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MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE

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Dear Friends,

Happy new year! We've had an exciting start to 2012 with the launch of our **Podcasts**, "**Choice**" **Chain in Vancouver**, publishing **A Physician's Guide to Discussing Abortion**, my recent **presentations to 3,000 young people**, and starting up our **Toronto office!**

As I write this, Jonathon is on his way to Toronto as our first trailblazer for our Eastern office. Over the next 11 months, Francisco, Alanna, and I will move to join him in building up this second CCBR base.

Just a few days ago, on January 22 and in association with the March for Life in DC, I (in red in upper corner of photo on right) spoke to **1,000 teenagers** at a conference by Louisiana Right to Life in Virginia; immediately following, I jumped into a taxi to head to the Students for Life of America (SFLA) Conference in Maryland where I spoke to **2,000 college students**.

Feedback from both was very encouraging. One young man told me **the presentation changed his life**, and he specifically cited my playing of our **abortion video as deeply convicting him**.

SFLA's communications director, Jackie Anderson, told me, "I also want to reiterate that it was during your presentation that **the online webcast of our conference crashed because there was such a huge influx of people trying to watch at that time.**"

She also shared this encouraging feedback from attendees who gave a 5/5 for the presentation:

- "It was so good! I loved the analogies and stories of her experiences with people dealing with serious issues. **The movie was also good.**"
- "Best speaker. Very funny and had inspirational stories with reliable facts."

- "She left such an impact on me; it was the best."
- "Stunning. Bring her back or **make her President of the USA** or both!"
- "She was absolutely amazing. She had my attention the entire time and she **had so much good, usable information. I only hope I can learn to speak my beliefs as well as she does.**"



My prayer that morning was that the Holy Spirit would move in the hearts of the attendees and convict them to use the information in their everyday lives. My prayer was that I would decrease so that God would increase.

Two days later, I received this note from an attendee to show that the prayer was answered:

"I just wanted to email you to tell you again what an inspiration you are! ...I want to let you know that **I shared your website on Facebook, which was a little bit frightening for me.** Most of my father's side of the family is pro-choice and are 'disappointed in my narrow thinking,' but after your speeches and the whole conference **I am inspired to share the truth in loving ways.** Thank you so much!"

It has been said that courage is not the absence of fear, but a will to do what's right in spite of your fears. This young woman recognized the need to put the pro-life truth on display, even at risk of facing criticism from loved ones.

As a pre-med student, she also asked for a copy of our newest publication [A Physician's Guide to Discussing Abortion](#). This has been a project on my heart for some time now, and this month it went to the printers!

18 physicians provided helpful feedback and edits to the document. An Obstetrician/Gynecologist endorsed it saying,

“This excellent document provides thoughtful information and ideas to facilitate sincere communication and civil dialogue on this important matter [of abortion].”

Do you know a physician who would benefit from this manual? Please contact us at email@unmaskingchoice.ca and we'll gladly mail you a copy to distribute.

Recently we were contacted by **a physician whose patient was considering abortion**. She sought our help and besides giving her resources and encouragement, we connected her to another pro-life physician in her community. I am delighted to report that **the patient changed her mind on abortion and in the coming months a baby girl will be born!**

Besides all this, Ruth's presentation in Vancouver last fall is bearing fruit this year: 23 young people did “Choice” Chain in Vancouver on January 14. Led by our former intern Ania Kasprzak and courageous post-abortive young woman Jeanne Nuels, these women and their team made a big impact. Ania reported this encounter:

“Oh my gosh what is that?!”

I turned to my right, and saw a man in his late twenties clutching a pamphlet and darting his eyes from poster to poster.

“What are these pictures of?”

He appeared genuinely confused about what the graphic images were depicting. I approached him and gently explained that we were showing exactly what abortion does to the pre-born child at different stages of development. I pointed out how the majority of abortions happen during the first-trimester and this is why we are focusing on bringing this shocking and graphic truth to the public.

The young man was at a loss for words. He kept shaking his head and repeating the same sentence over and over:

“Oh my gosh, how can this be happening? Is this really what it looks like? That's terrible! I had no idea!”

Jeanne (below, left) shared the following reflection:



“‘Choice’ Chain has offered me the opportunity to reach people with my regretful testimony. I sincerely believe that people will acknowledge that abortion is an atrocity, not only to the children it destroys, but also to women (emotionally, psychologically, spiritually and physically). Society has lied to women for decades about the truths surrounding abortion. I know that using my testimony through ‘Choice’ Chain will persuade others to choose life for their children and themselves, and if they have had an abortion to confront their fear and seek healing.”

So what's coming up? Jojo is focusing on meeting with various **pastors and churches in Calgary** about how to bring the pro-life message to their faith communities. In February, Ruth will be travelling to **Saskatoon to give pro-life apologetics and activism presentations**.

Also that month, Alanna, James, Jojo, and I will be travelling to Florida to oversee our **International Florida GAP Tour**. This is where brilliant young people from Canada, the UK, Ecuador, and Costa Rica will participate in our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP). It's also where we're likely to **recruit Canadian young people for our summer intern program**—the past two years we have retained two interns each summer for full-time pro-life work (all of whom experienced our Florida GAP Tour)!

To learn more about our activities, see www.unmaskingchoice.ca/about/schedule Also on our site you can click to our new podcasts on itunes.

As you can see, there is much happening—and we couldn't do it without your sacrificial financial support. Please continue to give so we can EndtheKilling in our lifetime.

With gratitude for your partnership,
Stephanie Gray, on behalf of the CCBR team

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