do It gives girls with disabilities a chance to be celebrated for all they are. Heartfelt and real, *Miss You Can Do It* portrays ability in an empowering way.

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Want to attend this special event to support these girls and young women? The *Miss You Can Do It Pageant* will be at the Grand River Center on Saturday, July 20th at 5:00pm. Admission price is \$5.00. Spread the word!

Brad Mattes, with *Facing Life Head On*, produced a video from the 2014 *Miss You Can Do It Pageant* where he interviewed two contestants and their parents. The stories of choosing life for their daughters, despite the prenatal diagnoses, is incredibly powerful. We encourage you to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/4zthRVzoiQ?t=1>

MIME FOR LIFE TRAINING RETREAT

Date: Saturday, August 3rd
Time: 11:00 am – 9:00 pm
Location: St. Columbkille Catholic Church
Cost: \$10.00/person (includes lunch, dinner, and workshop)
Deadline to Sign Up: Monday, July 29th

The Mime for Life was established in 1990 and became a part of the DCRTL Speaker's Bureau. Since then, several Mime for Life troupes developed and have performed in front of Governor Branstad and the Iowa Houses, Priests and Bishops of Iowa, many places in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, and in front of Norma McCorvey ("Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade) and Gianna Jessen (survivor of a failed saline abortion attempt).

Attention Students! We are looking to get a Mime for Life troupe active in Dubuque once again! Are you interested or know anyone who may be interested? It's a phenomenal ministry that speaks volumes without saying a word. We encourage you to get involved!



"The Mime for Life was a way for me to stand up and defend the unborn who can't defend themselves. I was so shocked by so many things I learned through the Mime that will stick with me forever! It was an eye opening experience that I will truly remember for the rest of my life."

-Kennedy Beck, Woodstock, IL Mime for Life

"Every time we performed I would pray that we could be a voice for those who could never speak and we could touch one heart in the audience. The Mime for Life is an extremely powerful performance that I was proud to be part of."

-Shea Pivnicka, Woodstock, IL Mime for Life

Deadline to sign up is Monday, July 29th.
RSVP by calling DCRTL @ 563-556-5960 or emailing astackis@dcrtl.org

JOB OPENING AT DCRTL!

Big news! We're hiring an **Executive Assistant** for 35 hours/week at DCRTL — help us spread the word! We are so excited and eager to find the perfect fit to join the team — please check out the job description below. If you (or anyone you know) is searching for a job where you can change hearts and save lives, please consider sending your cover letter and resume to Ashley Stackis, DCRTL's Executive Director, at astackis@dcrtl.org. For additional details or questions about the position, feel free to email Ashley for that as well. Thank you SO much!

Design:

- Design the monthly DCRTL newsletter
- Update the DCRTL website on a monthly basis and as needed
- Design brochures, cards, signs, advertisements, and other communication materials
- Proficiency in programs such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign
- Coordinate social media posts and event posts with the Executive Director
- Create billboard designs and bumper magnet designs with the "Life is..." campaign
- Schedule design projects with billboard companies
- Ensure final graphics and layouts are visually appealing and appropriate
- Prepare rough drafts and present ideas
- Conceptualize visuals based on requirements
- Complete projects by coordinating with outside agencies, art services, printers, etc.
- Continuous learning to keep skills and industry knowledge current

Event Planning:

- Maintain a working relationship with vendors and venues
- Understand the complex needs of different events
- Planning event aspects, such as venue, seating, dining, and guest list
- Coordinating event guest speakers
- Attentive to the value of staying under budget while planning event specifications
- Managing and overseeing events on the day of, including problem-solving, welcoming guests, directing event set-up, communicating with staff, and organizing vendors, and managing take-down
- Strong communication skills, and the ability to present event ideas and plans
- Plan events as needed and directed by the Executive Director and/or Board, including but not limited to: Walk for Life, March for Life, LIFE Dinner, Mass for the Unborn, Mother's Day Roses, Pro-Life Conference, Educational Booths, Lifesaver Sunday, October Student Contests, Pro-Life awareness Week, National Night of Prayer for Life and Monthly Membership Events

Other:

- Answer emails, phone calls, etc.
- Continual knowledge of current pro-life news
- Supervise volunteers as needed
- Other duties as directed by DCRTL Board or Executive Director

Requirements & Qualifications:

- Understanding of the pro-life mission and values of Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.
- A bachelor's degree in graphic design is preferred (extensive experience in the field may also be acceptable)
- Demonstrable graphic design skills with a strong portfolio
- Proficiency with required desktop publishing tools including Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator
- Understanding of marketing, production, website design, organization identity, advertisements, and multimedia design
- Time management and organizational skills; able to meet deadlines
- Able to give and receive constructive criticism
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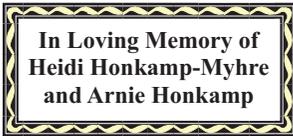
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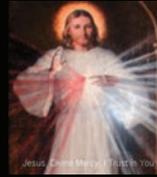
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DCRTL's Pro-Life Scholarship Recipients!

Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. is very proud and honored to be able to award scholarship monies to deserving young men and women in our community who advocate for the protection of the born and unborn, from conception to natural death.

This year we awarded a total of \$9,750 (thanks to our generous donors!) in scholarship monies to qualifying graduating seniors who plan to attend college. Many well written entries were submitted. Through an intense process, finalists were selected to participate in the speech contest. These students demonstrated leadership and conviction in the pro-life movement, as well as logged many hours of service to the cause of protecting human life. On Saturday, April 20th, an eager crowd of listeners and a panel of strict judges witnessed the delivery of polished and profound pro-life speeches from these students. They are challenged to take their pro-life message to college as they can accomplish incredible work simply by sharing their stories.

We were delighted to announce the names of the scholarship recipients at our annual L.I.F.E. Dinner on April 26th. Below is the remarkable group of pro-life students, listed from left to right, the high school they are graduating from, and the amount of the scholarship they received:



Nicole Schmitt, Beckman, \$1,000
Madelaine Rhomberg, Cascade, \$1,000
Martha Ward, Wahlert, \$500
David Hughes, Wahlert, \$1,500
Sophia Schuster, Beckman, \$1,000
Mary Freund, Wahlert, \$2,000
Emilee Heims, Hempstead, \$500
Rebecca Trumm, Cascade, \$500
Brooklynn Moore, Marquette, \$1,000
Marie Knepper, Cascade, \$500
Tara Linden, Bellevue, \$250

Congratulations to everyone and the best of luck in your future endeavors!

A Victory for Religious Liberty

On the National Day of Prayer, President Donald Trump unveiled the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's (HHS) conscience rules. President Trump initiated the creation of this guidance in his May 2017 Executive Order establishing a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative responsible for providing recommendations to the Administration's policy agenda pertaining to religious liberty.

The new regulation ensures that healthcare patients and professionals, like nurses, pharmacists, and doctors, are protected from discrimination in their workplace based on the exercise of their religious beliefs or moral convictions. For example, this guidance allows employers or healthcare facilities to decline from participating in abortions, administering birth control, or performing assisted suicide. This last fiscal year HHS's office of civil rights received 343 complaints. This shows the need for conscience protections.

The rule also provides HHS the full force of the law to take action against a conscience rights violation. Some of these tools include the ability to investigate complaints, withhold federal funds, and make referrals to the Department of Justice. Protecting conscience rights is fundamental in guaranteeing the First Amendment. DCRTL applauds the Trump administration in implementing these conscience protections and standing up for religious freedom.



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join us*

Wish List

- Join us at an event in June, we'd love to see you!
- Volunteers to help staff the DCRTL booth at the Dubuque County Fair in July!

Special Thanks

- Thank you to all volunteers who helped sell roses after Mass over Mother's Day Weekend!
- A huge thank you to Sara Brehm for coordinating the massive Mother's Day Roses project every year – we are eternally grateful!
- Thank you Tony Digmann with *Capture This Video Productions* for recording the keynote at the 27th Annual LIFE Dinner! Thank you Peggy Leibfried, AI Troupe, and Teresa Shepard for capturing moments at the LIFE Dinner with your photography skills! As well, thank you to everyone who helped to set up the day of the Dinner!
- Thank you Janelle Diehl, Brad Hesselbacher, Colleen Myers and Jessica Pennington for volunteering many hours as scholarship speech contest judges!
- Thank you Jerry Digmann, Issac Westhoff and Brian Westhoff for assisting in installing new vinyl on the billboards at the DCRTL satellite office in Dyersville!
- Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 1734 in Dyersville for the funding to purchase the vinyl!



In Memory Of:

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- Jean Mescher for Mother's Day, given by Lynn Frank
- Richard Mescher's Birthday, given by Lynn Frank
- Bob & Viola Necker on their 7th Wedding Anniversary, given by Keith & Jenny Boever
- Jim & Lorie Schmitt on their 35th Wedding Anniversary, given by Keith & Jenny Boever

Iowa Legislature Cuts Planned Parenthood Out of Sex Ed Business

A great win for Iowa! Planned Parenthood will not be allowed to use taxpayer dollars to teach sex education to our children anymore. Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a state Health and Human Services budget bill that makes abortion providers ineligible for sex education grants. The move cuts about \$260,000 in grant funding to Planned Parenthood. State Rep. Joel Fry said Iowa residents have been urging him and his fellow lawmakers to defund abortion groups from the sex education program. "The HHS budget will continue to provide grants to organizations that provide Iowa students with sex education. We are continuing to provide the same level of funding as we have in the past; however, abortion providers will no longer be eligible for grants. We have consistently heard from Iowans that they do not want their hard-earned tax dollars used by organizations whose primary business model is providing abortions," he stated.

