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MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE

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Dear Friends,

As I sit trying to capture the words to convey the impact your support has had on a worldwide level, she who is normally verbally abundant is suddenly speechless! As a result, half of this newsletter will be captured in photos.

Below are *some* of the faces of our team of 39 who spent the last 2 weeks of February displaying GAP at the University of Florida in Gainesville, University of Central Florida in Orlando, University of South Florida in Tampa, and Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. These are the faces of world-changers who united from Canada, the United States, and South Africa to evangelize students with the pro-life message. We have countless testimonies of students who changed their minds as a result of encounters with these life-savers. In the following months, we'll share some of these stories with you.

In the meantime, these are the faces of intelligent, articulate, winsome, and compassionate ambassadors for the pro-life message. They gave long, grueling days encountering the wounded—those who have had abortions, those who lost siblings to abortion, those who have been raped, those neglected and abused in the foster care system, and those who have no sense of self-worth. To these our team offered truth, empathy, and hope.



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UBC



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Cameron,
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Carlos,
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Catherine,
U of Victoria



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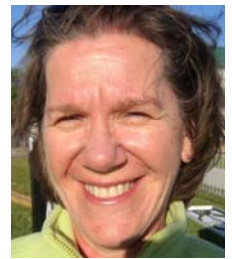
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CCBR Midwest



Edward,
Queen's University



Francisco,
Thunder Bay RTL



Irene,
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Jessica,
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Joelene,
South Africa



Jojo,
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Jonathon,
Simon Fraser U



Lauren,
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Leah,
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So why this trip? Last year I had a dream for a large team of pro-lifers to gather together and experience GAP in an uncensored environment, so they could then return to their homes fired up to implement the power of this pro-life exhibit in their own communities. I also had a dream for more pro-lifers to be available to reach out to the wounded on the campuses at which we display GAP. So many walk past with unique stories of pain and abandonment, and I wanted to ensure we had more pro-lifers to minister to the souls that walked past. So in the fall of last year, our staff sat down and brainstormed a team of pro-lifers to invite for this opportunity.

In the invitation, I shared with them the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero in his prayer *Prophets of a Future Not Our Own*:

“This is what we are about: **We plant seeds that one day will grow.** We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. **We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.**

“We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. **This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.** It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers; not messiahs. **We are prophets of a future not our own.**”

So, what's next? Several of these pro-lifers are discerning full-time pro-life work with us. As a result, we're offering a 4-month summer internship program with them where four or six interns will be immersed in pro-life apologetics, CCBR strategy, and public speaking and fundraising training. They will help with our Reproductive “Choice” Campaign and will routinely take our graphic images to the streets, through “Choice” Chain, thus engaging the public in Calgary.

One of these future interns wrote, **“Being part of this GAP has definitely changed my life in many ways.** I now see the pro-life movement with different eyes; I have met the most incredible people ever, and I have not only gained so much knowledge but also a passion for defending life which was weakening over time.”

We need to raise \$45,000 for this initiative but we know it will pay dividends. Please consider an extra gift this month to help us continue to raise up leaders to make abortion unthinkable around the world.

In awe of all the good God is accomplishing through those who surrender themselves as instruments for *Him*,

Stephanie

Stephanie Gray, on behalf of the CCBR team

► In the days leading up to GAP, volunteer Jessica (on left) was hesitant about going, and questioned the effectiveness of the approach. Once immersing herself into this pro-life evangelization, however, her attitude quickly changed. **She switched her flight to remain a second week!** Here's what she said:

“One student sticks out in my mind. Clint, a second year student at Florida Gulf Coast University, spoke with me for almost an hour and we worked through all of his arguments and questions regarding abortion. After our discussion he had this to say: ‘Throughout my life I often thought of abortion as wrong to an extent but **due to the information and horrific photos I now see that a human life is the same in any situation no matter the circumstance.**’ Clint was not the only person to have a conversion like this. **Many people came up to me quite angry and stated plainly**

that they were pro-choice. However, **when they walked away they too spoke of how they now understood that abortion was killing our children and that it should be unthinkable and unlawful to perform.**”



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