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- ◇ Monies to fix our vacuum
  - ◇ Stamps
  - ◇ Volunteers

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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.

<b>May</b>	No membership event this month
Friday, 4th	<b>LIFE Dinner!</b> 5:30pm, Grand River Center
Sunday, 13th	Happy Mother's Day! <b>Mother's Day Roses</b> available at local churches
Thursday, 17th	Board of Director's Meeting
Thursday, 24th	June Newsletter Labeling Day, 9am
Monday, 28th	Happy Memorial Day!
<b>June</b>	<b>Birdies for Charity!</b> (DCRTL – Bird #1662)
Thursday, 7th	<b>Membership Event – I Lived on Parker Avenue</b> Video Showing, 7pm
Sunday, 17th	Happy Father's Day! Life Envelope Day
Thursday, 21st	Board of Director's Meeting

## Birdies for Charity

**Dubuque County Right to Life is participating in Birdies for Charity this year!** 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. You will find a Pledge Card inside the newsletter for your convenience.

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**The deadline for final pledges to be sent to Birdies for Charity is Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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We hope that you will participate! Please give the DCRTL office a call if you have any questions 563.556.5960.

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## *A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director*



Happy May!

I found a beautiful story from LifeNews.com I want to share with you:

*A newborn baby has been hailed a 'miracle' after surviving being abandoned*

*naked six feet underground in a freezing storm water drain in the midst of a colony of stinging red ants.*

*Charmaine Keevy, 63, was out for an early morning walk with her sausage dog Georgie in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, when it suddenly started barking loudly at a drain duct in the gutter. The catering company boss said she heard a noise and thought it was a cat meowing but when she got on her hands and knees realized she could hear a baby crying from deep inside the drain.*

*Charmaine began frantically waving down passing cars for help until motorist Cornie Viljoen, 60, pulled over. And after listening for himself they both agreed they could definitely hear a baby sobbing. He grabbed a steel bar from the boot of his car and with Charmaine's help the pair of them managed to lever the heavy concrete slab covering the storm water drain free so they could look inside and get the baby.*

*Charmaine who found the baby on her morning walk said: "I honestly believe I was meant to find that baby by God as I usually take a different route on my dog walk but for some reason went another way. I cannot help but feel that there is some sort of a plan and a purpose for that little girl's life – it is a miracle without a doubt."*

*Hospital staff have called her Grace April and she has become a celebrity on the baby ward. Social worker Pamela Rubushe who is caring for the baby and will find her a place of safety*

*estimated she had been lying abandoned for a couple of hours and was near to hypothermia and was found just in time.*

*The tragedy has sparked a conversation among community members about why a woman would ever handle an unexpected pregnancy by abandoning her child. While it is unknown whether the woman accused of causing the death of her newborn was mentally ill, it is not uncommon for women from all socioeconomic backgrounds to find themselves pregnant, scared and alone. Oftentimes these women choose to abort their unborn child. Or, in this case, abandon them. Infanticide is a major problem across the world as abortion has decreased respect for human life. Fortunately in this case out of South Africa, a baby who otherwise would have been left to die was saved.*

In this newsletter you will find an update on the Iowa Safe Haven Law, specifically in place to help prevent infanticide.

So what are the options available to those who find themselves in a tough situation? While they don't receive a lot of press, there are many resources for mothers in need — from church and pregnancy centers to local clinics and women's shelters. And as you're probably aware, Dubuque has all of those options available to mothers – it's simply a matter of educating the community on them. And that's where your donations help to accomplish this.

Dubuque County Right to Life is dedicated to saving lives and educating not only our members, but the entire community through speaking engagements, advertising on the radio or billboards, providing educational materials, our lending library, etc. - the list goes on. We are here to help anyone and everyone – but we couldn't do it without you. So THANK YOU!

Yours in the service of LIFE,  
Ash

## *Mother's Day Roses!*

**Make this Mother's Day extra special for someone you care about!**



On this day we remember all the sacrifices mothers have made throughout their lives to help their children grow and develop into adulthood. What better way to honor your mother than with a beautiful bouquet of roses!

**Dubuque County Right to Life will have single roses available for a donation at many of the local churches over Mother's Day weekend.** Rose bouquets (12 roses) can be purchased for \$25 ahead of time.

Please call our office (563.556.5960) by Friday May 4 to order a bouquet, which can be picked up at the office on Friday, May 11 any time between 12 PM – 4 PM.

# Legislation to be aware of:

## **Senate File 360 – Safe Haven Law Updated**

Senate File 360 has been passed that updates the Iowa Safe Haven law by allowing parents to surrender their baby who appears to be 30 days of age or younger (increased from 14 days) and have added the EMS and other first responders to be able to take custody of the newborn.

Mothers are able to give up a child without a criminal charge if they feel they can no longer care for the baby. An estimated 30 babies have been helped through this program since 2001.

## **Senate File 359 – Fetal Body Parts Trafficking**

Senate File 359 would stop trafficking of fetal body parts which remain following an elective abortion. The bill advanced out of the House Human Resources Committee only after the committee added an amendment to the bill which would prohibit abortions after a baby's heartbeat can be detected (6-9 weeks).

