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If you would like to be added to the calling list, please call our office and speak with Erica. Once a month she will call you with the date of the mailing to see if you're available to help.

We hope you'll join us!

Have a positive, uplifting, pro-life story to share? Please share it with us, we would love to feature it in our newsletter! Feel free to email it to dctrl@dctrl.org or mail it to 2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, IA.



What will I find in this newsletter?

- A note from Ashley Stackis, Executive Director
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What's Happening in Spring

April	Abortion Recovery Month
Sunday, 1st	Happy Easter!! 
Thursday, 5th	Membership Event! Author and speaker, Luana Stoltenberg, will tell of her abortion recovery story, 7pm, DCRTL Office – All are welcome!
Saturday, 7th	Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts , 9am, DCRTL Office – Bring the whole family for lots of fun!!
Monday, 9th	Mass for the Unborn , 7pm mass, 6:25pm rosary, St. Joseph the Worker
Friday, 13th	RSVP deadline for the LIFE Dinner – You don't want to miss it!
Sunday, 15th	IHOP donating 20% of your meal to DCRTL from 2pm-10pm
Thursday, 19th	Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 20th	National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day!
May	No membership event this month!
Friday, 4th	LIFE Dinner! 5:30pm, Grand River Center
Saturday, 12th-Sunday, 13th	Mother's Day Roses available at local churches
Thursday, 17th	Board of Director's Meeting



EASTER EGG HUNT & CRAFTS
Saturday, April 7th
9:00 AM, DCRTL Office

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! All ages are welcome – bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc. The more the merrier!

We can't wait to see you there!

A note from Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



Happy April! ☺

As you may have noticed in the calendar section to the left, we have a lot going on here at DCRTL! We are very excited to provide these

events for our membership (you!) and hope you can attend, we would love to have you! Please don't be shy!

I read a statement the other day that I want to share with you.

“The problem is that most pro choicers have no idea what we actually believe..” -Steven Lopez, Spiritus Films

This hit close to home for me as time and time again I find this to be true, especially on social media. We need to remember that pro-aborts really don't know what we believe, but it is our duty and responsibility to share our beliefs and knowledge with them. Being quiet and saying nothing only assures them of what they know, or in reality, what they don't know. And they don't know that they don't know (say that ten

times fast!). Unfortunately, those who are pro-abortion, or those unsure of their stance, probably haven't had an opportunity to learn why they should be pro-life. So go ahead, have that conversation, and even though it may be tough, don't be afraid. Lead with your heart, because in your heart you know the truth, the beauty of life.

Sometimes that conversation may be difficult to start – so let DCRTL help you! We have many conversation starters for you – bumper magnets, pins, pens, mugs, bags, shirts, stickers, brochures, etc. I personally have a pro-life license plate and am incredibly PROUD to have that display of pro-life awareness wherever I go. Even if it only makes someone stop and think about their stance, that's what matters. Awareness is key. Stop by the office and check out what we have – we would love to help you find what you need.

Don't keep the beauty of life to yourself – share it, display it, and be proud of it!

Yours in the service of LIFE,
Ash

FROM OUR LIBRARY...

The speaker for our April Membership Event (April 5th at 7:00PM) is Luana Stoltenberg – please join us in hearing her story of healing. She also graciously donated her book, *Singing in the Wilderness*, to our library – feel free to check it out!

Singing in the Wilderness

At fifteen, Luana became pregnant. Ironically, her pregnancy gave her a way out of a home filled with alcohol abuse, and dysfunction. She married, but suffered a miscarriage, and the marriage ended.

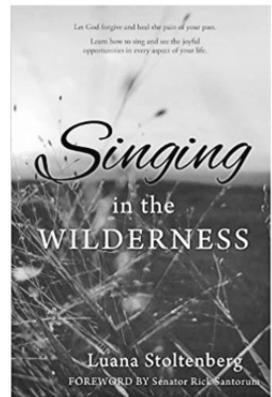
Seeking love and acceptance, Luana's promiscuous lifestyle resulted in another unplanned pregnancy. Desperate and scared, she was convinced abortion was her only option.

Her life spiraled down into depression, drug and alcohol abuse, and failed suicide attempts. After two more pregnancies and abortions, she lost all hope. But God had a plan. Luana received Christ, and her life was transformed.

She later married a loving, Christian man. However, their attempts to have children were unsuccessful. Infertile as a result of the abortions, she realized the only children she would ever bear she had killed. Through heartache, they decided to adopt a child from India.

God began opening doors, and Luana was catapulted into a world of politics and prolife advocacy.

This book showcases the power of Christ to heal and restore people from addictions and traumatic events. Her healing journey with Christ- and the authority of His Word and prayer- allow Luana to speak truth and hope to others who are on the path of self-destruction.



