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PRO-LIFERS HAIL IOWA SUPREME COURT HEARTBEAT VICTORY!



Six years after its passage in 2018, the Iowa Supreme Court finally upheld Iowa's heartbeat law, drawing Pro-Life cheers heard from Sioux City to Dubuque. By a 4-3 vote on June 28, 2024, the justices found the law to be constitutional. A majority of the court also found the Iowa legislature had a "rational basis" to pass the heartbeat law, including: "respect for and preservation of prenatal life at all stages of development; protection of maternal health and safety; elimination of particularly gruesome or barbaric medical procedures; preservation of the integrity of the medical profession; mitigation of fetal pain; and prevention of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, or disability."

In other words, the legislators' conclusions that abortion is a discriminatory, gruesome, and barbaric killing of pre-born Iowans, harming moms physically and psychologically, and diminishing the integrity of the medical profession are legitimate conclusions that the court's should not second guess.

The newly approved law requires that doctors and would-be abortionists perform an ultrasound on any pregnant woman considering abortion. They then must inform her in writing that if her child has a beating heart, she cannot abort her child except in certain limited circumstances. This saves the baby from certain death and protects her mother from the harm that the abortion would inflict upon her, both physically and psychologically.

The Heartbeat Law went into effect on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

However, be aware that the supreme court's ruling only dissolves the temporary injunction which blocked the heartbeat law pending a trial on the merits of the abortionist's lawsuit. The district court case has not been dismissed in its entirety by the supreme court, nor by the district court judge, nor by the abortionist plaintiffs. The case itself will continue to trial until the judge grants a motion by Pro-Life attorney general Brenna Bird to dismiss the case on a motion for summary judgment, or until the abortionists voluntarily give up and dismiss the case before trial. If a trial occurs, the supreme court has already indicated the state of Iowa should win under the rational basis "test" set out above.

As always, Pro-Life Iowans will continue to offer positive answers to women facing unintended pregnancies through pregnancy resource centers, homes for pregnant women who have nowhere to live, and legislation providing financial, educational, career, residential, employment, and other practical aid. The fact that we now have a heartbeat law in Iowa will assist in that effort.

Stay attentive to news coming on how the Polk County District Court case proceeds and how the abortionists in Iowa respond to the new law that requires women to be able to hear their baby's heartbeat.

DCRTL will continue to educate on how the law works out as a practical matter. Every abortionist who detects a beating unborn heart should send the mom to Pro-Life organizations who are ready to provide free help as listed above, both before and after the baby is born.

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August 2024

Thursday, August 1	Summer Picnic - 5:30-8pm Asbury Park - Wagner Pavilion
Sunday, August 11	DCRTL Pool Party - 5-7pm Sutton Pool (1900 Hawthorne St., Dubuque, IA)
Tuesday, August 13	Discussion and experiences using Abortion Victim Imagery - presented by Justice for All - 7pm
Thursday, August 15	Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, August 22	Holy Hour - 7pm St. John the Baptist, Peosta

September 2024

Thursday, September 12	Dedication of the stone for The Memorial of the Unborn
Saturday, September 14	Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
Thursday, September 19	Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, September 26	Holy Hour - 7pm St. John the Baptist, Peosta



Praying Outside of the Abortion Facility

Every Thursday morning, Arthur Gilloon and a couple other members carpool down to Iowa City to pray and offer life-affirming options to the mothers entering Emma Goldman abortion facility. They leave by 5:45am and return to Dubuque by 12 noon. They have open spots in the car. If you would like to join them on any Thursday, give our office a call (563-556-5960) by Wednesday (day before) at 4pm to sign-up.



WISH LIST

- Stamps
- Toilet Paper



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a month it has been since our last newsletter! Aside from the many unforeseen shakeups in the presidential race, we have great news from the Iowa Supreme Court ruling that the Iowa Heartbeat Law is constitutional. Thank you for your prayers and support that have led to this great decision!! Pre-born children will be saved, and mothers will be spared the horror of abortion. That is great news! The downside is that even with this law, nearly half of the abortions in Iowa will still take place. The battle for complete protection of pre-born children continues.

