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IOWA MARCH FOR LIFE



Saturday, June 24, 2023

8:00am - Depart Dubuque area via Motorcoach

11:30am - Arrive Des Moines

1:00pm - Rally followed by March

3:30pm - depart Des Moines for return to Dubuque

Cost: \$25.00 per person / \$100 per family (max)

Bring a picnic lunch to eat on the capitol grounds

RSVP by Monday, June 12th

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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.

June 2023

Monday, June 5th	Deadline to sign up for Summer Equipped for Life Course
Tuesday, June 6th 10:00 AM	Equipped for Life Course <i>DCRTL Office</i>
Monday, June 12th	Deadline to sign up for Iowa State March for Life Trip
Thursday, June 15th	Board of Directors meeting
Friday, June 16th	Deadline for final pledges to be mailed to Birdies for Charity
Sunday, June 18th	Happy Father's Day!
Thursday, June 22nd 7:00 PM	Holy Hour for Respect of Life <i>St. John the Baptist, Peosta</i>
Saturday, June 24th	Iowa State Rally and March for Life @ Iowa State Capitol

July 2023

Tuesday, July 4th	Happy Independence Day! <i>(Offices closed)</i>
Weds. - Sun., July 5th - 9th	John Deere Classic Tournament Week
Thursday, July 6th	Registration Deadline for Generations for Life Camp
Friday, July 7th	Birdies for Charity Deadline for Late Pledges
Sunday, July 16th 2:00 PM	Practice Apologetics <i>(DCRTL Office)</i>
Wednesday, July 19th 7:00 PM	Practice Apologetics <i>(DCRTL Office)</i>
Thursday, July 20th	Board of Directors Meeting
Fri. - Sun., July 23rd - 25th	Generations for Life Camp
Tues. - Sun., July 25th - 31st	DCRTL Education Booth at Dubuque County Fair
Thursday, July 27th 7:00 PM	Holy Hour for Respect of Life <i>(St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta)</i>



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please Note: Every Thursday, we will be doing a carpooling trip down to Emma Goldman Clinic to pray during the time they are doing abortions. For more information, see page six.

Dear Advocates for the Pre-Born,

One of my key takeaways from Dr. Lile's LIFE Dinner address, was the ability of the medical field to treat the baby in the womb. In early May, MIT Technology, and other news sources reported that a team of Boston doctors had performed a successful experimental brain operation on a baby girl at 34 weeks in utero. The baby's condition is known as Galen malformation. According to the article by Jessica Hamzelou, "the condition occurs when a vein connects with an artery in the brain." As a result, blood had pooled in a 14-millimeter pocket in her brain. This condition carries a high chance of serious illness and even death.

For the treatment, the mother was given an anesthetic to prevent her from feeling anything during the procedure, but she remained alert during the whole treatment. The baby was then given an injection to prevent her from feeling any pain. With the guidance of an ultrasound, the doctors inserted a needle into the mother's abdomen, through the uterus wall, through the child's skull, and into the malformation in the brain.

The baby girl was born just a few days later with no signs of a malformation. Now the little girl is doing well at 7 weeks post birth. The doctors say that this surgery saved her life and that they will possibly use it for other brain conditions in the future.

Isn't medical technology amazing? This is something that we can and should be sharing with everyone. Regardless of their political beliefs, most people will find this fascinating, so why not share the good news with them? This is a powerful indirect way to demonstrate the humanity of the pre-born and show that they have intrinsic value beginning in the womb. As Dr. Lile said, "a person is a patient no matter how small," this story is another example of that.

Thank you to all those who have been spreading the message that Dr. Lile shared with us, and to all those who donated toward our LIFE Dinner goal! We greatly appreciate your support as we seek to build a culture that respects every life from the time the womb, until natural death.

For Life,

Augustine Payne

P.S. We have our bus trip to Des Moines for the Iowa State March for Life on June 24th. Although the legislature is not in session, I'm sure they will be watching to see how many people show up, so let's have a large crowd sending the message that we want equal protections for our pre-born brothers and sisters. I hope you will join us on our trip to Des Moines!



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PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE



By Arthur F. Gilloon, Attorney and Board Member

Dear Pro-life Friends:

As usual, there is lots of news you need to know.

Still no decision on Iowa's "Heartbeat Law," which was argued before the Iowa Supreme Court on April 11. A decision should come in June. What the Iowa Supreme Court decides will determine whether protective legislation at six weeks gestation can go into effect in Iowa. It will be a major news story when the decision is issued, so watch for it.

