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March 21st is celebrated around the world as World Down Syndrome Day! Beginning in 2006, World Down Syndrome Day was placed on the 21st day of the 3rd month, signifying the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. In the United States, 67% of children who are diagnosed with Down syndrome in utero are aborted.

Countries such as Iceland, France and Denmark have even higher Down syndrome abortion rates. In an effort to stop the discrimination against children with Down syndrome, Ohio passed a law prohibiting doctors from performing abortions where tests have revealed the child has or is likely to have Down syndrome. Representatives from Utah have introduced a similar bill. These laws would penalize the doctors who perform the abortions. So far, North Dakota and Ohio are the only states that have such laws.



The newest Gerber Baby, pictured right, is a little boy named Lucas with Down syndrome. It is an exceptional statement by Gerber for making an all-too-rare very positive statement about the inherent value and equal moral worth of people with Down Syndrome.

All life is precious!



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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.



March	
Thursday, 1st	Membership Event—Every Life Matters, 7pm, DCRTL Office. All are welcome!
Monday, 5th	End of Life Decisions Presentation, 6:30PM, hosted by St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday, 10th	High School Scholarship Essays Due
Thursday, 15th	Board of Director's Meeting, 5:30PM
Saturday, 31st	High School Scholarship Speech Contest, 9AM -12PM, DCRTL Office
April	
Thursday, 5th	Membership Event, 7pm, DCRTL Office – All are welcome!
Saturday, 7th	Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts! 9:00 a.m. at DCRTL. Bring the whole family!
Monday, 9th	Mass for the Unborn, 6:25 p.m. rosary, 7:00 p.m. Mass, at St. Joseph the Worker



Mark your calendars! April 7th we will have an Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts here at the DCRTL office, along with cookies, snacks, and juice for the kiddos! What a great way to meet other pro-life families in the community! All ages are welcome - bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc. The more the merrier!
See you there!

Save
the
Date



DCRTL's Annual LIFE Dinner will be coming up and we want you there to celebrate with us! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 4, 2018 to hear Mark Davis Pickup share his story about his past abortions, diagnosis with MS and struggle with end of life options. You will not want to miss hearing his powerful story!

A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



Happy March!

I am VERY excited and honored to be your new Executive Director. Many of you may recognize me as I was previously the Administrative Assistant at Dubuque County Right to Life for approximately four years when I was in college. DCRTL made a difference in my life much before my employment at the office though. While in high school I was involved in the Mime for Life, attended the LIFE Dinner, and participated in DCRTL's scholarship opportunity. Without DCRTL's outreach into the community, the schools, and churches, I wouldn't be here with you today, fighting for the right to life, born and unborn. Yet DCRTL couldn't do this without its members, you, as the backbone of the organization.

Dubuque County Right to Life is a very special and important organization that is close to my heart and your contin-

ued support makes such a large impact, not only in our community but also the rest of the world. You may think, how on earth is that possible? Our #1 goal here at Dubuque County Right to Life is to educate on the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. To touch the hearts of those in our communities, to spread the good word of LIFE. This unified effort of the different Right to Life offices across the country every day fighting for the protection of life, is so that one day abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia will become unthinkable to all.

I graciously thank all of you for your continued support and look forward to working with the Board of Directors, Erica in the office, and our members, to further our educational efforts.



IOWA SENATE PASSES FETAL HEARTBEAT ABORTION BILL



(This is the social media campaign in support of the heartbeat bill and message to the wider community – the goal is to make an awareness splash.)

The Iowa state senate voted to approve a bill making abortion illegal upon the presence of a fetal heartbeat, sending the bill to the senate's Judiciary Committee. A heartbeat typically becomes detectable between six and nine weeks gestation. "These are human beings," said state Sen. Amy Sinclair, who chaired the panel, according to the Des Moines Register. "We have the responsibility to offer them the same liberty and the same rights that you and I have," she added in defense of the legislation. Sinclair recounted that she became pregnant at age 19, and after listening to the heartbeat of her son, realized that the baby inside of her was not simply fetal tissue.

Subcommittee member Sen. Jason Schultz added, "Stopping a beating heart is never health care."

And here at Dubuque County Right to Life, we couldn't agree more!