MASS FOR THE UNBORN

The feast of the Annunciation is usually celebrated on March 25th. This year it is moved to **April 9th**. At the annunciation, Mary said yes to being the mother of Jesus. We will be praying for all women who might be struggling with the decision to say yes to life. Join us on Monday, April 9, 2018 at St. Joseph the Worker for Mass at 7:00pm. We will begin with a rosary at 6:25pm. Please join us for baked goods and refreshments in the church basement following the Mass.

WHEN IS ABORTION RECOVERY AWARENESS MONTH?

The month of April is Abortion Recovery Awareness 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 Awareness Month is to enlighten society by raising awareness of abortion and its aftermath. We also want to inform people of the recovery opportunities 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, Missing Arrows – Fatherhood Lost, Rachel’s Vineyard for Men, Reconciled, and SaveOne for Men.

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

(2008-2017). *What IS Abortion Recovery Awareness Month?*. Retrieved from www.abortionrecoveryinternational.org

Dubuque County Right to Life has submitted an Abortion Recovery Month Proclamation and it has been approved by the Governor’s Office! 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.

Proclamation

- 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.

**You are invited to DCRTL's 26th annual LIFE Dinner featuring
Mark Davis Pickup**

Friday, May 4, 2018

Grand River Center



Mark Pickup

has spoken across North America warning against accepting euthanasia and assisted suicide. He has addressed

politicians in Canada and the United States, churches and denominational leaders, universities, high schools and community groups, hospital medical staffs, local, state and provincial pro-life conventions as well as keynote speaker to U.S. National Right to Life Prayer Breakfasts (2001, 2005, and 2010). Mark is extensively published in Canadian and U.S. publications. He has appeared on innumerable radio and television programs warning against a cultural drift toward euthanasia acceptance. Mark has received numerous awards for his work including the Monsignor Bill Irwin Award for Ethical Excellence and a Governor General's Medal for community service.

Below is audience feedback from a recent medical conference where Mark spoke about a Christian's perspective suffering with incurable neurological disease and degenerative disability.

"I have heard many speakers at many different venues and Mr. Pickup is the best I have ever heard.."

"Very articulate speaker, inspiring."

"Great speaker. He has left me speechless!"

"Mark was captivating and showed how suffering changed his life. He is such a humble man and was an inspiration to me."

5:30 P.M. Social Hour

6:45 P.M. Complimentary Dinner

(Roast Beef Sirloin, Sweet Potato Mash, Spinach Salad w/ Toasted Almonds and Mandarin Oranges)

7:45 P.M. Speaker



_____ **Yes, I/we can attend.** Please reserve _____ seat(s).

Reservations can also be called in to our office at **563-556-5960** or completed online at **<http://lifedinner2018.eventbrite.com>**

_____ **I/We cannot attend.** Please accept \$ _____ as a donation to further the work of Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.

Name(s): _____

*Space is limited. Reservations and seating requests must be received no later than
Friday, April 13, 2018.*

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On Sunday, April 15th, from 2:00PM - 10:00PM, please join us at IHOP!
Call someone special or get a group of your friends together to share dinner with as IHOP will be donating back 20% of your meal to Dubuque County Right to Life. How wonderful!

Please RSVP (www.groupraise.com/events/55249) as we need a minimum of 20 people to commit to eat in support of our organization. You don't have to RSVP to attend, but we need a minimum of 20 people to commit. See you there!



National pro-life t-shirt day is April 20, 2018!
One day of action to wear your favorite pro-life t-shirt everywhere you go!

Don't have a pro-life t-shirt? Stop by our office for one. We have plenty!

American Life League Life Defenders have hosted this day since the 1990s and their goal has always remained the same: to empower young people to speak up and defend the innocent babies killed through abortion. DCRTL wants to encourage each and every one of you to participate in this great event too! Take a picture with your family and friends wearing your pro-life t-shirts and email it to us so we can share it on our website and Facebook page! What a fun way to spread the pro-life message!



**PLANNED PARENTHOOD BACKER, FRED HUBBELL,
RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR**

It seems too soon for political campaigning but that has not stopped some people. One of those is Fred Hubbell who is running for Governor in the state of Iowa. Some of his commercials have been airing for the past couple months. In one of the most recent commercials, the narrator states "Fred and Charlotte believe women need access to quality health care. So they helped buy a building to open a new Planned Parenthood clinic in Dubuque".

Dubuque County Right to Life and our dedicated members have worked countless hours saving lives by getting Planned Parenthood out of Dubuque and prefer they don't return. When voting, we please ask that you consider to keep life issues in mind.

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.

Enouen, S. (2017, August). *Seven Reasons to Boycott the March of Dimes*. Retrieved from <https://lifeissues.org>

MONTH OF APRIL 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@dcrtl.org.

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Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended our March Membership Event – what a beautiful story from Julie Casey about the birth of her daughter, Sarah, and how far she has come today.

