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Roshek Holiday Silent Auction Fundraiser

Between November 16th and December 6th, DCRTL will have a stunning bench and wreath on display in the Roshek Lobby that are up for bid. The bench is made from 100 year old reclaimed yellow pine lumber from barn rafters. You'll want to see it in person to appreciate all of the detail put into this bench – absolutely gorgeous. All proceeds from these items go directly to our organization. To bid, either stop by the Roshek Building and sign the clipboard next to the item, or bid online at <https://www.accelevents.com/events/roshekbldg>. The bench will be at the DCRTL office until November 12th if you want to stop by to see it before we take it to the Roshek Building.



Our Wish List!

- * Orange juice boxes and breakfast muffins for our craft day November 9th
- * A volunteer to clean the gutters
- * A volunteer to trim a tree
- * Scholarship monies for the March for Life
- * Outdoor Christmas lights
- * Postage stamps

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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.

November National Adoption Month!

Thursday, 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Event – Bethany Christian Services Speaker & Board of Director Elections, DCRTL Office, 7pm Marquette High School Students Volunteering at Our Office!
Friday, 2 nd - Sunday, 4 th	Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, Cedar Rapids, IA
Friday, 9 th	Thanksgiving Craft & Treat Day, DCRTL Office, 10am
Thursday, 15 th	Board of Director’s Meeting
Friday, 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roshek Holiday Silent Auction Fundraiser Begins Start Date to Order Butter Braids
Thursday, 22 nd	<p><i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i></p> 
Tuesday, 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Labeling Power Hour, DCRTL Office, 9am Giving Tuesday!
December	
Thursday, 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCRTL Christmas Party! Sisters of the Presentation Cafeteria, 7-9pm Final Day of the Roshek Holiday Silent Auction Fundraiser
Friday, 7 th	Final Day to Order Butter Braids
Saturday, 8 th	<p>National Night of Prayer for Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basilica of St. Francis in Dyersville, 6-9pm Dubuque Location & Time TBA
Thursday, 20 th	Board of Director’s Meeting
Friday, 21 st	Delivery of Butter Braids
Tuesday, 25 th	<p><i>Merry Christmas!</i></p> 

Tree Trimming & Gutter Cleaning

We need your help at the office! Before it gets too terribly cold outside, we are looking for someone to help with one or two outdoor items. First, our gutters need to be cleaned out. Secondly, there’s a large tree on the East side of the building that is getting too big and could damage the wonderful building we have if it doesn’t get trimmed. We want to be pro-active in these endeavors and hope you can help! If you can help with one of these or know someone who can, please let us know. We appreciate your dedication and assistance in advance. Thank you so much!



A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



I wish I was writing about how amazing Pro-Life Awareness Week was, but unfortunately I'm writing the newsletter the week before – darn! During this week I will be taking our speaker, Georgette, to 11 different speaking engagements in and around Dubuque, reaching around 1,200 people who will have the opportunity to hear Georgette's story. WOW! I've never been so excited to be so busy!

To fast forward a bit - as you see on the cover of this month's newsletter, I am thrilled that we are yet again participating in the Roshek Holiday Silent Auction! Where has the time gone, right? A couple of months ago I was brainstorming ideas for what to put in the auction this year – I wanted something homemade, one of a kind, made of love and something the highest bidder could really cherish and be proud of. That every time they looked at it, a smile would come upon their face knowing they helped our organization change hearts and save lives. And by golly that's exactly what we got! Here's how this came about...

I reached out to about half a dozen folks to see if they could assist us in this endeavor and unfortunately wasn't able to find anyone. This time of year everyone tends to be swamped. So I went home that night feeling defeated. I sat down on the couch to relax and was scrolling through the marketplace on Facebook. If you're not familiar with what that is, it's like an online garage sale where you can post items you're selling, from vehicles to decorations, and everything in between. But while I was scrolling through (I tend to be a "window shopper" - if that counts considering its online - maybe a "screen shopper"? ha) I found

someone who posted their beautiful woodworking pieces they've made, advertising that they can make custom items, whatever your heart desires. Well...I said a quick prayer and messaged the woman, asking if she would be willing to donate a piece for the Roshek Holiday Event and that all proceeds from it would go to DCRTL. Now, I had absolutely no idea where she stood on the issue of abortion or our organization. I was prepared to be told to "fly a kite". BUT God is good all the time, all the time God is good. Instead, she was ecstatic and gave me a YES that she and her husband would love to make something for us, completely free of charge. Not only that, but they would decorate it too!!! Thank God for pro-life people! What a blessing they have been. If you know Ken & Dawn Leppert, please make sure to give them another big hug from me – and as well, if you're looking for a Christmas present for someone that's super special, give them a call. They can make that happen.

