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## IRTL Launches *Populate Iowa*

### **Baby Organizers- The Great Giveaway**

DES MOINES – Iowa Right to Life kicked off its new *Populate Iowa* campaign with a pre-Mother's Day giveaway of beautiful Baby Organizers on May 7 and 8 at IRTL's headquarters at 1500 Illinois Street in Des Moines.

A steady stream of people came to IRTL's office to pick up the baby organizers. Some people selected an organizer or two for their own friends and families, while others hauled away cases of the organizers to distribute at crisis pregnancy centers, churches and other local organizations.



IRTL President Kim Lehman holds up one of the Baby Organizers at IRTL's Spring Social Fundraiser April 30.

### **Populate Iowa... "Feel Free to Reproduce"**

#### **Your Child Can Do Something Great for Our State!**

Iowa's worker shortage is expected to reach over 150,000 by 2012. We have killed 175,000 potential workers in Iowa in the 36 years since Roe vs. Wade and more than 50,000,000 nationwide. Enter IRTL's *Populate Iowa* campaign.

"Our culture disconnects sex from babies and our children are taught that babies are a negative." said Kim Lehman, President of IRTL. "*Populate Iowa* is designed to encourage babies and encourage the love of babies."

Unintended pregnancies are often happy accidents that fulfill the lives of their parents—or their adoptive parents. Children are good for Iowa's economy.



Inside the Organizers are files for safe-keeping of records, appointments and more.

Inside the organizers are files to help new mothers organize immunization records, doctor appointments, the birth certificate and more! We have also included an adorable card insert with an explanation of the baby's nine months in the womb, called, "While I Was In Mommy's Tummy."

**We still have more Baby Organizers to give away!**

**Please call: 515.244.1012 or email [iowa@iowaRTL.org](mailto:iowa@iowaRTL.org)**

### **Give to Book Drive**

#### **Spring Book Sale was the Biggest Ever**

DES MOINES – After only a few years, Iowa Right to Life's Book Sale held March 25-30, 2009, broke a new record of **\$50,000!**

We are already thinking BIG for the Fall Book Sale. To get there, we will hold a special state-wide **Book Drive** to collect book donations.

### **Big Book Drive Saturday, June 27, 2009**

**First Assembly of God  
Church parking lot  
2725 Merle Hay Road  
Des Moines, Iowa**

**9:00 AM—4:00 PM**

IRTL needs your books! So box up those extra books crowding your bookcases or stacked up on your nightstand and bring them out to First Assembly of God Church on Saturday, June 27. We will have a big truck for book collection in the parking lot. Spread the word—let your friends, family, neighbors and churches know.

(See book drive flyer: [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org))

Volunteer book sorters are needed all summer, too! **Contact Rhonda Phillips: [rhonda@iowaRTL.org](mailto:rhonda@iowaRTL.org) or by phone: 515.205.8024.**

## Alons Amendment Holds Reps Accountable

DES MOINES—What looked like a session of setbacks for pro-lifers yielded one big win.

**Representative Dwayne Alons** (R-House District 4), one of our *Heroes on the Hill* in the Iowa Legislature, proposed an amendment to the state budget to kill a five percent increase in the HHS Medicaid Family Planning funds – which is Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's primary source of income. The five percent amounts to a \$1 million increase.



The amendment lost by a narrow margin – 53 to 44. But Alons' amendment forced a vote on the issue – so IRTL now has a *voting record* on a pro-life issue for the Iowa House. This is valuable information for the next election.

IRTL has a voting record from the Iowa Senate from the 2007 session, when they voted to increase state family planning funding by an additional \$750,000 (something Planned Parenthood lobbied hard for). But there was no House vote in 2007.

To see how your legislator voted on the Alons amendment, visit: <http://irlc.org/what-s-new/legislative-alerts/anti-life-vote-record/>

You will see these numbers again, because IRTL will publish both votes during the next election campaign. The legislators that use our tax dollars to make Planned Parenthood fat and rich will be held accountable.