UP COMING EVENTS

END OF LIFE DECISIONS PRESENTATION

Date: Monday, March 5th

Time: 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Location: St. Joseph the Worker Church, Dubuque, IA

~~~Deacon John Stierman will be presenting Dr. Janine Idziak's work on making informed end of life decisions for self and loved ones. We are excited to attend this presentation, please join us, it is great information!

## MASS FOR THE UNBORN

The feast of the Annunciation is usually celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This year it is moved to April 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 7pm. We will begin with a rosary at 6:25pm. Baked goods and refreshments to follow in the church basement.



## PRO-LIFE IS PRO-LOVE CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The Pro-Life Women's Conference is holding an art contest with the theme "Pro-Life is Pro-Love". For more details, check out the Pro-Life Women's conference website ([www.prolifewomen.com](http://www.prolifewomen.com)) and click on Art Contest Submission. Deadline for submissions is April 15, 2018.

The third annual Pro-Life Women's Conference is coming to St. Louis, Mo June 22-24, 2018! One of the keynote speakers is Serrin M. Foster, president of Feminists for Life. She will be giving a talk titled "The Feminization of Poverty that Drives Women to Abortion". This is a great get-away idea for you and your favorite girlfriends! Cost of the conference is \$169 but prices will increase May 31, 2018. For more details and to register visit their website [www.prolifewomen.com](http://www.prolifewomen.com). Contact Jessi Rauen at 563-542-0928 to let her know you are going. This will help us get a head count and plan for travel. I hope you can all meet me in St. Louis next June!



## BIKING FOR BABIES

Are you passionate about cycling and the pro-life movement? Do you ever wish there was a way to use your cycling enthusiasm to help pregnancy resource centers? Here is your chance! Biking for Babies is a group that holds bicycling events in order to raise awareness and resources for pregnancy resource centers. With their first ride taking place in 2009, Biking for Babies has raised thousands of dollars and helped educate many people along the way. This year they are biking from July 8-15, 2018. You can read more about those biking at [www.bikingforbabies.com](http://www.bikingforbabies.com)!

## **NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

*This month we are celebrating the many contributions women have made to our society. We would like to take this time to honor some of the women who helped pioneer the pro-life movement.*



### **Nellie Gray**

Each year, DCRTL takes many people on a pilgrimage out to Washington DC to participate in the March for Life. This March was started by Nellie Gray in response to the catastrophic Roe vs. Wade decision made in 1973. Nellie saw the injustice of abortion and knew that something needed to be done about it. After earning a law degree from Georgetown Law Center, Nellie worked for the federal government with the US Departments of State and Labor. She quit her job and eventually became the president of the March for Life. She dedicated the rest of her life to helping lead what became the largest pro-life event in the world. Nellie said, "I don't understand slavery, I don't understand the holocaust, I don't understand abortion."

### **Dr. Mildred Jefferson**



As the first African American woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School, Mildred Jefferson was used to people being surprised by her. She was also the first woman to be employed as a general surgeon at Boston University Medical Center. As a medical professional, she knew well the damaging effects of abortion on women and children. She served for 3 years as the president of the National Right to Life Committee and spoke in support of bills that would have declared life exists from conception. Dr. Jefferson said, "I am at once a physician, a citizen and a woman, and I am not willing to stand aside and allow this concept of expendable human lives to turn this great land of ours into just another exclusive reservation where only the perfect, the privileged and the planned have the right to live."



### **Victoria Woodhull**

Long before Hillary Clinton was even alive, Victoria Woodhull was making waves by being the first female candidate for presidency in 1872. Born in Ohio, Woodhull became one of the first female stockbrokers along with her sister, Tennessee. They began a newspaper titled *Woodhull and Claflin's Weekly* where they regularly published articles speaking out against abortion and infanticide. Woodhull once wrote in an editorial called "When Is It Not Murder to Take Life?", "The truth of the matter is that it is just as much a murder to destroy life in its embryotic condition, as it is to destroy it after the fully developed form is attained, for it is the self-same life that is taken".

## **HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**



Looking to cover some of those college costs and share your pro-life convictions at the same time? One of the ways DCRTL encourages and enables students to get involved in the pro-life movement on campus is through our scholarship contest. It is open to all high school seniors who plan to attend college. Almost \$10,000 was given out last year to many deserving students. The theme this year is **Pro-Life Until the End**. If you know someone who will be graduating this year, let them know of our contest! This contest has 2 parts: the written essay and the speech presentation. Contestants must be present at the speech portion in order to be considered for scholarship.

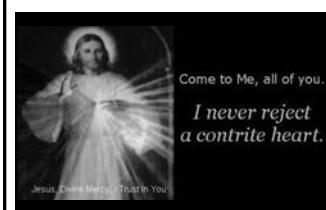
