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Here I am role-playing with one of my groups of students from Christian Heritage Academy before they begin having conversations of their own.

What do you get when you take a group of high school kids to a college campus to talk about abortion with the students on campus? This month we took the students we trained last fall from Christian Heritage Academy (CHA) to the University of Oklahoma (OU) for an outreach event, as we do each year.

It seems like a pretty intimidating concept. Will they know what to say? Will they be afraid to approach college students about the difficult issue of abortion? In the end, I was impressed by their initiative and courage and, as you can see from their quotes excerpted here, they all got a lot out of their time conducting outreach.

This outreach had a pretty dramatic impact on my life. It forced me to be bold and reach out of my comfort zone. I really enjoyed continuing to reach people and have intentional conversations about abortion.

- Emma

It was effective because it got me out of my comfort zone and helped me have better conversations. This impacted me to see others being effective with their faith.

- Robby

I think the impact this had on me personally was just being able to see other people's points of view but also getting to have the opportunity to reach out to people and get out of my comfort zone and have the ability to have these hard conversations. My mentors really helped me get through the conversations by being there with me at first and then slowly letting us on our own. The aspect of just being comfortable going out and approaching people helped me to personally grow.

- Mady

I was surprised how easy it was to launch into a conversation after the survey. There were a lot of people who didn't want to talk to us, but those who did were really receptive and wanted to give their input. The most interesting/outstanding conversation I had was with a girl who really just wanted to talk and challenge my partner and I to think . . . I won't easily forget our conversation.

- Truitt

Awesome day of outreach!!! I have been praying about this a lot and praying for one conversation. The Lord gave me one and gave me a successful one.

- Michael



We worked with a new group of CHA students each day, so we spent the first half hour allowing them to learn about our exhibit and how to use it to start conversations.



Even though there were fewer OU students than usual on campus due to COVID-19, the high school students had no problem finding people to talk to at the exhibit and by going out with surveys.



The CHA students (such as the two girls shown here) jumped right into conversations as soon as we let them loose. On the first day two different pairs of students reported that they had changed someone's position on abortion!