Three pro-life bills were killed in committee this session:

- 1) HF 321 Reporting abortion complications
- 2) HF 323 Offering women information prior to their abortion (Women's Right to Know)
- 3) HF 318 Defining when life begins

These are all bills that would have helped reduce the number of abortions in Iowa. Pro-abortion legisla-

tors killed these bills in committee – so they were not even allowed to the floor for a vote. We are going to hold these legislators accountable and vote them out in 2010.

Hooray for Heroes on the Hill! **Thank Rep. Dwayne Alons by email: [Dwayne.Alons@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:Dwayne.Alons@legis.state.ia.us)**

### Family Planning funding in Iowa is used to help needy families, right?

*Not exactly.* In 2007, Planned Parenthood received **\$5,265,085 in Medicaid alone**, according to DAS. With state and federal support, Planned Parenthood has been able to hire 20 new government affairs staff, 28 employees to go door-to-door canvassing neighborhoods and dramatically increase the salary to their director, Jill June to \$167,308 (2007), from \$117,653 in 2004, plus benefits, which is a **42% increase** over a 3 year period. All under the so-called *non-profit* status. (See 2004 and 2007 PPGI 990 Reports.)

## Clarke College Lands on IRTL's Wall of Shame

DUBUQUE—Here we go again. The scandal of President Barack Obama at Notre Dame's commencement almost edged out of the media a similar scandal closer to home.



On May 9, Clarke College, a Catholic college in Dubuque turned its graduation into a vile pro-abortion promotion by honoring U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley (D-IA), who favors destroying human embryos for research, public funding for contraception and earned a 100% rating from the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) which is actively working

for the passage of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)—an extreme anti-life congressional bill.



Clarke invited Braley to give the commencement speech and bestowed on him an "honorary doctor of laws degree."

Honoring a pro-abortion politician, so contrary to Catholic teaching on life issues, earned Clarke College a place on IRTL's *Wall of Shame*.

In May 2008, St. Ambrose Univer-

sity in Davenport landed on the *Wall of Shame* for honoring pro-abortion activist and former Iowa Rep. Maggie Tinsman with an honorary doctorate.

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# Teens Promote Book Sale on WHO Radio-1040 AM

DES MOINES—Teens from Dowling Catholic High School and IRTL President Kim Lehman were invited on the air with popular talk show host Steve Deace on WHO Radio 1040 AM, to discuss how the students distributed over 8,000 flyers promoting the Pro-Life Spring Book Sale.

Deace had the students laughing on the March 24 broadcast, as he asked them about interactions with other people and humorous mishaps as they handed out the flyers.

“This is probably the most laughter we have had discussing pro-life issues ever on this show,” said Deace.

IRTL held a flyer distribution contest for teens. The Dowling students worked in teams and competed against each other.

The teens blanketed the Des Moines area and surrounding communities,



**In the Studio:** (from left to right) Rob Sloma, Staci Dowd, Evan Beacom, David Cordaro, IRTL President Kim Lehman, Kim Becker and WHO Radio Host Steve Deace.



**Above:** Kim Becker has a laugh with Deace. **Below:** Kim Lehman hams it up on the air on Deace’s Show.



delivering flyers to businesses, schools, churches — even going door to door!

Evan Beacom said Dowling’s Students for Life Club is the school’s largest club with 80-100 members. The group meets weekly to discuss current events and pro-life projects in which the students can participate.

Deace asked why the life issue was important to the students.

Beacom said, “The founding fathers laid out our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and there is a reason that they put life first. Because without life, there’s nothing else.”

You can still listen to the segment with the students online or download the podcast at: [www.whoradio.com](http://www.whoradio.com)

**Listen to Steve Deace weekdays on WHO Radio-1040 AM, 4:00- 7:00 PM.**



**Above:** Staci Dowd and Rob Sloma break for a commercial. **Below:** In the lobby at WHO Radio-1040 AM .



## Shawn Carney: Abortion Battle is Local

DES MOINES—A great time was had by all at Iowa Right to Life's "Wild About Life" Spring Social at the Blank Park Zoo on April 30, where dynamic, young **Shawn Carney**, Co-founder of **40 Days For Life**, energized the crowd and Iowa Right to Life gave special honor to Don and Charlene Lamberti and daughter Kim Pitts for their undaunted commitment to the pro-life cause.