A report from Representative Shannon Lundgren, Iowa House District 57:

“To make things more complicated, Rep. Ken Rizer (Linn County) added a strike after amendment (this means that all language in the bill “strikes out” and his amendment language is put in place of the Heartbeat language) that would take our abortion ban to 15-weeks. The 15-week ban language mimics that of Mississippi, which was challenged in a court of law within 24-hours of it being enacted. I was disappointed that Rep. Rizer would choose an ambiguous number like 15-weeks which has been challenged, when it is clear that Iowan's expect more in our defense of life. It is not clear whether this bill will come to the House Floor for a vote, but I can assure you, with your help, I will continue to do all we can to advance Life issues in our state.”

## **Hawaii Legalizes Assisted Suicide**

Unfortunately the governor of Hawaii signed legislation making it the sixth state to allow doctor-assisted suicide. California, Colorado, Oregon, Vermont, Washington state, and the District of Columbia legalized assisted suicide legislatively or via voter initiatives. In Montana, the state Supreme Court ruled that state law did not expressly prohibit it.

*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.*

## **Daleiden v. National Abortion Federation**

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a request by attorneys from the Thomas More Society and their co-counsel that it decide the case of David Daleiden, the undercover journalist who exposed Planned Parenthood's involvement in the commercial trafficking of aborted babies' body parts. The nation's highest court had been asked to overturn a lower court's injunction that barred Mr. Daleiden from releasing hundreds of hours of still more videos – videos which would be both politically embarrassing and potentially incriminating for Planned Parenthood and other NAF abortionists. On April 2, 2018 the Supreme Court refused to grant Mr. Daleiden's petition for certiorari.

“Justice is not only blind, but it remains gagged for the time being,” remarked Tom Brejcha, President and Chief Counsel, Thomas More Society.



## A Quotable Quote

"I pray that I live to see the day when we view the killing of an unborn child as patently immoral and equally repulsive as slavery."

- Mike Huckabee

### Month of May 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](mailto:reception@dcrtl.org).

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Thank you Betty Jane Candies for the gift certificate!

Thank you to all who helped and participated at the Mass for the Unborn!

Thank you to those who participated in the IHOP fundraising day to support DCRTL!

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## Babies Saved From Abortion After Reversing the Abortion Pill's Deadly Effects

Dr. George Delgado, the San Diego physician who invented the Abortion Pill Reversal protocol has published new data, which he says proves that the effects of the first abortion pill can be reversed by taking progesterone supplements. The study followed 754 women who all wanted to stop their in-process chemical abortion – also known as the RU-486 or euphemistically as a “medication abortion” or the “abortion pill”. Delgado’s research is great news for pro-life advocates and the women they seek to serve with life-affirming empowerment.

The study, looking at 261 successful mifepristone reversals, showed that the reversal success rates were 68% with the high-dose oral progesterone protocol and 64% with the injected progesterone protocol; both were significantly better rates than the 25% survival rate if no treatment is offered. There was no increased risk of birth defects or preterm births.

*Dr. Delgado commented, “Women who change their minds after starting a medical abortion now have a second chance at choice.”*

Dr. Delgado and Dr. Harrison have both played major roles in developing the protocol, physician network and national hotline (877.558.0333) – staffed with licensed medical professionals – that have helped over 450 women save their babies by successfully reversing the abortion process since 2007.

It was just announced that Heartbeat International will take over the 24/7 hotline and the provider group, which will make the network far more visible and helpful. We are very excited to see this wonderful progress for the Abortion Pill Reversal protocol.

**About Heartbeat International:** Heartbeat International is the first network of pro-life pregnancy help organizations founded in the U.S. (1971), and the largest network in the world. With 2,500 affiliated pregnancy help locations – including pregnancy help medical clinics (with ultrasound), resource centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies – Heartbeat serves on all six inhabited continents to provide alternatives to abortion.

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## **Abortionist On Trial For Murder**

New York abortionist, Robert Rho, who caused the death of an abortion patient in 2016, is currently on trial in the Queens Supreme Court in New York. The trial involved the death of 30-year old Jaime Morales, who reported to the Liberty Women's Healthcare office in Flushing, New York, on July 9, 2016, for an elective second trimester abortion with clinic owner Robert Rho.

Rho thought the abortion went without complication until staff noticed Morales was heavily bleeding in the recovery room. Rho determined she required a second abortion procedure, but even that did nothing to control the profuse bleeding.

Morales continued to bleed and even collapsed once at the clinic, completely unstable, but was still discharged by Rho. On her way home she became non-responsive as a result of continued hemorrhaging. She was transported by ambulance to a Bronx-area hospital where she was pronounced dead later that evening.

An autopsy revealed horrific internal injuries inflicted by Rho – lacerated cervix, punctured uterus, and the uterine artery was sliced. Had Rho not released Morales, but instead called an ambulance, she might be alive today.

