

Dear Friends and Mentors,

**I was only in eighth grade.** That year, I wrote a research paper on abortion and read it in front of a class of my peers. It was my first time taking an active role in defending the unborn. Then, in high school, abortion became more than a research topic to me when I learned that one of my close friends had recently obtained an abortion. Her decision, and later her regret, broke my heart.

Being motivated to prevent others from the same pain, I began discussing the issue of abortion on a regular basis and reaching out to women in practical ways. After hundreds of interactions, I've been encouraged to find that even the strongest pro-choice advocates are willing to dialogue, and I'm convinced that many hearts can be changed and many lives can be saved.

***If you could help thousands of people rethink their views on abortion, would you?***

At the end of May, I will begin 14 months of work as the Assistant to the Director of Training at Justice For All (JFA). I am excited to tell you about JFA and invite you to support my work.

JFA's mission is to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time. Through JFA training, pro-life volunteers become active advocates, turning the abortion debate into a heart-changing dialogue in a spirit of "gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). Those trained volunteers then train others to do the same.

I have already worked with JFA on six mission trips around the country and have witnessed the transforming power of JFA's approach.

While studying at Wheaton College, I became very uncomfortable with the lack of concern about abortion that I sensed throughout the campus community. As president of the Voice for Life Club, I focused the club's efforts on training members to discuss the topic of abortion effectively. I also made a personal effort to build rich relationships

with students passionate about other human rights concerns. Throughout my journey, JFA was there, offering motivation and support.

The leadership of JFA recruited me for this critical position that will ensure better training experiences and opportunities for those whom JFA serves. I am excited to help conduct JFA training around the country and to grow as a JFA mentor.

In addition to helping others, I will gain experience in public speaking, critical thinking, marketing, and writing which will prepare me for my upcoming graduate studies at Baylor University in the fall of 2013.

I am working with a team of JFA staff to raise \$2,800/month to cover salary and other expenses for my position. Some money has already been pledged, making it possible for me to begin in late May. I believe the Lord has been preparing me for this time and mission. Your financial support will empower me as I step out in faith.

[My linked coupon](#) gives directions for how to support my work with JFA. You can donate online too at [jfaweb.org/Donate.html](http://jfaweb.org/Donate.html). Will you discuss this with your family and consider a monthly commitment or special gift to my work?

Thank you for your consideration. Also, I would deeply appreciate your prayers. I hope to contact you in the coming weeks and months to discuss your level of interest in this opportunity.

Peace and joy,

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In dialogue with a pro-choice advocate at Oklahoma State University