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Membership Picnic!

DCRTL's Annual Picnic
Thursday, August 2nd
Wagner Pavilion in Asbury Park
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Meat and table service will be provided by your board of directors. Just bring a dish to pass along with whatever beverages you enjoy.

Representative Shannon Lundgren (Iowa House District 57) will be our speaker for the picnic! We are excited for her talk “Using Courage and Civility; Battling a Culture of Death”. She will also give us an update on the fetal heartbeat legislation and what the future holds for it now. You won't want to miss this!

See you there!

Wish List

- ◇ Postage Stamps
- ◇ Bottled Water



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Pre-Fair Party!



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Upcoming EVENTS

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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.

August	
Thursday, 2nd	Membership Picnic at Asbury Park, Wagner Pavilion, 6pm – 8pm
Saturday, 11th	DCRTL Educational Booth at the Kennedy Mall, 11am – 5pm
Sunday, 12th	DCRTL Educational Booth at the Kennedy Mall, 12pm – 3pm
Thursday, 16th	Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, 20th	Movie Monday! DCRTL Office, 12pm – 1pm
Thursday, 23rd	Newsletter Labeling Power Hour, DCRTL Office, 9am
September	
Thursday, 6th	Membership Event, Fatal Flaws Film Showing, DCRTL Office, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, 8th	24 Hour Prayer Initiative for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
Thursday, 20th	Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, 22nd	Bellevue Knights of Columbus Golf Outing to Benefit DCRTL



Face It. Without Adoption, Wendy's Wouldn't Be Here.

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has one mission: to dramatically increase the number of adoptions from foster care. Founded in 1992 by Wendy's founder Dave Thomas who was adopted, the Foundation

believes that every child deserves a loving family. They are North America's only national nonprofit charity dedicated solely to finding permanent homes for the more than 117,000 children waiting to be adopted in the US and 30,000 waiting in Canada.

Dubuque County Right to Life had Wendy's for lunch to support the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. It's easy and you can do it too!

Being adopted into a family allowed Wendy's founder, Dave Thomas, to realize his dream of starting a family restaurant. Now, it's a Snap to help children in foster care achieve their dreams, too. Here's how you can help: visit a Wendy's, unlock and share the Snapchat filter on the cup through 8/31/2018, and \$5 will be donated to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

For more information, visit Wendy's website:
<https://www.wendys.com/adoption>

A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



Typically once a week, if not more, I receive an email from Operation Rescue with a picture and a story of yet another woman taken by ambulance from an abortion facility. Or like today, I receive one with a picture of a beautiful young woman, 18 years of age, who died in 2016 due to complications with her abortion in North Carolina. It was January 23 of that year, one day after supporters of abortion around the nation celebrated 43 years of *Roe v. Wade* and so-called “safe and legal” abortion on demand, that she passed away. I hear of similar stories quite often, considering my job, but never see them on the news or social media outlets (imagine that). So even though it’s unfortunately common that I see this on a regular basis, you may not.

What you do see though, are celebrities and others flaunting metal coat hangers to symbolize the “age of back-alley abortions” where women were forced to seek abortions from “unqualified butchers”, declaring that if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned women are going to die. The number of women who died from illegal “back-alley” abortions was often said to be in the thousands. The late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, one of the co-founders of the National Abortion Rights Action League and the obstetrician/gynecologist who directed what was in the 1970s the world’s largest abortion

clinic, later revealed that leading abortion proponents knew this figure was false but considered it to be “useful” in their public relations campaign. According to the U.S. Bureau of Vital Statistics, there were only 39 women who died from illegal abortions in 1972. In fact, deaths from illegal abortions were already declining or leveling off prior to 1973. After legalization, this trend remained unchanged. Deaths eliminated from the illegal abortion column were replaced by deaths resulting from legal abortion. So it seems that the “back-alley butchers” of January 21, 1973, became “caring doctors who believe in a woman’s right to choose” on January 22, 1973.

