



Let's
Strengthen Marriage

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Dear Supporter,

Who would have thought ten years ago that we would be fighting for the very existence of marriage as the union of one man and one woman? Two years ago a radical legislature decided to take matters into their own hands and redesign one of history's oldest institutions – marriage. The good news is that New Hampshire citizens solidly rebuked the efforts to redesign marriage and voted in an almost entirely new legislature. This past election cycle was not just an economic backlash, but it was also a moral response to the efforts to redesign our culture without our consent.

What a relief to know that efforts are underway in the new elected body to restore what was lost. In the meantime, we need to work to show the next generation that marriage is a worthy endeavor. National statistics show the teen pregnancy rate is seven times higher for a girl when the father leaves the home before she is six years old. Young men raised in single parent homes are twice as likely to end up in jail as those from families that have both parents in the home. Dr James Dobson has written extensively about how important the father's role is in the home. Boys and girls need fathers as much as they need mothers to develop healthy perspectives on relationships and self confidence. Our young adults have become the social experiments of those who want to have marriage fit their idea of human behavior. Girls dating girls is becoming common in high schools, primarily because girls are afraid of dating boys. Our

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children need us more now than ever to demonstrate the positive and productive side of marriage. They need to see us celebrating marriage and acknowledging that it is healthy and the most secure relationship two people can experience together.

Governments of all types over the course of human history have recognized the benefits of men and women committed to each other and the children that are created through that relationship. That is why the United States government has supported and encouraged marriages through tax breaks and spousal benefits. These benefits were designed to encourage marriages to remain intact.

Why? Stable marriages create stable societies that grow healthy economies. Medical research has long determined that healthy marriages have a natural by-product of fewer health problems, longer lives, and higher individual economic productivity. Higher economic productivity has been a hallmark of our American society; Americans have out produced most other nations over the course of the last fifty years. We also have had some of the strongest families in the world. While the incidence of divorce has risen, sixty-seven percent of all marriages remain intact with original partners. Ninety-five percent of those marriages report that they are happy and satisfied in their marriages. So while the news media and Hollywood portray families as divorced or single parent, the truth is most couples are still married to their original partner. Surprising? I was encouraged. While the number of divorces is higher than 20 years ago, the majority of marriages do not end in divorce. So why not celebrate? Why let Hollywood dictate to us and our children that most marriages end in divorce? We want to go

on the offensive against the tearing down of such a time honored institution and one that was created by God. Would you be willing to help?

Concerned Women for America New Hampshire would like to promote and strengthen marriage in New Hampshire by running a full page ad in the *Union Leader* on Valentine's Day.

The cost of this type of ad is \$5,000, but we feel that it is worth the money to bring people's attention to the benefits of marriage.

We have a \$2,500 matching grant; will you help us reach the goal of \$5000 with a donation of \$50 - \$100? If that is not possible any smaller amount will help.

It's important that our high school and college students see that marriage is valued and viewed as a relationship highly cherished. In short we have to work to show the up and coming generations that marriage is not an outdated, obsolete relationship but one to be sought after and has lifelong benefits.

If you feel as I do that marriage is worth the investment, could you help us with a donation of \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more? Our youngsters are counting on us to show them what is most important in life, what holds the most value. Shouldn't marriage be at the top of the list? I know we can do it with your help; we can restore marriage to its rightful place in our society. Please give as generously as you can by sending a check to: CWA of New Hampshire, P.O. Box 38, Auburn, NH 03032. Or [click here](#) to give online. Write "Marriage Ad" in the comment box.

God bless you for strengthening marriage in New Hampshire with your financial gift.

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