

The greatest impact of a Justice For All Exhibit is often upon those trained to help. **Read the following excerpts from Focus on the Family Institute students to see why...**

...my experience with the Justice for All organization was life-changing. I loved the debates, the discussions, and especially loved the students. It was probably one of the greatest experiences ever, as it gave me a greater boldness to speak out for what I believe and about sharing the gospel...
Rebecca Benson

...There was a girl who was looking at the aborted pictures. I asked her how she felt about it...I ended up finding out that she had someone close to her that had committed suicide after having an abortion...Because of that discussion, I was glad that I had moved beyond myself to try to help a hurting person understand the truth of what abortion was doing to many innocent children.
Amy Davis

My experience with Justice for All was very new and stretching for me. It's not my personality to just walk up to people and strike up a conversation. ...I came away from the experience truly liking it. It made me excited and gave me the desire to speak out...
Allison DeRouen

I believe in divine appointments. I believe that God scheduled an appointment with three strangers and myself, to meet and share our stories and weep with one another. I regret so much about my past, but at that moment I was so thankful for what I had been through. I'll never know if what I said changed anything about that girl, or if she even cared, but I'm not so certain that we met for *her* sake. I think her vulnerable broken spirit in my arms was God's way of reminding me what he saved me from, a lesson I too often forget.
Melanie Dodd

Leigh...could not understand how anyone could be so arrogant to believe he or she had the right to tell a woman what she can or can't do with her body...She left the conversation still pro-choice, and still an atheist, but perhaps she had met the first Christian who did not condemn her to Hell for her beliefs, who expressed genuine love for the valuable person that she is, and knowing what Christ did out of sheer love for her...Thank you [Justice For All] a million times for the experience and the practice. This was a life-changing event!
Louise Free

I have been studying a lot of Christianity-centered studies like apologetics and theology.

Lately, I have been disappointed with myself since I do nothing with this training! ...This outreach (...my first ever) showed me the importance of not only gaining...knowledge, but also putting what I've learned to the test and enhance other's lives by sharing it with them...I realized how Satan has "blinded the minds" of our generation, preventing them from even thinking critically, and how important and crucial our call to proclaim God's truth really is. I decided to stop being passive and always be ready to voice my arguments in love and tenderness. I want to stand up for God's truth. So help me God.
Nihad Fares

I went to Boulder with the expectation that I would learn how to better argue that abortion is murder. I left instead with a heart weary from seeing hurting children of God. I have always known the depravity of those who murder thousands of children everyday, but this experience brought me face to face with the evil that Satan is working in this world. He deceives and wounds ignorant sheep, while those of us with the power to fight him stand idly by. I pray that the lessons learned in Boulder will continue to teach me, so that I will never bypass an opportunity to reach out to the lost I encounter.
Tracy Harper

[This] ...proved to be a ministry through which Christ is working not only in the fight against abortion, but also in sharing the love of Christ and His Gospel message. There were so many wonderful opportunities that I had with people on the campus in which I was able to see God work in others and in my own heart.
Amalia Maloney

After a significant conversation [with a student] he said, "Forty minutes ago I was pro-choice." I think that was the most powerful moment for me because I saw that [Justice For All] and everyone involved was making a difference one person at a time. When I say this was truly a life changing experience for me I mean it quite seriously...I am seriously considering, with more education, being involved in some pro-life organization in the future. Thank you so much for this experience!
Karry Troolin



"...making a difference one person at a time."

Karry Troolin, Focus on the Family Institute, Fall 2003



ABORTION BECOMES UNTHINKABLE FOR MANY UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO STUDENTS



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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY INSTITUTE PARTICIPATION EXPANDS TO 2 DAYS

JFA's University of Colorado-Boulder exhibit (Sep 29-Oct 1, 2003) marked the expansion from one day to two full days of participation at the JFA Exhibit for Focus on the Family Institute (FFI) students. JFA's large exhibit at CU was positioned north of Hellems Arts and Sciences and immediately west of Ekeley Sciences. The smaller exhibit was set up beside Trumbo Fountain, adjacent to the University Memorial Center (student union).

Eighty-eight FFI students plus faculty arrived by 9 AM on Monday. After a short briefing, their first mission was to listen to JFA staff respond to CU students' questions. Afterwards, they were to initiate their own discussions with CU students around the Exhibit areas.

