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GAP Reaches Thousands of Students at UMD

CBR's Midwest Region combined forces with our new CBR Maryland office to conduct our Genocide Awareness Project at University of Maryland (UMD) on September 13-14. Hornbake Plaza was the display site next to the library which held 16 of our 12 x 6-foot GAP signs with photos of abortion juxtaposed against other genocide images.

CBR Maryland Co-Director, Kurt Linnemann, was interviewed by the *Washington Post* while the team was in the midst of reaching the 35,369 students enrolled at UMD. "We're showing the reality of what happens to the preborn when they go through an abortion," said Kurt Linnemann. ("Antiabortion exhibit comes to U. of Maryland," *Washington Post*, September 14, 2010)

CBR actually first made the public comparison between genocide and abortion very near to UMD when we inaugurated GAP on the Mall in Washington, D.C. in October 1997. While it is fairly obvious to serious pro-lifers that the killing of 50 million preborn babies worldwide each year is the worst genocide in history, many students have never considered the comparison but accept our arguments quickly after seeing the photos. Other students do not take advantage of this opportunity to question the lies they have been told about abortion. Opinion columnist Michael Casiano, an English major, asked: "Who's systematically targeting unborn fetuses



The GAP display filled a big portion of Hornbake Plaza at the University of Maryland. Many students are engaged here in discussion while others read student comments on the GAP Free Speech board. One student wrote, "Your display really made me think."

in an effort to wipe them off the grid?" Mr. Casiano is apparently ill-informed concerning Planned Parenthood and NARAL. He also was ignorant of the history of social reform: "When you're firmly attached to spreading awareness and generating support for a cause, you must be tactful" and "... not sacrifice human decency and consideration for political points." ("Genocide: A lesson in language," *Diamondback Online*, September 21, 2010). Focusing on his own selfish interests, he doesn't get the fact that our pictures are indecent because abortion is indecent.

Thankfully, our photos opened the eyes and minds of more objective students who saw the truth that abortion is an act of violence that kills a baby. We are tactful but our photos aren't and can't be if they are to honestly expose the horror of abortion. We aren't sacrificing human decency, the abortion industry is sacrificing human beings. CBR's abortion photos do the heavy lifting of establishing terrible facts so our staff and volunteers can gently make thoughtful arguments.

Silent No More partnered with us during GAP, hosting a table nearby with signs that included: "I regret my abortion" and "Men regret lost fatherhood." They offered literature to those who were grieving their own children killed by abortion. **We appreciate their important work.**

Your continued support will help us carry on to...

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." Psalm 82:3

Prayer Requests

- More pro-life campus clubs to sponsor GAP
- Funding to carry out Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and GAP
- *And please pray for those who attend the following events...*

Events

- Nov. 1-2** Indiana- Purdue University at Fort Wayne
- Nov. 8-10** Texas A & M
- Nov. 8-9** Kennesaw State University, Georgia
(Plus Nov. 6 Pro Life Training Academy)
- Nov. 10-11** University of Georgia
(Plus Nov. 7 Pro Life Training Academy)
- Nov. 16-17** University of Tennessee



The College of New Jersey's First GAP

GAP traveled for the first time to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) on September 15-17. The College Republicans club invited CBR to train their members and then to inaugurate GAP on their public university campus of 6200 undergraduate students.

On September 15, CBR presented our Pro-Life Institute (PLI), a pro-life apologetics training for students and community volunteers. The seminar prepared students to persuasively defend life against all challenges.

The student newspaper sent a reporter to PLI and GAP. The article quoted Mark Harrington, Director of CBR Midwest Region:

The pro-life organization also displayed similar images on Quimby's Prairie the following day. When asked about the possibility of offending students who may have had personal experiences with the issue, keynote speaker Mark Harrington, replied, 'The guilt is not in the photographs ... the guilt is because of what they've done.' 'We need to make abortion unthinkable before we can make it unlawful.'

Abortion was also defined as a type of genocide during the seminar because it is 'deliberate and systematic,' according to Harrington, and directed toward a certain group, which in this case is the unborn. ... 'We need to be willing to force-feed facts into peoples' heads,' Harrington said. 'As long as they're not bothered, they're not going to want to think any differently.' ('Speakers compare abortion to genocide,' *The Signal*, College of New Jersey, September 22, 2010)



GAP team members are eager to answer questions from The College of New Jersey students who stopped by the GAP display on September 16-17. Pictured from left are students Will and Sara with Generation Life, Francisco Gomez from Canadian CBR.

WZBN TV-25 sent a cameraman and reporter to interview people about GAP. The online version of *The Times of Trenton* also reported:

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform's Genocide Awareness Project visited The College of New Jersey on Thursday and Friday, presenting a graphic photo display comparing abortion to recognized examples of genocide killings.

When asked about the inclusion of graphic images in the display, Lukaszewicz

[College Republicans President] said it is important to show exactly what abortion is. 'Most people don't know what abortion looks like....'



