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CBR Pickets Starwood Hotels Worldwide

Planned Parenthood (PP) has numerous financial backers, many of them Fortune 500 companies. These supporters of the genocide against preborn children have ignored years of letter-writing by Life Decisions International (LDI), a reputable group which carefully monitors PP corporate donations. CBR decided to partner with LDI and ratchet up the pressure on these companies while educating the general public about abortion. Thus, we created the Corporate Accountability Project (CAP).

Our first public action with CAP was in May when we sent letters to 50 companies who are Planned Parenthood corporate donors. We urged them to stop funding the killing of preborn children and put them on notice that if they refuse, we will picket outside their place of business to drive away customers. Some customers will be driven away because they think abortion is immoral and some because they can't stand to be around horrifying pictures. We are confident that our picketing will not only tarnish their company's reputation, but also affect their income when people choose to shop, or lodge, or fly, or dine elsewhere.

Most companies did not respond to our letters. A few wrote that their corporate office did not donate to PP, but they permit their franchisees/

affiliates to choose where they donate. Imagine a company who would allow their affiliates to donate to the KKK or a radical Islamic group!

Accordingly, our first round of picketing began in July at the St. Regis in Dana Point, California. Its parent company is Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide. During the picket our staff and volunteers hold or stand by large signs which educate people about St. Regis donating to PP. We also drive our RCC (abortion photo sign) truck around the hotel neighborhood. During two days, we had an aerial tow banner flying over for an hour. The plane circled the hotel area, so our photo sign additionally reached the beach crowd and the thousands of people who were at the adjoining park for a free band concert.

Part of our pioneering CAP volunteers included several families with children who joined us in being a witness against abortion. If you live in Southern California or near one of our regional offices, please contact us if you will volunteer for one or more days. Our goal is to have ongoing pickets outside these abortion-

funding corporations since they use their income to fund baby-killing. We hope to coordinate some pickets simultaneously in various locations around the world where corporations like Starwood conduct business.



1 One of our abortion photo tow banners flies over the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort in August. Their parent company donates funds to Planned Parenthood. **2** During our Corporate Accountability Project on August 28, volunteers and staff stand with our signs outside the St. Regis hotel, while our RCC truck takes the message to the neighborhood that abortion is an act of violence that kills a baby. **3** CBR staffer, Tina Feitz, speaks with a woman who stopped to learn more about our Corporate Accountability Project outside the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point, CA.



GAP at CSULB



A crowd of CSULB students gathered to listen as CBR staff member Gregory Grimm (at left, inside display) answered questions and refuted pro-abortion arguments.

The Newman Club at California State University, Long Beach, invited us to bring our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) back for a third year in a row on April 13-14, 2011. This group of Catholic students is hard-working and eager to educate the campus of 33,000 students about abortion. They are present to volunteer throughout the display times and they exhibit Christian love as they talk to their peers during GAP.

We set up in a well-traveled area on campus, so students quickly began to stop by to view our huge photo mural display and to discuss our comparison of abortion to genocide. All was fairly calm until mid-afternoon when a female student angrily approached two of our smaller signs which are posted outside the display and which give post-abortion and crisis pregnancy help phone numbers. She began to stomp on the signs and damaged them. We must deter violence against our property and persons, so we filed charges. She came back Thursday afternoon and sat across the sidewalk from GAP with duct tape over her mouth. She held a poster board that said, “You can arrest me, but you cannot silence me.” She silenced herself for about a half hour. We prayed for her and one of our female staff members went over to gently attempt to talk with her. The student made eye contact, but kept the tape on. A few minutes later, she took off her tape and screamed loudly -- a strange sort of primal scream. She then screamed again and finally shouted, “This is the sound of a woman having an illegal abortion!”

Apparently this lost soul didn’t know that women sometimes scream during legal abortions. The horror of killing your own child remains the same whether abortion is legal or not. We have prayed for this student to see her need for the Savior. The campus newspaper reported on the incident:

A woman was cited for vandalizing an anti-abortion presentation near the Speaker’s Platform on April 13 at 2:30 p.m., University Police Lt. Scot Willey said.

The woman was walking through the presentation when she started yelling and destroying signs and images, Willey said. Police later found the woman and she admitted to the actions. The woman was cited after signing a statement written by the owners of the anti-abortion presentation describing what she did. “Woman causes disturbance during anti-abortion presentation,” (*Daily 49er*, April 20, 2011)

A CBR staff member spoke at length on Thursday with a Taiwanese student. Sarah is Buddhist and didn’t like the idea of killing generally, so she was open to our point of view. She told us her uncle was an OB/GYN who performed abortions as part of his medical practice in Taiwan. After several years, “their cries in the night” became too much for him and he stopped performing abortion. We were not only able to share the pro-life message with her, but the gospel as well.