In other Iowa news, the Iowa Legislature passed and the Governor signed various pro-life bills. Among them are the following:

---The MOMS Bill (More Options for Maternal Support) was funded with another \$1,000,000 on top of the \$500,000 to start the program in 2022. As you know, MOMS will provide services to pregnant women and families with infants through non-profit pregnancy resource centers. Now the administrators in the Department of Health & Human Services will set up rules for pregnancy centers to apply with what are called requests for proposals (RFP's). The sooner the better, as the needs of mothers facing unintended pregnancies exist right now. The hope is that the MOMS program will be functioning through private pro-life agencies by September or October of this year;

---Iowa's Safe Haven Law was amended. This law provides that a child 90 days or younger can be left at a hospital or health care facility without fear of prosecution for abandonment. The bill expands the locales where moms can place their children to include adoption agencies and ok's the use of drop boxes where an infant can safely be until discovered:

---Increased recognition of preborn people. The Governor signed House File 570 which recognizes and emphasizes the humanity of an unborn child by raising the criminal penalties for assault on a woman who is pregnant;

---The Governor also signed into law a bill that allows a new mom to undo her release of her baby if the father does not consent to giving their baby up for adoption. This addresses a concern that adoption-inclined mothers have had where they relinquished their rights but then the father asserts his. It gives a mother the absolute right to retract her release of the child if the father will not consent to adoption;

In news from neighboring states, we all know that Illinois has made itself an abortion haven. Now Minnesota has joined in. Reportedly Minnesota is performing 138 more abortions per month since the Dobbs Decision. The Minnesota Legislature, which is controlled by Democrats, has passed a number of bills cementing Minnesota's status as a sanctuary for abortion and abortionists. The latest law prohibits enforcement in Minnesota of subpoenas, judgments, or extradition requests from other states against people who obtain, perform, or assist with abortions in Minnesota, and allows Minnesotans to sue citizens of other states who seek to pursue legal-based actions in Minnesota.

In North Carolina, the Democratic Governor's veto of a protective 12 week abortion law was thankfully overridden by the Republican-controlled NC legislature on May 23 by narrow margin of one or two votes. This pro-woman legislation protects babies after 12 weeks and also has \$160 million in funding to help pregnant mothers: \$75 million for childcare, \$59 million for foster care, kinship care and children's homes, \$16 million to reduce infant and maternal mortality, and \$3 million to help mothers complete college. It shows the importance of every single vote at the state level when protective pro-life legislation is being debated, and the importance of your vote for state reps and senators.

Lastly, we await further federal appeal court decisions from at least two separate areas of the country on the issue of whether the FDA's authorizations of chemical abortions via mifepristone will be upheld or not. For now, the U.S. Supreme Court is allowing mifepristone to be used to kill babies while the cases make their way through the federal court system. Ultimately, the Supreme Court will decide the issue, but probably not until 2024.

Look for more legislative news on DCRTL's website and Facebook pages until next month's newsletter.



Volunteers needed July 25 - 30, 2023

DCRTL will again have an educational booth at the Dubuque County Fair! We are so eager to be able to promote LIFE at our booth to thousands of people! From Tuesday, July 25th to Sunday, July 30th, we will be handing out 12-week old fetal models, educational pens, lollipops, pins, magnets, stickers, brochures, newsletters, bags, and more! Our booth will have the fetal model display, educating fair-goers of life in the womb from conception until birth, as well as our large Abortion Timeline banner that compares side-by-side the gruesome abortion procedures to the timeline of the stages of fetal development. It is incredibly eye opening! Our booth provides a great opportunity to educate our community on the sanctity of life, engage them in dialogue, and to invite them into the pro-life mission. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in 'working' a shift (4 hours) at our booth during the fair. It's a wonderful way to educate and it's a great deal of fun! An admission ticket will be provided to you – volunteer for a few hours and then go have fun at the fair! You won't be left to volunteer alone, we promise! We hope you can help – give us a call today if you are interested in signing up.

Sidewalk Witnesses Needed

DCRTL plans on having a carpool go down each week to Emma Goldman Clinic to pray outside of the abortion clinic on Thursdays when they do abortions. We need to leave our office by 6am to get down there by 7:30am when the mothers begin to arrive. We will stay for a couple of hours and then drive back. Would you be interested in going on a particular Thursday each month? Or maybe you are interested in every Thursday? The car trip goes by fast because you are in great company. You do not need to do sidewalk advocacy if you do not feel called to do it. It is great to have people out there praying on a public sidewalk and there is great power just in that. Call our office to sign-up (563-556-5960) so we know to expect you.



Annual John Deere Classic "Birdies for Charity"

Dubuque County Right to Life is participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program! Please consider sending in your pledge card that was enclosed in May's newsletter (call the DCRTL office if you need a new one). 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 donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. Please see May's newsletter for more information. The deadline for final pledges to be sent to Birdies for Charity is Friday, June 16th. Deadline for late pledges is Friday, July 7th. Please give the DCRTL office a call if you have questions or need more information.