In 1978, the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology stated the legalization of abortion “has had no major impact on the number of women dying from abortion” since the results of a study they completed showed that over 90 percent of all illegal abortions were performed by licensed physicians. Most of the remainder were done by nurses, midwives or others with at least some medical training. The term “back alley” referred not to where abortions were performed, but to how women were instructed to enter the doctor’s office after hours, through the back alley, to avoid neighbors becoming suspicious.

So if you didn’t already, now you know.

Yours in the service of LIFE,
Ash

August 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. **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:

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- **J.P. Morgan Chase** – Chase Bank

Iowa Supreme Court Strikes Down 72 Hour Waiting Period

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) brought the suit, claiming the 2017 law was both unconstitutional and medically unnecessary. We are deeply disappointed that most of the justices agreed. By a 5-2 vote, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled against the state law requiring women to wait 72 hours before having an abortion, stating it violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the Iowa Constitution. The waiting period is part of a larger state law passed in May 2017 that bans most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The 20-week ban is in effect and isn't part of the legal challenge.

Iowa Solicitor General Jeffrey Thompson, who defended the law for the state, argued that protecting unborn life is a state interest of the highest order. He said choosing to terminate a pregnancy is not a fundamental right under the Iowa Constitution, and that the waiting period provides time for women to consider information about the procedure that abortion providers are required to provide, including an opportunity to view an ultrasound or hear a fetal heartbeat.

“Often, women are in crisis when facing this decision, and it’s a decision that can impact them for the rest of their lives,” Governor Reynolds said. “I don’t think it’s unreasonable to require 72 hours for someone to weigh their options and the important decision they are about to make.”

The abortion lobby’s latest judicial “win” comes as Iowa courts are also preparing to hear arguments over the constitutionality of the recently-enacted fetal heartbeat bill, a case that has taken on added significance considering a Trump-appointed justice will likely hear the case if it reaches the Supreme Court.

Supreme Court Nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh

In a big win for pro-lifers, President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the United States Supreme Court.



Americans want a Supreme Court that understands the limit of the Court to interpret rather than create or modify the law and the Constitution. Based on Judge Kavanaugh’s strong, twelve-year record on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, we are confident that Judge Kavanaugh is a true originalist in his judicial philosophy, committed to the text of the U.S. Constitution and to the rule of law, including legal protections for human life. This is our chance to shift the Court back to a majority that does not look to *Roe* and *Casey* – recognized by the Left as well as the Right as two of our nation’s worst examples of judicial activism – as their legacy.

Almost immediately after Judge Kavanaugh's nomination was revealed, NARAL Pro-Choice America President Ilyse Hogue announced, "...we know the reality today for so many women in so many states across the nation where our right to make the most fundamental decisions about our bodies, our families, and our lives has been all but eradicated. Kavanaugh would use the Court as a tool to doom all women to that fate."

But the gift of new life is *anything* but doom.

We know of course that *Roe's* overturn would not end the abortion holocaust but would direct the battle to the states. Some states, like California, have added abortion "rights" to their constitution and would be magnets for abortion seekers from abortion-free states. Federal legislation (such as the Life at Conception Act, now pending for lack of support in the U.S. Senate) would protect pre-born babies in all states but would not be free of future court and legislative opposition. Only a Life Amendment would be free.

"We encourage Brett Kavanaugh to uphold the Constitution and support the most basic human right – the right to life – for all people," said Lila Rose, Founder and President of Live Action. "While the Supreme Court will hear many cases, we look forward to the day when our nation’s highest court acknowledges the great injustice of abortion and finally upholds the right to life for all humans, born and unborn. We hope that with Brett Kavanaugh, the court ensures that our very first right, the right to life, will be protected by our laws rather than trampled by them. The right to life is the foundation for all other human rights – without it, no other rights can be enjoyed."



Compassionate Community Care (CCC) is a registered non-profit organization comprised of health care professionals and volunteers who provide a variety of support services to clients and their families during times of illness and crisis. They provide a complete circle of compassionate care that recognizes and respects the physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs of those involved.

