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# GAP Prevails Over Snow and Wind at Michigan Universities

**F**letcher Armstrong, CBR-Southeast Director, lead a team to Oakland University (OU) on March 30-31, 2015 as part of a full Spring Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) season. For the second year in a row, Oakland University Students for Life (OU SFL) obtained \$5,000 of student fee money to pay for GAP expenses. This is an amazing opportunity to utilize student fee money to save the lives of babies. The weather presented challenges with intense high winds on day one and snow on day two.

Comparing abortion with genocide through our massive photo murals leads

students to think more seriously about the magnitude of abortion. A history major went from being angry with our sign comparing abortion to genocide in Rwanda to agreeing with us and thanking us for being on his campus. One graduate student's Jewish ancestors were killed in the Holocaust and he didn't initially understand our comparison, but later he agreed with what we were doing and thanked us.

Our team was grateful to have two participants from CBR-UK (Abort67). The following is a portion of Ruth Rawlin's report on GAP:

... I have been involved with pro-life work for a couple of years now, leading the Abort67 London team in the UK for one year, and so I am familiar with speaking to the public about who the preborn child is and what abortion does to him or her. However, I wanted to go and see how our American brothers and sisters do this, as Americans do, on a much larger scale...

The training we received was of an extremely high standard,



*Snow did not deter our team from educating students at Oakland University GAP, as evidenced by the many conversations shown in this photo. The two female students wearing black coats (center) are leaders of the pro-life club who were speaking with pro-abortion students. The woman in the red coat is Rebecca Kiessling of SaveThe1.com; she shared her testimony of victory in spite of being conceived by rape. The male in the black peacoat and jeans (at right) presented pro-life arguments to one of the protesters.*

despite having had training in this area of pro-life apologetics before. The refresher, new material, and interactive role-plays really brought the training alive and gave me new answers and analogies for the 'tough questions'.

Having the huge displays with many different banners, the large group of pro-lifers, and even the pro-aborts who were protesting our presence there, created a real buzz on the campus. And so we heard, it was the talk all around the college and in the classes.

I was particularly impressed with the warm and friendly approach of the GAP volunteers as they engaged the pro-abort protesters.

And pleasantly surprised by the openness of those they were engaging, enabling real conversations to flow, something that rarely happens in the UK with those who oppose us. I witnessed many individuals soften through the way they were treated with such love and grace, which obviously counteracted the false preconceptions that pro-lifers are hard, cold and angry ...

The most significant conversation for me was with a girl who was part of the pro-choice group, holding banners protesting our presence there. This polite young lady came over to see what we had to say, asking all the questions she had, possibly trying to catch me out. She also disclosed some personal situations from her past. I sensed that she, like so many, didn't have great self-worth; opening my eyes again to the fact that if these girls do not view their own lives worth much, then what worth can they attribute to a so-called 'bunch of cells' or a hidden being? So pointing to the

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### *GAP Prevails (continued from page 1)*

images, I answered her questions, but also wanted to pose the question that “shouldn’t all human beings have worth?” To which she agreed. She thanked me for the discussion...

The next day she spoke to me first thing in the morning before the other ‘pro-choicers’ had come out. She told me that she was still pro-choice, but wanted me to know that I have saved any of her future children, in that she wouldn’t ever have an abortion. She conveyed how she had gone home and looked at the leaflet and thought how it is true that everyone should have worth no matter their size ... I challenged her further about her friend’s children in that aren’t they worth something too? To which she agreed ... I believe that the good work God has started in her will continue until she can proudly stand in defence of all preborn children having the right to life ...

Maggie Egger, CBR-VA Project Director, recounted a dramatic GAP story from day two:

A young man approached our display, joined a discussion near our protesters, and then quickly became very emotional. He stepped back from the crowd and started yelling that women should have the choice to abort, because they could be in really terrible situations, and we can’t judge their particular circumstances. The pro-abortion protesters cheered him. Then it became personal. He said when his mom was in college, she became pregnant by a man who was not much more than a casual hook-up. She dropped out of school and sacrificed her career to care for him, the unplanned pregnancy. He said she was miserable because of it. She married his father, but they went on to have an abusive and dysfunctional marriage and family. By this point, he was crying and his voice started to shake. He then said that he wished that his mom had aborted him, because then maybe she would have a chance at having a better, happier life; shockingly, most of the pro-aborts continued to agree with him.



*CBR Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong (center in cap and sportcoat) stands next to Project Director Jaqueline Hawkins as they speak with students at Grand Valley University GAP.*

Then Mirna Awrow, the president of OU Students for Life, stepped forward. She said, ‘I’m sorry that you had to go through that as a kid, and that your mom had to go through that. But I’m so glad she didn’t abort you. I am so glad that you’re here today. We value your life, no matter how it came to be. You are valuable and you are loved.’ They continued talking quietly and he calmed down significantly. Before he left I heard Mirna ask, ‘Can I give you a hug?’ He accepted.

**“You have saved my future children, since I now wouldn’t ever have an abortion.”**

**Oakland University student at GAP display**

What other type of pro-life project could produce such an effect on a young man’s life to show him he has value as a human being?

Interestingly, the student body president-elect, Nick Walter, chose to discuss GAP when he wrote his last school newspaper opinion column before taking office. ( <http://bit.ly/1D9730h> ) As a result, whining pro-aborts filed the gallery to complain when he was sworn into office:

... Those from GSA [Gay Straight Alliance] talked mainly about how Walter’s opinions

show that he does not represent the whole Oakland University student body and how some students were considering transferring from OU to another school because of the student leadership.