Happy Joe's on University Avenue for donating to our first Easter Egg Hunt!

Lange Sign, for their donation of services to our office.

Thank you to Dee Schilling, Stacy Stackis, Marian Bourek, Jackie Crimmins, Laura Dolehide, Kate Dolehide, Ellen Markham, and Maureen Ward for all of your help with the LIFE Dinner invite stuffing & mailing!

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Pearl Kaufman, given by Tony & Janice Krapfl

Rosemary Smith-Schoen, given by Rod Smith

Sr. Lillian Marie Connolly R.S.M., given by Ed & Mary Kluesner

In Honor Of:

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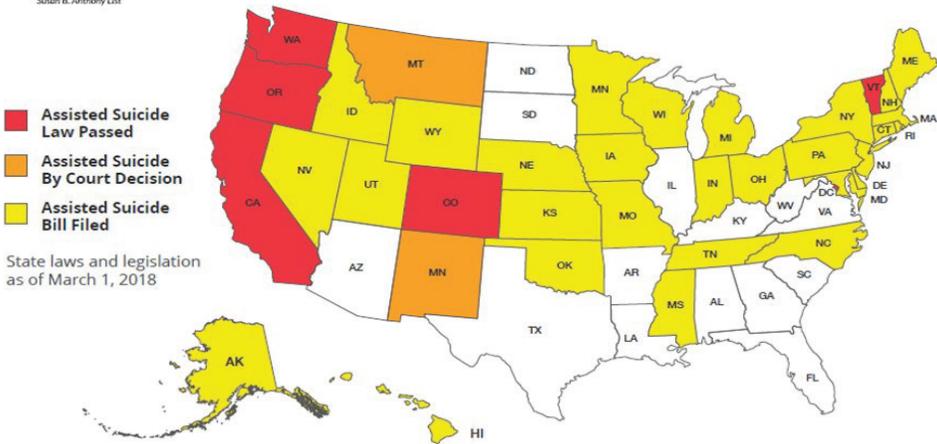


A QUOTEABLE QUOTE

“If all of us do all we can, we will once again, in our time, restore the sanctity of life to the center of American law.”

-Vice President Mike Pence

Assisted Suicide in the States



Euthanasia is the intentional killing of a person, and assisted suicide is suicide committed by someone with assistance from another person. Some people advocate for euthanasia and assisted suicide because they believe those are merciful acts. **However, intentionally killing a human being is always wrong.** These acts use killing as a solution to problems that are best addressed with caring help. Assisted suicide is a very slippery slope that could lead to abuse and coercion of patients.

From the *Patients Rights Action Fund*: “Though physician-assisted suicide is often presented as a matter of individual liberty, there are significant public health and safety concerns associated with the practice. While advocates of assisted suicide often describe it as a means of allowing patients to avoid physical pain and suffering, data indicate that many turn to assisted suicide over financial concerns or fears of becoming dependent and a burden on their caretakers. In these cases, the patient’s distress is emotional rather than physical, and should be regarded and treated as such.

Allowing physician-assisted suicide could also lead to circumstances in which patients are coerced or even forced to undergo it. Supporters of legalizing assisted suicide often point to the lack of evidence of any abuse under Oregon’s Death With Dignity Act as a means of allaying this concern, however, estimates indicate that instances of elder abuse are actually around 10 percent, which suggests there is instead a lack of documentation. The drugs and their distribution are not sufficiently regulated to shield their recipients from abuse.

Despite the fact that there is often a link between a stated desire to die and depression, data from the most recent report about Oregon’s law indicate that less than 4 percent of patients seeking a prescription for lethal drugs were referred for a mental health evaluation. Typically, when a patient says they want to die, resources are directed to reversing this stated wish. The data however indicates these terminally ill patients are given a lower standard of care than the general population.

Physician-assisted suicide could also lead to an adverse impact on members of the patient’s community. Some terminally ill patients seek a prescription for lethal drugs in order to have access to them if they should so choose, but never take them and die of natural causes instead.

For instance, in Oregon — one of just a handful of states where physician assisted suicide is legal — 1,749 prescriptions for lethal drugs have been written, and 64 percent of these prescriptions lead to documented deaths following ingestion. That leaves a remaining 36 percent of drugs that were not ingested by the patient who received them. What, then, happens to these unused drugs? Amid a national suicide epidemic, these unused drugs may fall into the hands of others if they are not adequately secured and regulated. Research has shown, after controlling for demographics and other factors, physician-assisted suicide is associated with an increase in both assisted and non-assisted suicide rates. If the suicide contagion effect is beyond question how is it safe to make assisted suicide public policy?

With potential assisted suicide bills, please consider legislation that would increase the quality of care for the elderly, the sick, the disabled and the vulnerable rather than sanctioning a law that results in the devaluing and destruction of their lives.”



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