Speaker Shawn Carney stressed that the battle over abortion is not a national battle, but a local battle, which we must win one heart at a time in all of our communities.

40 Days For Life has helped mothers choose life for their children. **For more on 40 Days in Iowa: [www.40daysforlife.com/iowa](http://www.40daysforlife.com/iowa)**



Left: Shawn Carney

Top Right: Monsignor Bognanno, Don Lamberti, Monsignor Beeson

## Understanding the Conscience Clause

WASHINGTON D.C.—President Barack Obama's repeal of the Conscience Rule from the President George W. Bush administration created some confusion. We want to make sure that everyone understands the background and the high stakes involved.

### 1. The Conscience Clause is Not New

The Conscience Clause was not new to the Bush administration. The Conscience Clause is a federal regulation put into place after the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973. The Clause was to protect people in the health care industry from being forced to participate in abortions.

The problem with the Conscience Clause was there was no enforcement. So over the years, doctors, nurses and other health care professionals who refused to participate in the abortion industry lost their jobs, were denied promotions, denied tenure or faced harassment.

### 2. Bush Added Enforcement to the Conscience Clause

In August of 2008, the Department

of Health and Human Services under Bush introduced a rule that added enforcement to the Conscience Clause, by threatening to cut off federal funding for any medical facility, health program or state and local government that denied personnel the right to refuse to participate in the abortion industry.

The new enforcement was a reaction to a new policy by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) that HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said in a letter to the ACOG on March 14, 2008, "would force physicians to violate their conscience by referring patients for abortions or taking other objectionable actions, or risk losing their board certification."

### 3. Obama Repeal Takes Away Enforcement

Obama started the process of repealing the Bush enforcement regulation on February 27. When this process is complete, the Conscience Clause from the 1970s will still be in place, but without the enforcement to protect pro-life medical personnel from discrimination and persecution.



Medical personnel could be forced to kill an infant in the womb such as this one.  
(Picture: 4 months in womb)

### 4. FOCA Will Wipe Out Conscience Clause

If the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) passes, it will strike down the Conscience Clause in place since 1973, removing all protection from medical personnel, medical facilities and more.

# Every Volunteer is a *Wanted* Volunteer

## The Update on IRTL Programs Where You Can Make a Difference!

### We Want YOU!!

There is much to do and so many different ways to get involved! Here are a few areas where we need help:

### RU-486 Flyer Distribution

Planned Parenthood is aggressively rolling out RU-486 abortions in Iowa—which are more profitable for Planned Parenthood and more dangerous for women.

IRTL is offering a 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inch informational flyer to help you explain the risks of RU-486 to family, friends, neighbors and anyone who has ears. Help us get the word out — women's and babies' lives are at stake!

**Contact IRTL to get the RU-486 flyers:** [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org) or by phone: 515.244.1012.

### RU-486 Emergency Packets for Hospitals and Clinics

We are also working on the information packets on RU-486 for hospitals, clinics and medical personnel.

The packets will include information on RU-486 complications, plus the FDA Form to report complications that medical professionals encounter



**Think Tank:** Pro-life students take part in a pro-life brainstorming session as part of a Service Day at Iowa Right to Life

Grassley, plus the five U.S. Representatives from Iowa. These postcards are still available for individuals and groups.

You can also sign the **Stop FOCA Petition** online on the IRTL website: [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org)

### Book Sorting / Book Drives

Volunteers are needed year round to prepare for IRTL's twice-a-year Pro-Life Book Sales that raise funds for pregnancy centers across Iowa. Here are some ways to help:

- Sorting books** - a terrific activity for individuals, families or groups
- Promoting** - distributing flyers to friends, neighbors, churches and other organizations
- Donating books** - book donations for the sales are accepted all year.

