

# CCBR: Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform

## *Making Abortion Unthinkable*

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*On March 19 and 20, we joined forces with Campus Pro-Life at the University of Calgary to help expose the reality of abortion for the third time in as many semesters. For this month's newsletter, we present you with a photo album of this latest exhibit of the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP). Thank you for playing a pivotal role by fueling our efforts to communicate this message that changes hearts and minds!*



▲ Mark (left) travelled from Edmonton to help with GAP. When he asked a female passerby what she thought of the exhibit, she responded, “I think it’s excellent. I personally know some students who were **pro-abortion last semester but they changed their minds after GAP.**”

▼ Tasha (left) has a gentle spirit which together with her nursing background makes a great combination for interacting with people. In one of her conversations, she spoke with three students who were “on the fence” about abortion with regards to hard cases that can arise with a pregnancy. After talking with Tasha, however, **they concluded that abortion is wrong even in difficult life circumstances.**



▼ Jacinta (left) discussed abortion with one of her classmates, who said she was unsure about her position on abortion. So Jacinta put her apologetics training into practice and explained the pro-life view. Gradually her classmate began to understand the pro-life side more than the pro-choice side. Then she listened to Matt (right) debate with a vehement abortion supporter. Observing this exchange, she declared about Matt, “That guy is really good!” **and she concluded that she is pro-life.**



▲ Asia (left) was a new volunteer at GAP who faithfully attended Jojo’s apologetics training sessions in the weeks leading up to the display. This training prepared her for an encounter at the exhibit with one of her good friends from high school: Asia’s friend was on the fence about abortion and asked her, “What about rape?” Asia employed our response to that concern and her friend replied, “**Oh yeah, that does make sense.**” (See our response to this question on our website: [www.unmaskingchoice.ca/faq2.html](http://www.unmaskingchoice.ca/faq2.html))



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► CCBR staffer Brendan (shown at far right) got a chance to take a break from his administrative and technical tasks to be at GAP. In one of his conversations, he spoke to a female student who didn't understand how the Holocaust and lynching were comparable to abortion. After soliciting her agreement that at least the Holocaust and lynching were comparable to each other, Brendan asked her why. She explained that in one case people were discriminated against because of race and religion and in the other it was because of skin colour. Brendan added to her explanation: "At the times of those two injustices, the victims were deemed to be non-persons, both legally and from society's perspective. In the same way today, the unborn have no status under Canadian law and most of the people we speak with don't think of the unborn as persons the way they think of you and me as persons." She replied, "I see the comparison; I see the logic. You make a good argument."

► Some readers may recall that last spring's GAP saw abortion advocates protest by dumping bags of manure in front of the display. We kept their "gift," which proved useful this spring: due to sub-zero temperatures on the first morning of GAP, our sandbags were frozen to the ground. Needing something to stabilize the GAP signs, we placed the manure bags into garbage bags and had perfect replacement weights! Volunteer Lorena (lifting bag) travelled from B.C. to help set up and man the display. Upon her return to Vancouver, her pro-life club displayed GAP at UBC!



The difference one year can make:  
 ▲ Pro-choice onlooker (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), March 2006,  
 ▼ ...turns pro-life activist (centre), March 2007!



▲ William Barclay once said, "A turn involves two things: it involves a *terminus a quo* and a *terminus ad quem*. It involves a **turning from something and a turning toward something.**" That is what we saw with Sean. Some of you may remember the top picture from our Christmas 2006 newsletter: that's Sean last spring, listening to Brendan debate a pro-choice student. Both at that GAP and at the one later in the fall, he listened to GAP volunteers make a persuasive case for the pro-life view. He was so compelled by their logic that he converted from pro-choice to pro-life! At this most recent GAP, he put his new beliefs into practice by standing on the other side of the security fence, defending the pro-life perspective and even signing up other students for the club!

◀ Here are *some* (yes, there were more!) of the incredible volunteers who made this exhibit possible. It was a privilege to work with such a dedicated and passionate group of young adults who endured a freak hail storm and sometimes exhausting conversations to be a voice for those who have none. Although it's not possible for all of you to interact on the front lines with these amazing pro-life activists, I do hope this snapshot of two days in the life of world-changers gives you hope, not just for the future but also for the here and now. With gratitude for your support,

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