A grand jury was convened to investigate Morales death and indicated Rho on one count of Second Degree Manslaughter (Reckless Homicide), a Class C Felony that carries a penalty of 3 ½ to 15 years in prison.

"We continue to follow it the best we can, but without being in the courtroom, it is impossible to know any details of the testimony and evidence, due to the media blackout," said Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue. "When a woman dies from a negligent abortion, it simply doesn't fit the mainstream media's pro-abortion agenda. It's better for them to ignore it and act like it never happened. In a way, the media bears some responsibility for cases like this because they refuse to report on the true dangers of abortion."

## **Alfie Evans**

Alfie Evans has an unidentified neurodegenerative condition that Alder Hey Hospital in the UK claims is untreatable. For months, Alfie's parents have been locked in a legal battle with UK courts to stop the hospital from removing Alfie's life support. Their appeals have been denied at every turn, even when they tried to move little Alfie to a different hospital. April 16<sup>th</sup> Lord Justices Davis and Moylan and Lady Justice King of the High Court of England and Wales rejected the parents' latest appeal, allowing to stand a previous ruling that stopping his ventilator and letting him die would be in Alfie's "best interests."



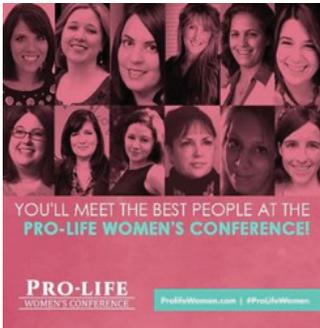
Despite this latest defeat, Tom Evans vowed that he and Alfie's mother Kat James will continue fighting, and will appeal Hayden's ruling to the UK Supreme Court. Tom Evans also shared to Facebook a picture of Alfie with his eyes open (as shown above), along with a health update. "Alfie has not yet woke up," Evans explained, "this is just after a very small seizure." He said that Alfie "tried his best to stay awake but after a couple of minutes and a couple of very tired kid flickers he went back to sleep."

"He's fighting not dying, he's undiagnosed not terminal," said Alfie's father.

Stories like this are incredibly heartbreaking. Alfie deserves care, love and support – not death. The respect for human life continues to rapidly decline, and it all started with abortion. Once the respect was lost for children in the womb, it continued to the elderly, disabled, and those who are helpless like little Alfie. It's not right that we kill those who need us the most. The ones who depend on us to keep them safe. Please pray for Alfie and his family that they overcome this battle to save his life.



## Pro-Life Women's Conference

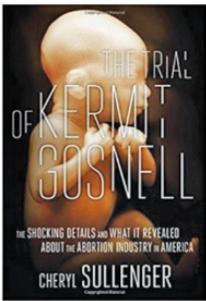


The third annual Pro-Life Women's Conference is coming to St. Louis, Missouri, June 22-24, 2018! The cost of the conference is \$169 but prices will increase May 31, 2018. For more details and to register visit their website [www.prolifewomen.com](http://www.prolifewomen.com).

*Don't go alone – instead go with us! Contact Jessi Rauhen (563.542.0928) or Ashley Stackis (563.556.5960) to let us know you are going. This will help us get a head count and plan for travel. Call with any questions as well! We hope you can meet us in St. Louis this June!*

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### **The Trial of Kermit Gosnell**



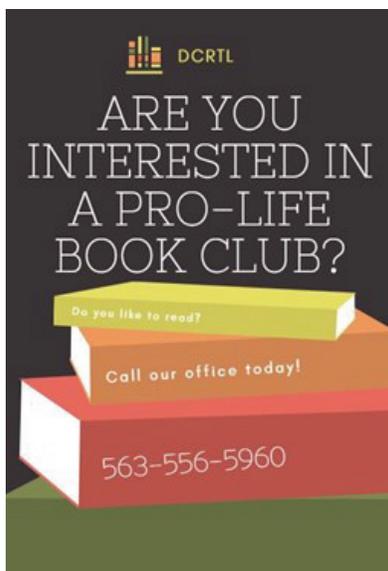
When police raided the Women's Medical Society, they thought that they were putting an end to a pill mill that was the largest supplier of illicit prescription painkillers in Philadelphia. But once inside, police made the grisly discovery that Kermit Gosnell's medical office was something much worse.

Police seized the bodies of 47 aborted babies – all with mysterious wounds across the backs of their necks. They soon realized they had uncovered a “House of Horrors” where babies were routinely born alive during very late-term abortions amid unspeakable squalor, only to be brutally murdered.

Cheryl Sullenger attended Gosnell's murder trial in Philadelphia in the spring of 2013. She relates shocking eye-witness revelations from the often-emotional testimony. And based on over three decades of experience researching abortion industry abuses, Sullenger also provides disturbing evidence that proves Gosnell is not alone.

**Cheryl Sullenger** serves as senior vice president of Operation Rescue, based in Wichita, Kansas, and coauthor of *Abortion Free* (WND Books, 2014). For over three decades, her work has exposed the dark underbelly of the abortion industry and has contributed to closing dangerous abortion facilities nationwide.

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