Our Reproductive "Choice" Campaign truck enabled us to reach even more students during September 13-14 GAP on the University of Maryland campus.

...While some [students] stopped and spoke with volunteers, others appeared to avert their eyes. Many students also declined to comment on the impact the display had on them. ("Graphic anti-abortion images stir TCNJ campus," *NJ.com*, September 20, 2010)

Some passersby decline to comment because they are thoughtfully processing the images. Other students convert from pro-abortion to pro-life right at the display site.

Each time we display GAP, babies are saved. The week of GAP, a 15-year-old in Philadelphia saw our photos on AbortionNo.org. She emailed us to say: "I'm pregnant and I WAS thinking of having an abortion, but after looking at this site, I realize it is out of the question." Many young women walked by our displays at UMD and TCNJ who were pregnant or who will soon be pregnant and who will respond to the truth like this young woman.



Victory for CBR-United Kingdom



On August 10, CBR-UK Executive Director Andrew Stephenson and volunteer Kathryn Sloane were arrested as they held up CBR abortion photo signs outside an abortion mill in Brighton, England. Prior to this arrest, Andrew and his team never knew when the police would receive enough complaints to arbitrarily shut down the display. After careful consultation with Gregg Cunningham, CBR Executive Director (and attorney) and their English solicitors, CBR-UK decided it was time to challenge the free speech law by refusing to dismantle their signs when threatened with arrest.

Andrew and Kathryn had been arrested once prior on July 27; they were fined 80 pounds and then released. They requested a trial so they did not pay the fine. At this second arrest, they were taken into custody under the “Public Order Act” and were held in cells for 14 hours.

After their release in the wee hours of the night, they were not permitted to return to the streets near the clinic until Sept. 4 when they had to return to the police station. That day, police re-bailed them and told them to return on Oct. 15. Following their arrest, the press covered their case.

BBC Radio 4 aired a debate on October 5 between CBR-UK’s solicitor Andrea Williams (of the Christian Legal Centre) and Ann Furedi, (head of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service -BPAS). This is Britain’s busiest abortion organization, comparable to Planned Parenthood in the U.S.; it was outside their Brighton abortion facility where the CBR arrest took place.

LifeSiteNews.com reported on October 14 on the debate:

“Furedi, a hard-left feminist, opened her comments saying that she was proud of the work of the Brighton facility, and boasted that they commit up to 4000 abortions a year there, ‘some of them quite late’ and some for ‘foetal abnormalities.’”

LifeSiteNews further reported, beginning with Williams’ review of Andrew and Kathryn’s actions:



CBR-UK volunteers hold CBR abortion photos outside Wistons Clinic in Brighton, England. Executive Director Andrew Stephenson (pictured above) and volunteer Kathryn Sloane were arrested while holding the signs at this location on Aug. 10.

[They were] ‘standing peacefully and quietly outside the clinic.’ They were protesting lawfully, she said, ‘and part of protest, part of trying to bring [abortion] into the public consciousness is about bringing imagery into the public consciousness. ‘They do this regularly, and people’s minds are actually changed as a result.’

Furedi agreed that there should be a ‘full’ debate about abortion, but denied that BPAS was ‘pro-abortion,’ saying they supported only ‘choice.’ ‘No one is doing anything they don’t want to do ... Women are not in ignorance.’

Williams countered saying that the issue is not only about a woman in a crisis pregnancy, but about the right of the child to not be killed.

Andrew gave us a good report on the debate and he elaborated on public response to their case: “The support has been good from pro-aborts. They’ve been fairly shocked at the lack of freedom of expression and speech.... We’re not just trying to break ground for the pro-life

movement, but everyone who wants to enjoy civil liberties in the UK.”

The Crown may have been intimidated by our success at turning the right to display abortion photos into a broader civil liberties issue because charges were dropped against Andrew and Kathryn on Oct. 15. Andrew told the police, “You will know where to find me.” A policewoman said Andrew might be arrested again if he goes back out with the photo signs. Without missing a beat, Andrew replied that since there were no grounds for the police to proceed against them at their most recent picket, future arrests could result in CBR-UK lawsuits against the police for harassment. We train and assist our international affiliates in the ongoing fight against governmental tyranny and we are proud of the excellent job Andrew is doing in the U.K.

CBR-UK has displayed their signs twice subsequently; the police stood by each time, but thankfully they did not interfere with Andrew’s team. *Praise God for this free speech victory!*



“ I am 3 months pregnant, in a relationship with the father, but not ready financially to have the baby; but I don't want to kill it either. This site/video made me really not want to go through with it.”

23-year-old from Nova Scotia, Canada, who saw AbortionNO.org

GAP Displays: A Powerful Tool



University of Maryland students gathered around the GAP (Genocide Awareness Project) display to listen as new CBR staff member Seth Drayer (far right) debated a professor (second from right) for a half hour.



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