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in their patients.

Please continue to send IRTL contacts of hospitals and clinics that should receive the packets. Thank you to all who sent in contacts so far!



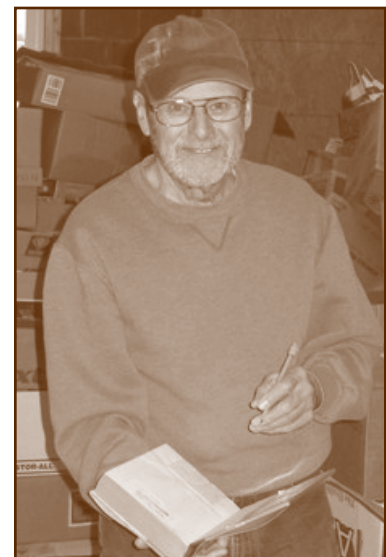
### Red Envelope Campaign

We have sent in almost 300 Red Envelopes to the White House encouraging President Obama to support life, not abortion.

IRTL is still sending them in – if you send us a request, we will mail a Red Envelope to the White House on your behalf.

### FOCA Postcard Program

More than 10,000 postcards opposing the Freedom of Choice Act have been sent to Senators Harkin and



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## National Right to Life Convention

June 18-20, 2009, Charlotte, North Carolina

<http://stoptheabortionagenda.com/convention/>

## IRTL Cord Blood Drive to Save Lives

IOWA CITY— Women who are giving birth can help save lives by donating their cord blood for ethical stem cell research right here in Iowa.

Iowa Right to Life is working with the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute (JP2SRI) in Iowa City to promote cord blood donation for ethical research. JP2SRI focuses on adult and cord blood stem cell research and education. The organization does not harvest stem cells from killing human embryos, nor does it participate in human cloning.

JP2SRI's current research programs include studies on lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and Parkinson's Disease.

If you are having a baby, donating

the umbilical cord blood is easy and there is no cost to the donor.

### How the Process Works

Steps to donating cord blood to JP2SRI:

- 1) The potential donor contacts JP2SRI at 319.688.7367.
- 2) JP2SRI sends the donor a kit with all the supplies, including instructions for the doctor.
- 3) Donor gives the kit to the doctor.
- 4) The doctor collects the cord blood and gives it back to the donor.
- 5) The donor is responsible for packing the return box and mailing it to

JP2SRI. The postage is pre-paid.

The donor does not have to be a resident of Iowa. JP2SRI is currently accepting cord blood donations from anywhere in the Continental United States. If you have friends or relatives who live out of state who might be interested in donating cord blood, please share this information.

Donating cord blood is not the same as "banking" cord blood. JP2SRI does not bank cord blood.

Get ready for the Iowa Right to Life Cord Blood Drive later this year. Stay tuned for more details!

**For more information, call the JP2SRI at: 319.688.7367 or visit: [www.JP2SRI.org](http://www.JP2SRI.org)**

**DONATE to IRTL ONLINE!** For your convenience, Iowa Right to Life has a way to donate online through Paypal. It's fast, it's free and it's secure! **Visit: <http://irlc.org/about-us/donate/>**

## Summer Fun! Promote Life at Fairs and Fests

### Send Us Photos of Your Floats and Booths!

It's going to be a GREAT summer for life in Iowa! And 4th of July parades, county fairs, local fests and other events are perfect places to promote life! Iowa Right to Life can supply you with signs and information to hand out.

Contact IRTL's Fair Coordinator, Ron Granzow at: 515.244.1012 or email IRTL at: [iowa@iowaRTL.org](mailto:iowa@iowaRTL.org)

Don't forget to send us your pictures!



**Above:** Raccoon Valley RTL lines up for the 4th of July Parade in Panora.  
**Right:** Muscatine Right to Life on parade in Muscatine's 4th of July Parade.



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**(Details Coming Soon!)**