The day they dropped off the bench to the office, Erica and I were in shock at how absolutely gorgeous it was! The amount of detail put into it is astounding. I welcome you all to stop by the office by November 12 to look at the bench, or to go down to the Roshek Building to look at it from November 16 – December 6. Please consider bidding on this one of a kind bench – of course you'll get something truly amazing, but your generosity will help us to continue to build a greater respect for all human life.

I'm so grateful for the profound generosity of Ken & Dawn and to all those who help us in our mission. Because of you the world is a better place. So thank you!

Yours in the service of LIFE,

Ash

BUTTER BRAIDS!



The perfect opportunity is available to ALL, to purchase the most delicious pastries (EVER!) while also supporting our youth in their pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington DC! These pastries are perfect to have on hand for a quick treat or of course breakfast during the busy holiday season. What's your favorite flavor? **Apple**, **blueberry cream cheese**, **caramel rolls**, **cherry**, **cinnamon**, **cream cheese**, **raspberry**, **strawberry cream cheese**? Whichever one you choose, we promise you'll be satisfied!

To order your Butter Braids today, contact a Mazzuchelli student if you know one (they are selling Butter Braids to help cover the cost of their trip), or contact the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960.

Start date: 11-16-18

Final Order Date: 12-7-18

Delivery Date: 12-21-18 (delivered to Mazzuchelli but can pick them up from DCRTL also)

Cost: \$12/each (\$5 of that will go directly towards the particular student you ordered it through, or March for Life Scholarship Fund if ordered through DCRTL)

November Membership Event & Board of Directors Elections!



Thursday, November 1st, is our monthly membership event at 7:00pm. We will be covering two very important topics at this event. First, we will have the opportunity to hear from Amy with Bethany Christian Services talk about adoption in honor of November being National Adoption Month. Secondly, we will hold elections for the DCRTL Board of Directors. See page 5 for more information!



Thanksgiving Craft & Treat Day



ATTENTION FAMILIES!

Please join us Friday, November 9th, at 10am for a fun Thanksgiving Craft & Treat Day (gobble gobble!) at our office. All ages are welcome to participate – we hope that you can make it!

If anyone would be interested in donating individual orange juice boxes or their time and talents in making some breakfast muffins for this event please give Ashley a call at 563-556-5960! The kiddos would LOVE it!



#GIVING TUESDAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018

- ◆ #GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in countries around the world. Millions of people have come together to support and champion the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live.
- ◆ We have two days for getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, we have a day for giving back. Together, people are creating a new ritual for our annual calendar. #GivingTuesday is the opening day of the giving season.
- ◆ Every act of generosity counts, and each means even more when we give together. #GivingTuesday includes people of all ethnicities, religions and backgrounds.
- ◆ Everyone has something to give. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, or simple acts of kindness.

We hope that you will consider Dubuque County Right to Life this #GivingTuesday. Our mission wouldn't succeed without our volunteers or donors.

We are eternally grateful for all of you!

2018 ELECTIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DCRTL is governed by a board of directors, consisting of 9-12 persons, nominated and elected for staggered three-year terms by the members of DCRTL, who want to change hearts and save lives. Our nominating committee will present the below slate of 5 candidates to the general membership at the November 1st membership event (held at our office – 2205 Carter Rd., Dubuque) to fill 4 available spots on the board of directors. Nominations from the floor, by any DCRTL member in good standing, will be accepted during the meeting as well. All DCRTL members are eligible to vote, but must do so in person at the meeting. We hope to see you all November 1st at the membership event to elect the newest members of the board of directors!

