

Crash-Course Training Helps Save a Life

JUSTICE
FOR ALL

Impact Report

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Training thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions...

In this report, Catherine Wurts shares a moving story of one recent outreach that made a big impact in the lives of one pro-life advocate at Wichita State University, one of her friends, and one unborn child. As you read, you'll see how JFA's heart for training leads our staff and volunteers to train pro-life advocates right in the middle of outreach events.

Thank you for partnering with JFA, in both finances and prayers. God worked through your gifts to help Amanda make abortion unthinkable for her friend. Thank you!



...one person at a time.



Amanda (kneeling) weighs in on human rights.

She made a beeline for our table, knelt down, and drew her line directly below the conception photo, signifying her view that human rights begin at that point (*photo, left*). Later that day, she helped save a child from abortion.

This is how it happened.

After Amanda stopped to give her opinion during a Justice For All outreach at Wichita State University (WSU), I asked her why she drew her line at conception and whether or not she ever gets into conversations with people who disagree with her.

Amanda said that as a Christian she knew abortion was wrong but wished she knew how to make a strong case for the pro-life position to her non-religious friends.

She was eager to learn, so over the course of the next 20 minutes, I gave her a crash-course version of the *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminar. The conversation was very animated, and Amanda was a quick learner.

Amanda believes that God brought JFA to her campus as an answer to her prayer.



Catherine (right) prays with Amanda.

As we talked, Amanda became pensive and shared that earlier that week her friend at work, "Kim," had told her she was planning to get an abortion. Amanda realized the situation was urgent because Kim is only 19, has already had one abortion, is raising two small children, and has an unstable relationship with her boyfriend.

Kim is not a Christian, so Amanda didn't think it would help to use the Bible to talk her out of abortion. During the two days prior to the outreach at WSU, Amanda had been praying for God to somehow give her the words she would need to boldly reach out to Kim with love. Amanda said she believed God had brought JFA to her campus that day as an answer to her prayer.

I then gave Amanda a copy of the JFA Exhibit Brochure and showed her how to give Kim a two-minute summary. We also discussed Choices Medical Clinic, which provides local resources for women who are considering abortion. I helped Amanda brainstorm how to broach the topic with Kim naturally. We prayed together, hugged, and traded contact information before Amanda had to leave for work.

That afternoon, Amanda gave Kim a ride to work, stopping for coffee along the way. She told Kim that some people had come to her campus to talk about abortion and that she thought Kim ought to look at the information they were handing out.

Amanda prayed silently and handed Kim the JFA Exhibit Brochure, saying, "I know you've had an abortion before, so some of these pictures will be difficult for you to see. But I think it's important that you look at all of the information in here while you're deciding what to do. And I want you to know I'm here for you."

The very next day, Kim called Amanda to say that looking through the brochure had caused her to think about everything in a new way. Amanda asked what she meant, and Kim said, "It made me realize that getting an abortion would be worse for my baby than the bad situation I'm in with my boyfriend." Kim said she had decided against having an abortion!

Kim has since visited Choices Medical Clinic for a free sonogram, counseling, and other care. She and her two children have moved in with her mom. She also has a new, better-paying job, and her baby is due to be born this August.

Please pray for Kim and her children, and please pray for Amanda as she continues to reach out to her friend with truth and love. Amanda says she wants to go through our entire training program and to be more active with JFA in the near future.

—Catherine Wurts, for the JFA Team

Note: There's more to this story. See www.jfaweb.org/Impact/Crash_Course_Extras.

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