**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**H.S. Scholarship Essay due**

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**H.S. Scholarship Speech Contest, 9am-12pm**

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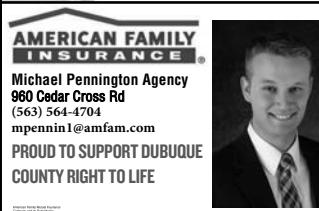


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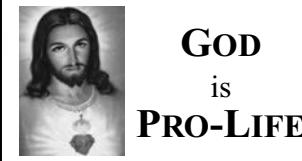
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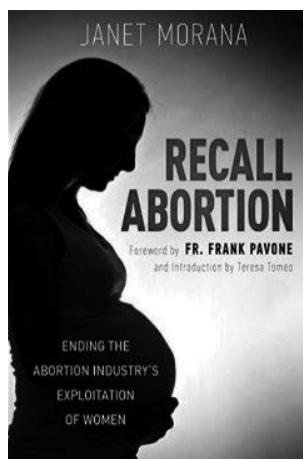


## IOWA SUPREME COURT CASE ON 72 HOUR ULTRASOUND BILL

Besides the 72-hour waiting period, the new law would require that women be given the option to view an ultrasound and receive materials about risks associated with abortion. This waiting period and education is necessary to ensure that abortion providers will give women the time and opportunity to change their minds before making a rushed decision that will affect them for the rest of their life. While the heartbeat legislation still falls short of the gold standard of protecting every life from fertilization, this bill could nonetheless save thousands of babies from abortion in Iowa every year.

The Iowa Supreme Court heard oral arguments on February 14, 2018 in the case of the 72 hour ultrasound and options requirement under Iowa law. Planned Parenthood and its friends are seeking to get the law thrown out and the Iowa Attorney General's office is defending the law. The Iowa Supreme Court won't make a decision on the case for quite a few months but keep your eyes peeled for further information and updates.

## FROM OUR LIBRARY...



*Recall Abortion:*

*Ending the abortion industry's exploitation of women* by Janet Morana

Bad products are recalled every day: the Ford Pinto, faulty tires, dangerous prescription pills, contaminated lettuce. If a product is found to pose even a modest risk to those who use it, you can bet it will soon be pulled from the market... Unless that product is abortion.

Every abortion kills an unborn child. But more, *abortion hurts women*- risking the health and well-being of those who all too often are conned or coerced into making this terrible "choice." If it were any other product, abortion would have been removed from the market long ago.

In *Recall Abortion*, author Janet Morana exposes the myriad ways abortion exploits women, and calls for a national recall of this deadly procedure. She documents the ways abortion degrades women's health. And she exposes the false promises and lies by which it is pushed and sold.

Morana also investigates abortion's debilitating after-effects, and gives a voice to those women who have chosen abortion and have regretted it. These testimonies (so often silenced by the abortion industry) are a powerful and sometimes heartbreakingly honest glimpse into the real suffering abortion causes, including deep depression and lasting physical and emotional scars.

Abortion does not empower women. It is not health care. It harms women, severely. Isn't it time we recall abortion?

Stop by the office today to check out the book *Recall Abortion: Ending the abortion industry's exploitation of women* and many more from our lending library!

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life campaign runs from February 14 to March 25. The closest campaign is in Cedar Rapids, IA, approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes away. We would love to have our DCRTL members participate in the fight for life! If you are interested in participating, please let our office know and we can sign up for vigil hours and carpool to Cedar Rapids together.

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- 13,998 lives have been saved from abortion
- 170 abortion workers experienced conversions and left their jobs
- 94 abortion centers closed forever after 40 Days for Life vigils outside their doors

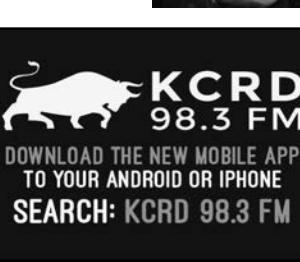
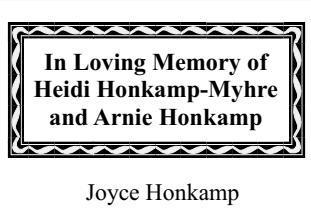
**Let's get ready to pray, fast and stand vigil!**

## CECILE RICHARDS STEPPING DOWN FROM P.P.



After 12 years as president of Planned Parenthood, Cecile Richards has announced that she will be resigning. Richards, who is releasing a memoir in April, will officially step down from the organization in May. As the daughter of former Texas governor Anne Richards, most of Richards' background is in political activism. She worked as a union organizer in California, helped at her mother's campaign for governor, founded the Texas Freedom Network which is an organization that "supports efforts to ensure women have access to abortion and other reproductive health care services", and was deputy chief of staff for pro-choice Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). With no medical background, she was hired at Planned Parenthood and worked to make it a more political company. Under her time as president of Planned Parenthood, nearly 3.5 million children were killed by abortion. Planned Parenthood received over \$500 million from taxpayers in 2016 to help with its budget of over a billion dollars. In her resignation video, Richards said she is honored to have been a part of the "lifesaving work of Planned Parenthood". She has yet to explain how killing children can count as lifesaving.

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## MONTH OF MARCH BOYCOTT LIST

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- **Chevron** – Havoline products, Texchron products, Texaco products



Thank you to all who attended the non-profit day at the  
Mystique Community Ice Center!

### **A QUOTEABLE QUOTE**

“And do you know why the pro-life movement is on the rise? Because truth is on our side. Life begins at conception.”

-Paul Ryan at the March for  
Life 2018





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