Monday evening everyone gathered at Calvary Bible Church, to eat, to share campus stories and lessons learned, and to pray for Tuesday's opportunities. Special thanks go to JFA Field Director Tammy Cook, Boulder County Right to Life president Dana Jones, and FFI staffer, Lindy Beam, who arranged for food, transportation and accommodations. Many Boulder area residents graciously opened their homes to make the two day FFI event possible.

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On Tuesday morning half of the FFI students were divided between the small and large exhibits, while the remainder fanned out to survey students at campus bus stops. The goal: actively try to engage CU students in conversation about the JFA Exhibit in order to plant seeds, change hearts and save lives.

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Past FFI classes have lobbied for a two day outreach. A one-day format gave just enough time to learn how to use the Exhibit and then it was time to leave. One particular Tuesday afternoon experience

involving Steve Wagner demonstrates the value of the second day, and the value of sharing life experiences with those who we hope to reach in a JFA Exhibit.

Steve Wagner of Stand To Reason teaches JFA's student Pro-Life 101 training, and also joins the campus discussion team during a JFA Exhibit. On Tuesday afternoon Steve was having a lively discussion with several CU students *who repeatedly emphasized abortion to be a right of choice*. Three more CU students stood nearby listening to the discussion along with one of the FFI trained students—Ashley (not her real name).

“I've had an abortion.”

Reacting to the discussion in front of them one of the male CU students in the group beside Ashley said, almost to himself, “My girlfriend got pregnant and I didn't get a choice.” The male student next to him said, “I paid for my girlfriend to have an abortion.”

The CU girl beside him and next to Ashley said, “I've had an abortion.” Continuing the domino effect, Ashley said, “I was scheduled to have an abortion but instead gave my child up for adoption.” The CU girl who had an abortion turned to Ashley and began to cry. Ashley suggested that all four retire a distance away from the Exhibit to talk. Ashley suggested that they all pray. Together, holding hands and weeping, Ashley led them in prayer to ask God to forgive their sin and comfort them in their sorrow.

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Special gratitude goes to the FFI faculty for the additional time they allowed for training and for the two day event, and for their participation in the Exhibit. The Fall 2003 FFI class may have been the most prepared ever to engage students, evident throughout their campus conversations as well as in their written reflections about the experience (see back page).

Focus on the Family Crisis Pregnancy Services also played an important role in the CU-Boulder outreach, offering assistance to students with crisis pregnancy and abortion recovery needs.

“I learned that it is possible to disagree vehemently with an individual and still deeply care about them as a person...But the deepest lesson I learned was that we are truly fighting a spiritual battle...And the only way I can fight this battle is to arm myself with the weapons and armor that Paul discusses...in Ephesians 6.” Ashley Williams (FFI student)



“I overheard a student say, ‘How could anyone look at this and not believe it is a child being murdered.’ If me being uncomfortable and disgusted means one person refraining from an abortion and saving a child's life, then I better get used to being uncomfortable.” Callie Loar (FFI)

FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SENIORS TAKE CU STUDENTS TO SCHOOL!

Each semester Faith Christian Academy (FCA), a college preparatory high school in Arvada, CO (suburb of Denver) invites JFA to conduct a Pro-Life 101 seminar for their 12th graders, who then join JFA on a campus outreach. Members of the FCA senior class plus faculty spent Wednesday, October 1, 2003 with the JFA Exhibit at CU—Boulder. A number of their discussions with CU students were quite lively (see below). FCA students become college students who give leadership in our campus JFA clubs.



“For [a CU student named] Julian, as for many others, the issue was hitting close to home. His sixteen-year old niece Monica had an abortion scheduled for sometime within the next week.”
Teresa Adams (FFI)



I was surprised at how my heart ached for those ignorant of the grace and truth found only in the understanding of God. I spent a lot of time in prayer, interceding for those who I had encountered.