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Luke 1:41, NAB
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped
in her womb...

Joe Koch

Thank You!

- Thank you to all who attended our pre-fair party (23 people!) to prepare educational materials to hand out at the Dubuque County Fair!
- Thank you to all 47 volunteers who ever so graciously helped staff our booth at the Dubuque County Fair. This is a huge event for DCRTL and we appreciate your dedication!

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to THOUSANDS of
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Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory Of:

- Dorothy McDermott, given by Jim & Kathy Conlon
- Gerald Hentges, given by Jim & Kathy Conlon
- Joan Lawler, given by Robert & Carla Reuter & Family
- JoAnn Hefel Kremer, given by Robert & Carla Reuter & Family
- Loretta Shanahan, given by Mike & Sheila Sisler
- Mildred Schlichte, given by Dick & Jean Mescher
- Peter (Loi) Tran, given by Dan & Barb Nicholson
- Raelynn Kay Marbach, given by Bill & Mary Mormann

In Honor Of:

- Barb O'Hea's retirement from N.I.C.C., given by Jim & Kathy Conlon
- Fr. David Reece's 10th anniversary of the priesthood, given by Alan & Mary Jane Conrad
- Fr. Stephen Verbest's, O.C.S.O.'s birthday, given by Fred & Janelle Timmermans
- Julie Casey's birthday, given by Dr. Earl & Mrs. Carol Goerd
- Sr. Bernadine Curoe, S.V.M.'s retirement from Loras College, given by Jim & Kathy Conlon

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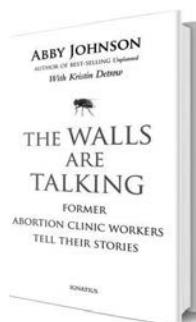
The Walls Are Talking

by Abby Johnson With Kristin Detrow

This book narrates the harrowing and life-changing experiences of former abortion clinic workers, including those of the author, who once directed abortion services at a large Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas. These individuals, whose names have been changed to protect their identities, left their jobs in the abortion industry after experiencing a change of heart. They have come forward with their stories, not for fame or notoriety, but to shed light on the reality of abortion. They want their stories to change the lives of others for the better.

These stories are difficult to read, because an abortion is an act of violence, harming not only the obvious victim – the unborn child – but also the mother, the father, the doctor, and everyone else involved. But these stories also offer hope, for they show that anyone, no matter what part the person has played in an abortion, can start anew, can make amends for past mistakes. They demonstrate that the first step on the journey is telling the truth, as these courageous individuals do in these pages.

“Those of us that have worked in the abortion industry all live with a constant burden. We can't let our burden slide off of our shoulders; it is what keeps us on fire. It reminds us of why we fight so hard. We have seen death and evil in a way that most haven't – and we participated. But we are forgiven. He who has been forgiven much, loves much. And we love a lot. I am eagerly awaiting the day when we can call all abortionists and clinic workers former and *repentant* abortion providers.” – **Abby Johnson**



Join Us at the World's Largest Pro-Life Event!



The 46th anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision that decriminalized abortion will be observed in our nation's capital with the annual National March for Life where hundreds of thousands of people stand for the right to life. Since 1994, DCRTL has led pilgrimages to this event. Saving lives, ending abortion, and promoting a culture of life is why we march each year. But we need YOU to be a part of this effort!

Would you like to be a part of this year's pilgrimage? Approximately 250+ people from our area will be participating. There is room for you, your friends, and family! We really hope you can join us.

Some details are subject to change, but the general schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, January 16th	Departure in the evening from Dubuque & Dyersville
Thursday, January 17th	Arrive in DC, attend the pro-life mass
Friday, January 18th	March for Life Rally, March, Night tour of monuments
Saturday, January 19th	Free Day, Depart for home after Mass in the evening
Sunday, January 20th	Arrive at home around noon

Call DCRTL today to register for this AMAZING, joyous, empowering, hope filled pilgrimage. The total cost to join us for the trip is \$400/person. A down payment of \$150 is due October 5th and the final payment of \$250 is due December 1st.