- ◆ **John Freund** – John Freund is an alumnus of Wahlert High School, Loras College (majoring in Economics and English: Writing), and the University of Iowa College of Law. He has been an active private attorney since 2004 and founded Freund Law Firm, P.C. in 2010. John practices primarily in the areas of real estate and business advising and is admitted in the states of Iowa and Wisconsin and in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. He and his wife, Amy, have been married since 2000 and have five children who span elementary, middle, and high school. The Freunds belong to St. Columbkille Parish where they are very active, and John and Amy enjoy Eucharistic Adoration through the Power of Prayer, Inc. and at Wahlert High School. John has been involved in several non-profit boards and committees, including serving as the chair for the Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association, Four Mounds Foundation, and the St. Columbkille Finance Council, and he provides legal counsel to other nonprofits, such as the Pro-Life maternity home, Mary's Inn. His interests are many and varied, including Chicago Bears football, Shakespeare, history, technological gadgets, and the mass consumption of audiobooks.
- ◆ **Becky McGrane** – Becky McGrane is the wife of Jerry and mother of 8 children ranging in age from 17 down to 2. They live in Dyersville, where her husband teaches at Beckman Catholic and her children attend St. Francis Xavier School and Beckman Catholic High School. She is a homemaker and a very part time substitute teacher. Becky enjoys spending time with her family, attending daily Mass, being in a couple of bible studies and reading inspirational fiction. She hopes to get more involved in DCRTL, rather than just being a member and attending the March for Life with her oldest daughter.
- ◆ **Katie McGuire** – Katie decided she would help organize the March for Life trip to DC in 2005 for Aquin, to do so once and that would be it for her. It was bitter cold as they drove through a blizzard on their travels to DC. Regardless of the obstacle, by the time she got home she was already planning the next year's trip, realizing we were not done fighting for the rights of babies. Now, Katie has been involved in Right to Life for over 15 years at Aquin! Through the years Katie has continued to educate herself further, her students, their parents, and hopefully our community through prayer, speakers, protesting in front of Planned Parenthood, putting crosses up at school and Fillmore, Prayer Chains, and movies to name a few. Over 650 students and parents have attended the March for Life from the Cascade area so far. She believes we have a responsibility to speak and act for those who cannot defend themselves.
- ◆ **Colleen Myers** – Colleen Conklin Myers is married to John Myers. They're blessed with 7 Children, 6 Earthly Grandchildren and a Grandson with our Heavenly Father. She has been actively involved with DCRTL, being the first employee when we opened our office on Cleveland and also started the Mime for Life. She values her years of experience in the pro-life movement, her experience in marketing, fund development, public relations, and volunteer recruitment. She also values her 3 years of connecting and standing for Life as her husband and she traveled this beautiful country, bringing new ideas and contacts to DCRTL. She believes she could bring much experience and passion to the DCRTL Board of Directors.
- ◆ **Martha Schmid** – Martha has been married 35 years to her husband, Doug and have four grown children. She has been a resident of Dubuque for 35 years. She is also a Registered Nurse at Mercy Health Center for now 35 years and a clinical instructor for NICC for 11 years! Martha has volunteered in the DCRTL office, organizing the March for Life for 8th graders in the area for over 10 years. She recently retired from that rewarding role in 2017. She has missed being with pro-lifers, as they are a great group of people! She hopes to be able to contribute to the success of the mission of DCRTL by spending her energies promoting the cause in any way needed.



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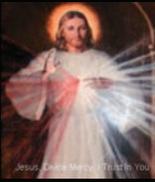
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- Students must submit evidence of service hours logged in the cause of protecting human life.
- Students must submit one (1) recommendation letter describing individual commitment to some aspect of the DCRTL mission.



Submission: The application, written speech, log of service hours, and recommendation letter must be uploaded to the DCRTL website (www.dcrtl.org/scholarships).

Deadline: Submissions of the application, written speech, log of service hours, and recommendation letter are due by Friday, March 29, 2019.

Finalists will be chosen by the quality of their written speech, as well as logged service hours and recommendation letter. If chosen as a finalist, the student must be available to participate in a speech presentation on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 9am-12pm, at the DCRTL office, 2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa.