Gretchen Wilhelm



The deepest lesson I learned was... to listen. Josh Shepherd

I watched two girls sit and discuss the display and it entered my mind that I should approach them. I...tried to "get off the hook" by asking God to "give me a sign" that these were the girls I should approach. A thought clearly came to me...Do I really need a 'sign' to know I am suppose to talk to someone. Was there any good reason why I shouldn't talk to them?" Immediately convicted I headed over for my first of many conversations. That one conversation was a step that led to boldness that increased in my heart as the day continued. I was able to speak to a very frustrated and angry girl, a girl who had not yet heard that a relationship with God is possible, a girl hurting from having an abortion, a man claiming to be an atheist, and a man ready to debate to the end what was "right". As I look back at where I started in my terror of approaching people to my boldness to proclaim truth I see God's hand over the entire situation. Through this experience my heart was broken for the lost people. My pro-life stance has changed from my claiming to be pro-life, to my having and understanding as to why I am pro-life and why I am passionate about the issue. I have also come to realize that unless I have complete love in my heart for these people first, the love of Christ will not shine out of me. I cannot approach people and fight to win a debate, for as 1 Corinthians 13 so obviously states, if I speak without love, I am nothing.

Sarah Beth Basinger



...The thing that bothered me the most about my generation was not that some denied the humanity of the unborn, or all the moral relativism; it was the fact that people *agreed* that the baby was *human* and still didn't think there was anything wrong with killing them. It was the *apathy* towards killing innocent human life that not only disgusted me, but broke my heart. Emily Staab



Every conversation that I had ended up talking about God and what happens after you die! Jennifer Hilde

[Students] ...feared relinquishing views that had long offered comfort. Jeremy Van Dyke





SUMMIT MINISTRIES ALUM PAUL LEWER LEADS JUSTICE FOR ALL AT CU

“During the summer of 2002 I spent two weeks in Manitou Springs, Colorado for Summit Ministries’ summer seminar (www.summitministries.org). It was there I first met JFA director, David Lee. He described what Justice For All does at public universities. I was immediately intrigued. I knew right away that I wanted to help if JFA came to the University of Colorado in Boulder (CU).

Almost a year later David had a proposal for me. “Would you like to help bring JFA to Boulder?” came the challenge. I jumped at it. The whole process of bringing JFA’s exhibit to a public university is not easy. CU was no exception.

Mounds of paperwork and interviews awaited me. David Lee and Jim Spencer were awesome and made the whole process as easy as they could. The university made the whole process as tedious and cumbersome as they possibly could. In the end, a new student group was formed: Justice For All: Students For Bio-Ethical Equality. The exhibit was approved and scheduled to come.

The night before the first day I slept little. I couldn’t wait. The way hearts and minds would be changed was as limitless as our Creator. The next morning a dose of reality hit CU’s campus. The opposition was ready. Signs of protest and slogans written all over the sidewalk detested our presence. A collection of ardent pro-choice students began a long three days. I knew as little as they did about what was in store.

I saw amazing things during those three days the exhibit was at CU and I continue to hear about amazing things that went on. After hearing David speak previously I knew what amazing things could happen at a JFA exhibit. But it is one thing to know something cool is going to happen and it is another thing to actually witness something so powerful.

I saw the ardent pro-choice contingent completely turn face. On the first day they refused to speak to us at all. By the third day, the groups of pro-choice students were approaching us! I had tears in my eyes as I watched....

The clown I am talking to above right was quite the guy. I recognized him because he was an RA in a building close to one I lived in my freshman year. I think he is a grad student. He seemed to like the idea of death and thought the world needed more of it.

The girl (above in blue—left) was fairly honest intellectually. What she realized at the end of our conversation was that the whole question of abortion rested on what the unborn is and how it is defined. She posed excellent and tough questions.

The power of the Lord was very evident to me through JFA coming to CU...there are students at CU who think differently, children who are alive today, and people who have come to Christ because of the exhibit. All this was not possible with a large display alone but with the power of our Lord. Praise be to our Lord!” -- **Paul Lewer, CU Junior**

JFA has now surveyed 3 universities on students’ reaction to the JFA Exhibit. While the CU results cannot be considered statistically significant, they do hint at the impact a JFA Exhibit has on campus.

408 surveys were taken on the 2nd and 3rd day of the Exhibit, in 15 different campus locations (none near the exhibit), from about 9 AM to 3 PM each day; 77% of students indicated they knew about the Exhibit when surveyed, of which 82% said they saw it in person, and another 8% said they saw it via the exhibit brochure. Only 4 students (1.5%) of those who said they saw the exhibit didn’t know the basic message of the exhibit; 44 (15.7%) students said seeing the exhibit made them less in favor of abortion, while 23 students (8.2%) said seeing the exhibit made them more in favor of abortion (the highest of any campus we’ve surveyed).