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Monday, August 20th
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We will be providing a nice lunch with the movie showing. Please RSVP by Friday, August 17th so we know how many meals we will need. We hope you can join us for this event – the movie is very eye opening! You won’t want to miss it!

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Being informed could save your life.

Community Booth

DCRTL’s Executive Director will be at the Kennedy Mall August 11th (11am – 5pm) and August 12th (12pm – 3pm) at the Community Booth with educational materials to hand out to any and all mall goers, and as well to answer any questions anyone may have. If you’re at the mall either of these days please feel free to stop by to say hello!

24 Hour Prayer Initiative on the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children



Saturday, September 8th is the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

DCRTL will be hosting a **24 Hour Prayer Initiative** in memory of the millions of precious children who lost their lives to abortion. Please call our office to sign up for a one hour time block between 12am – 12am on this special day that you will so graciously dedicate in praying for these children.

Did You Know?

The Power of Prayer (1860 St. Ambrose St., Dubuque) has a pro-life Mass every Wednesday at 2:15 PM on the Mass side of the chapel. All are welcome!



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A Quotable Quote

“History teaches us that a society which fails to respect and protect everyone’s life is not a safe place for anyone. The intentional ending of human lives by euthanasia and assisted suicide is becoming increasingly common.”

– Julie Grimstad, Human Life Alliance

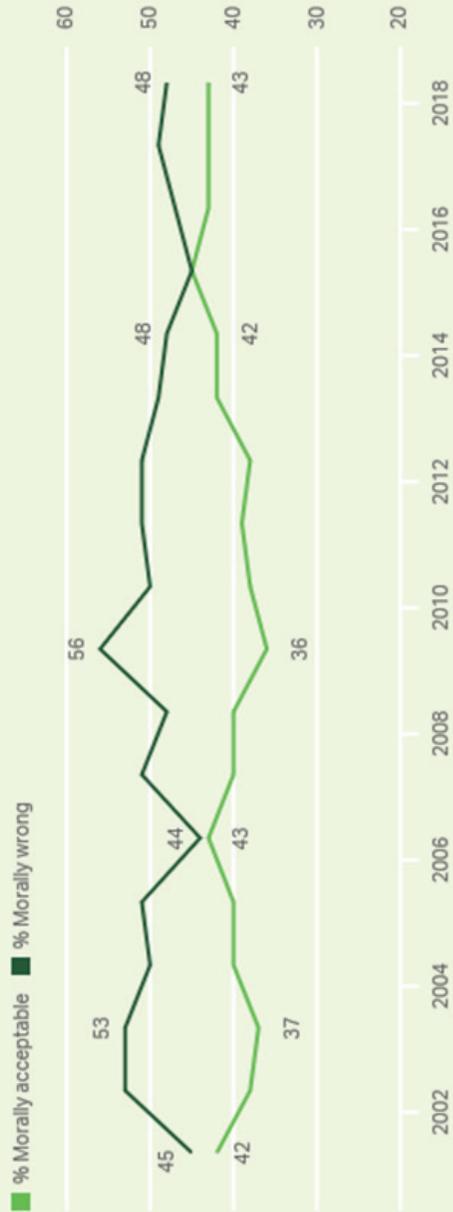
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Did You Know?

More Americans, 48 percent, still believe abortion (the killing of an unborn baby) is morally wrong, while 43 percent believe it is morally acceptable, according to Gallup. These poll numbers have remained consistent over the past several years. Thanks to modern medical advances and the educational work of the pro-life movement, the humanity of the unborn child is clearer than ever to the average American.

More Americans Say Abortion Morally Wrong Than Morally Acceptable

Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each [issue], please tell me whether you personally believe that in general it is morally acceptable or morally wrong ... Abortion



GALLUP

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563-556-5960 or email us at dcrtl@dcrtl.org to get added to the list!