November Boycott List

Life Decisions International publishes a Boycott List every year listing the different corporations who directly support Planned Parenthood. If you are interested in the full list please contact our office, and if you would like to receive our weekly Boycott List emails, please contact Erica at reception@dctrl.org. **Because of pro-lifers across the country participating in sending letters to corporations on the boycott list, at least 345 of them have ceased funding Planned Parenthood, which has cost the deadly behemoth tens of millions of dollars. Now that is something of which you can be proud!** Please consider sending a letter to the following corporations who directly support Planned Parenthood:

- ◆ **Symantec – Computer Software** (Altiris, Backup Exec, Blue Coat, Endpoint Protection, EDS, Norton products/services, Odyssey, PartitionMagic, pcAnywhere, ProComm, Veritas, Vontu), **Internet** (GuardianEdge, MessageLabs, Mi5 Networks, NetBackup, PGP, SONAR, SwapDrive, Veritas)
- ◆ **Glaxosmithkline – Medical Devices** (Actiprotec flu mask), Medications/Treatments (Excedrin, Panadol, Voltaren, Lamisil, Benefibre, Citrucel, Ex-Lax, Gas-X, Prodiem, Tums, Abreva, Zovirax, Actifed, Breathe Right, Buckley’s, Cholinex, Coldrex, Flonase, NeoCitran, Theraflu, Thrive, Ansolar, Bactroban, Impruv, Keri, Lac-Hydrin, Lamisil, Lipactin, Spectro, Uremol, Zeasorb, NicoDerm, Nicorette, Nicotinell, NiQuitin, alli), **Nutrition** (Benefibre, Cetebe, Horlicks, Maltova, Oscal, Rutinoscorbin, Scott’s Emulsion, Viva), **Personal Care** (Aquafresh, Astringinsol, Biotène, Chlorhexamed, Corega, Corsodyl, Dr. Best, Macleans, Polident, Poligrip, Pro-Email, ProName!, Sensodyne, Super Wernet’s, Synthol)
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HHS Ends FDA Contract, Promises Bold Action

In response to pressure from Congress and pro-life groups, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recently announced that they have terminated a contract with Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc., a company that procures aborted baby remains from abortion facilities and sells them. In June of this year, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) signed a contract with them for research into creating mice with human immune systems. The contract used disturbing language, such as the acquiring “fresh” fetal tissue. They promised to use the “highest ethical standards”, however, there’s nothing ethical about experimenting with baby body parts.

In an official statement, the HHS announced the contract termination as a first step and promised to:

- **Audit all of its current contracts with other vendors**
- **Audit all research projects involving aborted fetal tissue**
- **Seek, fund, and accelerate ethical alternatives**

However, this means that fetal tissue experimentation may continue as long as it meets government “standards,” something the Susan B. Anthony List, which spearheaded the effort to halt all such activity, believes this decision to review rather than terminate fetal tissue procurement and experimentation does not go far enough.

“Secretary Azar must put an immediate moratorium on funding for research using aborted baby organs and tissue purchased from the abortion industry,” said SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser in a written statement. “Further, Secretary Azar should instead devote tax dollars to ethical alternatives that – unlike experimentation on fetal tissue – produce successful therapies for patients. Canceling a single contract and conducting a review is a small step forward, but overall is completely inadequate.”

The National Institutes of Health currently funds experimentation using human fetal tissue and organs to the tune of \$100 million U.S. taxpayer dollars. Much of the aborted baby tissue and organs goes to create humanized mice, which are altered to more closely resemble human systems.

“Ghoulis experiments that use humanized mice have no business being funded by the American taxpayer, most of which would be horrified to learn their tax money was being used in this way,” said Operation Rescue President. “All experimentation on aborted baby remains funded by the U.S. government must be terminated for the sake of human decency.”

We applaud HHS for terminating this contract, however, we urge them to continue this process. There is so much more that can be done to eliminate this horrific practice.



Unplanned Movie



Many, if not all of you, know who Abby Johnson is – one of the most prolific pro-life speakers in our nation. We’ve hosted her as a keynote speaker, and as well have her books in our library for anyone to read. Well, it has recently been announced that she is now filming her story in a movie, to be in theaters March 2019! We are so excited for her and for all of the pro-life movies and films being released. The truth is being told!

If you’re not familiar with Abby’s story, here’s a quick brief:

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman’s journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman’s right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

Unplanned is the most important movie you’ll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter which side of the fence you’re on, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby’s journey.

Unplanned ... in theaters nationwide Spring 2019.

Pictures of the Month!

8th grade students from Aquin attending the 2019 March for Life putting up crosses:



Life Chain in Dversville:



Life Chain in Dubuque:



A Quotable Quote

“Legalizing assisted suicide sends the false message that some lives are worth caring for, and others are not.”

~Cecilia Sone, Nurse Practitioner





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