‘You’re representing views that don’t represent me,’ said Jasmine Semma, president of Voices for Choices and GSA member, as she stood at the podium in front of the legislature. ( <http://bit.ly/1fHuOBD> )

We thank God for student leaders like Mr. Walter. Here is an excerpt from his column:

The basic argument that GAP is making is that abortion is genocide. That’s an extremely strong claim. Whether it is true or false relies entirely on an underlying assumption about the unborn. If the unborn are completely, fully, 100% human just like you and me, then abortion is genocide. Why? Because genocide is the targeting of a specific group for destruction, according to the Oxford Dictionary. If, on the other hand, the unborn are not fully human, then GAP is wrong and abortion is not genocide. The question is, then, are the unborn human? I believe yes (according to science, not religion, by the way).

On the first day of OU GAP, Christina Lo Piccolo, President of Students for Life, made this clever Facebook post:

The cost of my student group hosting the Genocide Awareness Project: \$5,000

The look on my professor’s face when he asked if I saw the disgusting display outside and I told him I helped organize it: *PRICELESS!*

Miss Lo Piccolo wrote us after GAP: “This past week was lifechanging to say the least. I was able to participate in three days of the Genocide Awareness Project to educate students about abortion. Hearts were changed and students were motivated to take action. I can hardly wait to graduate and continue this work as a fulltime career. ‘Y’all’ are like family to me, and working beside you feels like home.”

Our Genocide Awareness Project next made an inaugural visit to



Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Michigan on April 1-2. Students for Life was our sponsoring club and they were also able to obtain \$1,333 of student fee money to help fund our trip to GVSU.

A professor from the nursing program immediately saw the power of GAP and told us, “These kids have to see if they are ever to understand.”

Jane Bullington of CBR-Southeast had a student tell her with teary eyes as he pointed to the 24-week sign, “I was that baby. I was born at 24 ½ weeks and spent 11 months in the hospital. I have a raspy voice from the trachea tube but otherwise am healthy. That picture hits home. Thank you for sharing my story.”

Volunteer Patti reported that many employees and even parents on a college tour thanked us for sharing the truth about abortion through the GAP display. When some young men took multiple copies of our *Is Abortion Genocide?* brochure to share with friends, Patti thought of the analogy of a rock being thrown into a pond with ripple effects that go on and on.

**We are grateful for your continued support as we fight against abortion.**

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”*

HEBREWS 12:1

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to raise up students to sponsor our Christian College Project
- Pray for CAP to propel corporations to stop funding Planned Parenthood baby-killing

### 2015 Events

#### Urban GAP

- July 18 Atscape, Baltimore, MD
- August 15 DC Fest 2015, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

#### Matt. 28:20 Church Project

- August 28-30 Harvest Crusade, Anaheim, CA

#### Reproductive “Choice” Campaign (trucks)

- July 18-19 Baltimore, Maryland

#### Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

- July 11 Chevron Station, Oceanside, CA

#### Presentations & Speaking Engagements

- July 24-26 Camp Joshua with VA chapter of National Right to Life, Fort Defiance VA.



*CBR provided the abortion photos for this “Chile, abre los ojos!” truck (“Chile, open your eyes!”) which traveled in front of the Chilean Congressional building on November 19, 2014. Our colleagues at InformAborto continue to resist the legalization of abortion by following CBR strategy.*

## Chilean Pro-Life Group Uses CBR Strategy to Resist Abortion Law Change

**W**e stand in amazement of how quickly and effectively our newest international associate group is using CBR strategy to keep abortion from becoming legal in Chile. Early last fall, a small group of Chilean pro-lifers learned that the Bachelet government had prepared several abortion draft laws with the intent of legalizing abortion. Jorge Benito of CBR-Spain began working with them to share CBR’s strategy of educating people using graphic abortion images to awaken the public conscience.

CBR’s Executive Director, Gregg Cunningham, advised them to “strike” immediately:

Our friends in Chile should not wait until there is a special parliamentary crisis to begin to display abortion photos. They should do it all the time and exhibit photos of babies of all ages because many illegal abortions kill unborn babies of all ages in Chile and we need to educate potential mothers and fathers, not merely voters and members of parliament.

Finally, the best way to win the argument over whether abortion can fairly be analogized to the Nazi Holocaust is to publicly display our genocide awareness signs, which use photos to compare abortion and the Holocaust. Without those signs, it would be very difficult for us to prevail in the debate.

In a subsequent Communiqué, we will report at length about InformAborto’s projects, including big abortion photo displays, abortion photo trucks, and giving testimony to the Health Commission of the Chamber of Deputies of Chile. For our supporters who are eager to learn more now, visit <http://www.informaborto.org/>.



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**Oakland University student sponsor of GAP**



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## Pro-life Bootcamp REGISTRATION



Registration is now open for **Pro-life Bootcamp**, held September 18-20, 2015 at the beautiful Twin Lakes State Park in Virginia. CBR-VA's informative and inspirational camp is offered to college students for a mere \$60, including lodging & meals. Previous year participants have given CBR enthusiastic feedback after hearing presentations from CBR staff and other pro-life leaders, so encourage young people you know to attend. For more information, see "2015 Virginia Pro-Life Boot Camp" on Facebook or visit this site:

[www.NicoleWCooley.com/pro-life\\_bootcamp](http://www.NicoleWCooley.com/pro-life_bootcamp) (QR code, above)

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