This month, I'd like to revisit a topic that we covered in the June newsletter on Walgreens and CVS around the United States choosing to carry the abortion pill in certain states (IL, NY, CA, PA, and MA). One of our pro-life readers made the effort to go visit a local Walgreens here and talk to them about it. The great news was that the person she's spoke with said that if it was up to him, he wouldn't carry it and that he doesn't support it. We appreciate the reader taking the time to look into it and letting us know the results of her findings. To reiterate, the above states are the only states where it has been announced that they would carry it.

Why are CVS and Walgreens not carrying the abortion pill in other states?

Back in early 2023, there were several attorney generals, of which Iowa attorney general Brenna Bird was one of them, sent a letter to Walgreens and CVS saying that they would be subject to legal action should they choose to carry this in their state. This led to Walgreens saying that they would not carry it in the state of Iowa among other states where legal action was imminent.

Is the abortion pill a better form of abortion since it is perceived as a less direct way of killing?

Some people prefer the abortion pill over other abortion procedures because the abortion pill is perceived to be a less direct way to "end a pregnancy." Many do not know the abortion pill process that we will cover here. The first pill is Mifepristone, which is taken to deprive the pre-born child of a hormone called progesterone. Progesterone supports the lining of the uterus to be able to support the pregnancy, AND it is the nutrients (food) for the child in the womb. To die by the abortion pill is to die by starvation. After a couple of days, most of the time the pre-born child has died and the mother then takes misoprostol to deliver the dead child.

It may appear to be less gruesome than surgical abortions, but it is still wrong to starve a human being to death as it is also wrong to dismember them.

Should we support a company that is actively participating in the killing of pre-born human beings?

The Walgreens employee seems to be a great person, but then we have the decision between supporting a well-intentioned person who is trying to make a living, and a company that participates actively in the killing of human beings as part of its line of business. I don't take this lightly. I just find it very hard to support a company that is offering the abortion pill to pregnant mothers to take the life of their child, whether it is here in Iowa or in another state.

If you know someone who has been part of an abortion(s) in the past, there are support services available to help them heal. People can call our office at 563-556-5960 for more information.

As always, feel free to share your thoughts or questions you may have. With your support, we are fighting for the right to Life for ALL human beings.

Yours truly,

Augustine

P.S. Did you know that the abortion pill can be reversed? If the pre-born child is still alive when intervention is sought, it is highly possible to still save the baby.

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PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

by Arthur F. Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney



Dear Friends for Life,

Here's some court and legislative news from Iowa and around the country.

IOWA

See page one for the story on the Iowa Supreme Court's ruling on June 28, 2024, upholding the heartbeat law: House File 732. Good news!

NATIONAL NEWS

Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia sued the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to liberalize the marketing and sale of the abortion/killing drug mifepristone. Iowa (led by our pro-life Attorney General Brenna Bird), along with Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah, attempted to intervene in the lawsuit to present the pro-life point of view and strengthen the safety standards that would apply to any use of mifepristone. The lawsuit was filed in federal court that is governed for appellate purposes by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. On Wednesday, July 25, 2024, a three-judge panel of that court ruled that Iowa and the other pro-life states could not sue. The judges went so far as to say that even the pro-life states' legitimate interest in "protecting maternal health and fetal life" did not allow them to sue the FDA and HHS on behalf of their citizens. The case is not over yet, as the pro-life states can ask the full circuit court of appeals to rehear the case, or appeal to the United States Supreme Court. DCRTL will keep you informed.

NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

Kansas— In contrast to Iowa, the Kansas Supreme Court struck down two pro-life laws on July 5, 2024. One of the laws passed in 2015, tried to stop the horrendous dilation and evacuation abortion method of killing babies. Oddly enough, the Kansas Court ruled that although the State of Kansas does have a compelling interest in "promoting respect for the value and dignity of human life, born or unborn," killing babies was allowed. The second law, passed in 2011, set out reasonable licensing requirements for abortionists. It was also struck down. Neither law had been in effect while the case proceeded in the courts because of permanent injunctions by lower courts.

Wisconsin— The Wisconsin Supreme Court is going to rule on whether the Wisconsin laws that protect babies and moms from abortion should go into effect following the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson* ruling, which threw out *Roe v. Wade*. Wisconsin's pro-life Republican Sheboygan County District Attorney Joel Urmanski is taking on Planned Parenthood (PP) and Wisconsin's pro-abortion Democrat state Attorney General Josh Kaul in the case. PP and Kaul are trying to have the pro-life state laws declared unconstitutional under the Wisconsin state constitution, arguing that "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" means a woman has the right to kill her unborn child. District Attorney Urmanski is arguing that the state law is constitutional and should be upheld. The case will wind its way through the court's until ruled on. Unfortunately, Wisconsin Supreme Court justices are elected by the voters, and a majority of the justices campaigned as pro-abortion candidates.

Arkansas— A pro-abortion group is seeking to have the right to abortion become a constitutional right under Arkansas's state constitution in a November 2024 ballot initiative. However, the Arkansas Secretary of State rejected thousands of the signatures submitted due to irregularities, and the Attorney General of Arkansas is currently defending that action in court.



SUMMER PICNIC

Thursday, August 1st

5:30-8:00pm

Wagner Pavilion at Asbury Park

If you would like, please bring a side dish or your favorite dish to share, but we will provide the main course for our meal. We can't wait to celebrate Life with you at this enjoyable gathering for all ages!

POOL PARTY!

Sunday, August 11th

5:00-7:00pm

Sutton Pool

(1900 Hawthorne St., Dubuque, IA)

Gather your water toys and swimwear! DCRTL will be holding a swim night at Sutton Pool. The entire complex, including the swimming pools, changing rooms, and water slides will be available for our use. There will be lifeguards on duty! You are welcome to bring food, snacks, and nonalcoholic drinks, but please avoid bringing glass containers. We cannot wait for this fantastic family-friendly evening!

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF ABORTION VICTIM IMAGERY

August 13, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

online via zoom wherever you are, or join the group viewing at the office

Justice for All will present why they use Abortion Victim Imagery at some of their outreaches and share their experiences where it has been effective and ineffective with changing hearts and minds. There will be time for questions and open discussion. Please join us for this discussion either online or join a group viewing at the DCRTL office (2205 Carter Rd, Dubuque, IA). Please RSVP by Friday, August 9th, by calling the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960, or emailing us at reception@dctrl.org.

Ambassadors for Life

The Ambassadors for Life was started by Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. (DCRTL) to get high school students involved in the pro-life cause and give them an opportunity to gain leadership experience that they will take with them and build upon for the rest of their lives. If you are a high school student who is pro-life and wants to make an impact, join us.

If you are in high school and interested in joining, or want to learn more, contact Augustine Payne at apayne@dctrl.org or 563-556-5960.

Ambassadors for Life meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:15pm to 7:45pm, with dinner provided. The Ambassadors for Life three pillars are Activism, Formation, and Fun. By participating in the Ambassadors for Life, you will not only be helping build a culture that respects LIFE, but with the life experiences, you will also have things you can talk about in future job, college, and scholarship applications.



A baby's life has been saved - Thank YOU!!

Ronald and Fausta's baby who was spared from the deathly abortion pill, has been born!! Baby Aaron was born at 7.3 lbs and 19 inches. Mom and baby are doing well. Thanks to YOUR support, DCRTL along with two other organizations were able to help pay their rent for several months and cover their ultrasound. Because of you, the reason that was driving them to the abortion clinic (financial need) was able to be met. They are very grateful for their son, Aaron, and for the financial support. And thank you to those who go down to Iowa City to offer help to the moms and their families.

PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

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As of press time for this newsletter, whether or not there will be an abortion-legalizing Arkansas constitutional amendment on the ballot in November is unclear.

Missouri— Pro-life Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey has sued Planned Parenthood based on an undercover video from Project Veritas purportedly showing Planned Parenthood staff telling a man pretending to help a 13-year-old pregnant niece how they could help her obtain an abortion out of state. Bailey said the lawsuit, filed in February 2024, is his latest effort to “drive Planned Parenthood out of Missouri” due to its “...pattern of abhorrent, unethical, and illegal behavior.” Planned Parenthood is asking a Missouri judge to dismiss a lawsuit. No ruling has been issued as of press time.

Nebraska— A proposed amendment to install abortion on demand in the Nebraska Constitution put forth by a pro-abortion group claims to have 207,000 signatures by registered voters, including at least 5% of registered voters in 38 of the state's 93 counties, an amount sufficient to put the issue on the ballot in November. The Nebraska Secretary of State's office has until August 12th to verify the submitted signatures and until September 13th to certify the measure for the November ballot.

The pro-abortion group calls itself “Protect Our Rights,” but it is composed of the same old baby killers: Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. The proposed constitutional amendment would allow abortion on demand. Organizers in Nebraska, however, still face some obstacles before November. Pro-lifers can still challenge the signatures and are attempting to offer their own pro-life ballot amendment that would protect unborn babies after the first trimester, except in situations where the abortion is “necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest.” The pro-life group has submitted more than 205,000 signatures in support of the amendment. A third amendment offered by another pro-life group was circulated for signatures and would have added a personhood clause stating that “a preborn child at every stage of development is a person.” It failed to garner enough signatures to appear on the November ballot.

That's all for now, friends. Be sure to scour the news and internet for stories on the matters set out above. Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc., will keep you informed as you spread the word about the humanity of the preborn, the positive pro-life alternatives to abortion, and how we are all helping women facing unintended pregnancies.

Memorial for the Unborn Update and Dedication

After much planning and effort, on Wednesday, July 17th, the gravestone for the memorial of the unborn was officially placed! This marks a significant milestone in honoring and remembering the precious lives lost. We want to thank all of those who have helped to make this possible through various fundraisers and looking forward to doing another Trivia night with you in February 2025 to raise money to cover final costs!

Please save the date as we invite you to join us in the evening on September 12 for the Dedication of the Stone for the Memorial of the Unborn. This special ceremony will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, where we will come together to unveil and dedicate a memorial stone inscribed with the names of unborn babies who were aborted, miscarried, or stillborn. It is an opportunity to honor their memory, offer our prayers, and find solace in the community. Please join us as we commemorate these innocent lives and reflect on the enduring love that binds us all. Your presence will help make this a heartfelt and memorable occasion. More details on the event will come in our September newsletter.

The Memorial for the Unborn is dedicated to the children who have been lost through miscarriage and abortion, and those who grieve their loss. The memorial was erected to honor their lives and to show that they are not forgotten. They too have a purpose and were made in the image and likeness of God.

The Memorial to the Unborn was envisioned to fulfill the need for a place where parents, relatives and friends may pray for their lost loved ones and to grieve. Many experience unresolved and often undefined grief resulting from an abortion. By visiting the grave of a loved one, those in grief can come to terms with their loss. The Memorial to the Unborn is a place for people to sit, reflect, ponder, or pray. It is a place for healing, a place for reflection, and a place for grieving.

To have a child remembered on this memorial stone we request a \$125 donation which you can donate online or mail us a check payable to DCRTL.

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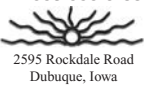
Names will be added every 6 months with the first placement deadline being mid-August. If you would like to be part of the first placement, please return this form asap. The next placement will be in Spring 2025.

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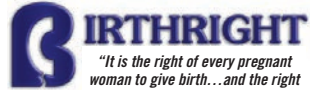
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