The bill passed the state legislature at the end of April. Parents across the country have expressed serious concerns and even outrage when they learn that the largest abortion provider in America is teaching sex education to their children. Planned Parenthood teaches sex education to at least 221,000 students in 31 states, according to CBS News. In November, upset parents flooded a Florida school district with complaints after one of Planned Parenthood's graphic sex education videos was shown to students without parents' knowledge or consent. Among its worst teaching points, Planned Parenthood tells children that promiscuity is ok. "There's nothing bad or unhealthy about having a big number of sexual partners," it tells students on its Tumbler page. Planned Parenthood's booklet for HIV-positive youth, "Healthy, Happy and Hot," also tells young people that it is their "human right" to not tell their partner that they have HIV.

Numerous communities have rejected Planned Parenthood as a sex education teacher. The whole Massachusetts legislature rejected a bill in 2017 that recommended Planned Parenthood's middle school sex education curriculum. The program teaches children as young as 12 "how to perform oral and anal sex." Concerned parents in Pennsylvania, Michigan, California, Washington state, New York, North Carolina and other parts of the country also have protested Planned Parenthood's involvement in their students' education in the past several years. In one recent case, parents at a Pennsylvania school said a Planned Parenthood partner group taught seventh-grade students graphic details about oral sex during a science class. In another case, North Carolina parents petitioned for Planned Parenthood to stop teaching their middle school students. They said Planned Parenthood's "Get Real" curriculum "encourages sixth graders to feel 'comfortable and ready' for sex. The petition says the curriculum provides flash cards outlining proper condom usage, for 'vaginal, oral or anal sex' and recommends the usage of 'non-microwavable saran wrap' as a prophylactic for certain non-reproductive sex acts."

PP boasts of being one of the largest sex education providers in Iowa. Now that's scary....and makes us feel sick to our stomach. Thank you Iowa legislature for protecting our children!

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A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director

Thank you for your generous support at our 27th Annual L.I.F.E. Dinner, we greatly appreciate it! It was a lovely evening as always, shared in a room full of caring, loving, outstanding pro-life advocates. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your constant love and support of our mission—we couldn't make the impact we do without you. If you weren't able to make it to the dinner this year, we do have the keynote recorded. Simply reach out to me via email or phone (astackis@dcrtl.org; 563.556.5960) and I will be happy to provide you with a copy to view.

We want to acknowledge all men on Father's Day—the ones who are fathers, the ones who stepped up to be fathers, the ones who are grieving the loss of a father, and those who want to be fathers. Know that you are seen, loved, and valued. There are tons of ways to celebrate you, and this year we want you to enjoy a free coffee for Father's Day. Thank you for life—we love you!

Yours in the service of LIFE,
Ash

Happy Father's Day!

Enjoy a
**FREE Cup
of Coffee**
(any size!)

Valid only on June 16th. Offer welcome at a
Big 10 Mart in Dubuque or East Dubuque.

FROM OUR LIBRARY:

Healing the Father

Emotional and Spiritual Freedom for the Post-Abortive Man

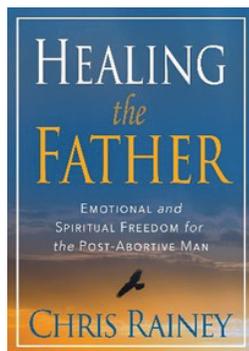
By Chris Rainey

For every abortion, a man is involved. Just like the woman, the man can experience guilt and regret over his involvement with the abortion. Considerable attention is given to the post-abortive woman but what about the man?

Men can experience the same emotional trauma from his abortion involvement. However, the man is often ignored or forgotten, left to deal with the emotional fallout of guilt and regret he might carry with him into all aspects of his life.

This book contrasts the woman's experience from that of a man and goes on to offer the post-abortive man peace and comfort available through the miracle of forgiveness. He does not have to carry the guilt and regret from a past experience.

Actual life stories are presented of individual abortion experiences, including the author's own experience, and the peace and comfort found through forgiveness.



Birdies for Charity

Dubuque County Right to Life is participating in Birdies for Charity again this year!

Please consider sending in your pledge card that is enclosed in this newsletter.

When you send in your pledge, DCRTL will receive 100% of the funds raised PLUS an additional 5-10% bonus match! Simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due.

As well, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. The person who guesses the correct number will win a 2 year lease on a 2019 Lexus NX!

The deadline for final pledges to be sent to Birdies for Charity is Friday, July 12th.

We hope that you will participate! Please give the DCRTL office a call (563-556-5960) if you have any questions. Thank you!



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