WISH LIST

Volunteers for County Fair
IA March for Life signups

Welcome Grace - Our New Summer Intern!



Hi, My name is Grace Van Petten. I am an incoming senior at Loras College! I am from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and I am super excited to intern with Dubuque County Right to Life this summer! At Loras, I am double majoring in Social Work and Politics, and I am minoring in International Studies. I am a member of the Loras Swim & Dive team along with our Moot Court team. I am also involved with campus Spiritual Life, Dance Marathon, Saint Thomas More Pre-Law Society, and I am a Co-President of Duhawks for Life. In the future, my goal is to work full time for the Pro Life movement! I am so grateful for this opportunity and I can't wait to learn more this summer!

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to all the churches who participated in Mother's Day Roses, and to all those who supported us through it!
- Thank you to Sara Brehm for coordinating the Mother's Day Roses project every year! As well as to the many volunteers who helped with roses after Mass over Mother's Day Weekend – we are grateful for your time and energy you have given to the pro-life cause!
- Thank you to Laura Dolehide for helping at the front desk!

OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE YOUR APOLOGETICS!

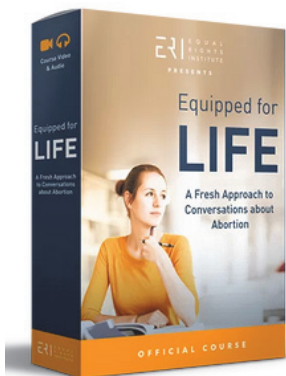
For all those who have taken the Equipped for Life Course and who would like to put it into practice, we are holding a couple of practice times at the DCRTL office. This would be an excellent opportunity to practice prior to the County Fair. If you would like to get an idea of what the full course is like, you are welcome to join us as well.



**Sunday, July 16, at 2pm,
Wednesday, July 19, at 7pm,
at the DCRTL Office.**

Please register by Thursday July 13, by calling us at 563-556-5960 or emailing us at dctrl@dctrl.org.

*"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed,
and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."
– Billy Graham*



Equipped for Life Course

*You Can Become a More
Persuasive Pro-Life
Advocate This Summer!*

The Equipped for Life Course provides a fresh approach to the dialogue about abortion. Equal Rights Institute developed this method from thousands of conversations with pro-choice people. We want to continue to introduce this approach to our members. The seminar will help you have charitable dialogues with anyone regardless of their religious or political beliefs.

Tuesdays - June 6th - July 18th 2023 (except for July 4th), 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Each meeting will include learning the topic of the day, time for discussion, and practicing with fellow pro-lifers. If you can't attend a certain day during the course, we have a plan for you.

The topics we will cover are: Habits of Highly Ineffective Pro-Lifers, Practical Dialogue Tips, Trot Out a Toddler, The Biological Case for the Unborn, The Philosophical Case for the Unborn, The Question of Rape, and Bodily Rights Arguments.

Please Register by June 5th. To register, call our office at 563-556-5960 or email Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org.

Check out what one of our attendees said after attending the winter session:

"I was totally impressed with the approach ERI uses. Ever since I saw the rebellion from the other side when Roe was overturned, I feel like we are back at square one in our efforts to change hearts and minds about abortion. I got involved in the pro-life movement because I was sure if people only knew the facts, the truth about it, they would be pro-life. Education was the key.

Not so. In spite of the fact that the truth – the science – is on our side, they continue to argue the women need abortion for various reasons (poverty, health, equal rights, etc.). This course teaches how to help them explore their own thought process and steer them into realizing the truths of the matter (abortion is murder, abortion hurts women, abortion doesn't fix the problems etc.).

The method that ERI teaches gives me hope for the future. Giving people the opportunity to discover the truths gives them ownership of that discovery. Telling them what to believe creates division. We all want to be right and so begins an argument.

I recommend the Equipped for Life Seminar to everyone! It is hard (and humbling) but worth every effort. I see this method of communication as key to creating dialog which could ultimately result in the conversion of hearts we are seeking; the key to making abortion unthinkable."

GENERATIONS FOR LIFE



Three days and two nights of learning, fun, fellowship, and outreach! DCRTL and the Ambassadors for Life are holding our first annual Generations for Life Summer Camp.

July 23 – 25, 2023
Bean Farm Scotch Grove

Camp is open to boys and girls, ages 14-18 years old (rising high school freshmen to rising freshman in college)
Boys and girls will have separate sleeping quarters.

The cost is \$50 per person.
 Scholarships are available if cost is an issue.

Deadline to sign up is July 6th.
We hope you can join us!

Pictures are of the accommodations at the Bean Farm



“Father’ is the noblest title a man can be given. It is more than a biological role. It signifies a patriarch, a leader, an exemplar, a confidant, a teacher, a hero, a friend.”
 –Robert L. Backman

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