Felicity Landa, Vice President of the CSULB Newman club, wrote an opinion letter on her experience with GAP, which the *Daily 49er* published. We quote, in part, here:

... I put on the armor of opinion and the shield of free speech to face a battlefield in an unknown territory far outside my comfort zone. I stood behind a barrier and listened to angry people shout in my face, while I attempted to reason with rationality and peace. I passed out fliers that were thrown back in my face, while my smiles were greeted with spits. ...



CSULB Newman Club members pose with CBR staff and volunteers after a long day of GAP. The team works hard to not only interact with students, but also to set up and take down the huge display.

CBR’s mission — quoted from their website abortionNO.org — states that they are “working to establish prenatal justice and the right to life for the preborn, the disabled, the infirm, the aged and all vulnerable peoples through education and the development of cutting edge educational resources.” I don’t know about you, but I don’t see the word religion anywhere in that statement.

It is a comparison of abortion to genocide — a systematic killing of a large group of people — specifically the unborn. That is the reason for the pictures of popular genocides — not to offend, never to offend. I saw many people misinterpret this comparison, and to reiterate: if something is comparable that does not exactly mean it is identical.



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The purpose of every one of these presentations that has been on campus for the past three years is to demonstrate with visual imagery what abortion really is. To show pictures — not of back-alley abortions — but of surgical facility procedures of abortions, those done in Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics across the United States. It is not to condemn, ostracize or judge, yet every hour that I spent behind that barrier, I received more judgment than I have ever dealt with in my entire life. And those who stood back and said nothing, those who walked away without a word, those were the people who did not understand and did not care to ask, but rather preferred to make an immediate judgment.

I spoke to many women in those two days, women who were sorry for having abortions, women who had never seen pictures and didn't know the development of a child in the womb, those who hated and judged me, those who said I wasn't a real woman and those who just didn't care. But each of these women I still view as human beings who have inalienable rights and dignity, and I will continue to look on them in love. ...

...I will continue to fight this fight, not only for the unborn, but also for their mothers, because there is nothing more tragic for either of them. I stand up for these, even if no one else will, with knowledge and most of all love and acceptance. ("Abortion reminds us grass isn't always greener on other side," *Daily 49er*, April 21, 2011, <http://www.daily49er.com/opinion/abortion-reminds-us-grass-isn-t-always-greener-on-other-side-1.2549888#.Tm-eI9TbiU8>)

We are proud of Felicity and all students who are brave enough to bring GAP to their schools. Their courage saves babies' lives and spares their mothers and fathers from making devastating decisions.

Thank you for your support as we warn people against abortion. God takes abortion and doing justice seriously:

"Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless or the widow."

DEUT. 27:19

Prayer Requests

- Planning and conducting fall campus & urban GAP
- Funding and volunteers to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and run our trucks

Events

GAP

- Sept. 12-13 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Sept. 14-15 University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- Sept. 16 17 Boston University
- Sept. 19 - 20 Columbia University, NY
- Sept. 26 - 27 University of Michigan
- Sept. 29 - 30 Purdue University, IN

TRAINING SEMINARS

- Sept. 10 PLTA Chattanooga
- Sept. 11 PLTA Knoxville
- Sept. 15 PLI Boston

CBR International Travels to World Youth Day

Andy Stephenson, director of CBR-UK, traveled to Spain in August for an adjunct conference to World Youth Day. Along with Andy, staff from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform and CBR's Polish affiliate were invited to give a presentation on our CBR strategy to end abortion at a one day pro-life conference. "Viva la Vida" was organized by Youth Defense of Ireland. Andy emailed us this report from Spain:

It was a great day because CBR's message dominated the landscape, first with our UK presentation then the Polish and then the Canadians (Alanna and Ania), again hammering the idea of the power of pictures. We were all very encouraged by the reception to the message. Ola from Poland came over. She was fantastic. I love the story of how they have radically changed opinion in Poland. They used an independent polling company to record the dramatic change in support of abortion. The days' events included handing out the stickers to the

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Sept. 14, 2011 web survey

anti-Pope protesters who were marching down the road in the opposite direction. It was great to witness them shouting and screaming their chants only to be struck into dumb silence when they were handed pictures of 8- and 11-week aborted babies.

It encourages us greatly to see international pro-life activists realize that CBR's strategy works in their cultures. CBR has taught people in many countries how to conduct civil and lawful abortion photo displays. The reality is that until people see abortion, they are not motivated to end abortion.

Emmanuel from Ghana visited our website www.AbortionNO.org this week and wrote on our survey: "Pictures inform, we see them, and we learn lessons from them. I will be very bold now to tell anyone who tries abortion to STOP IT. I want to volunteer to help say NO to Abortion worldwide." (22-year-old male from Accra, Ghana, Sept. 14, 2011 web survey)

“ *Their cries in the night [babies being aborted] became too much for him and he stopped performing abortion.* ”

CSULB student speaking of her uncle who is a retired doctor.



CBR volunteer Jewel Logan speaks gently with CSULB students who are often confused about abortion, but who are drawn to discuss the issue by our GAP display.

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