



# Living Out Our Responsibility

Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO) on September 26-27 and October 1-2, 2007

How my responsibility played out when I visited the Northern Colorado campus...

**Challenging the pro-choice side lovingly** (taking exception with the view they actually hold, empathizing with concerns, and being respectful no matter how they act). I challenged Jennifer by carefully listening and then asking fair questions that compelled her to consider the true pro-life position. Jennifer had never been told in a loving way before that many pro-lifers are simply convinced that the evidence for the humanity of the unborn is conclusive. I was able to walk her through the true pro-life position and ask her honest questions about her own views.

**Educating people who are confused or searching** (education that avoids manipulative language, emotionally-charged arguments, and hints of dishonesty). I gave Sarah an honest look at much of the information she had never considered. Sarah had never seen a comprehensive pro-life display. She walked around all three sides of ours with me and then said, "I appreciate your points and for taking the time to talk. I will look at your brochure (the JFA exhibit 9-inch brochure) and get back to you." We are still discussing our views over email.



One of my practical responsibilities at our outreach is to help with the set up and take down of our display.

**Motivating pro-lifers toward wise action** (action that is timely, constructive, bold, sustainable, and loving). I encouraged Kylie by showing her the difference she can make in her own sphere of influence. When I met Kylie she quickly told me that she approved of our display. I encouraged Kylie to make a difference instead of just being excited that we were doing so. We discussed loving ways to talk about abortion, the proper way to use graphic visuals, and the ability for even a small club on campus to make a huge difference. Before Kylie left she said, "I am now very convinced that I need to share your information with my good friend. She had an abortion and is hurting this week (more than usual) as she has been reminded of her decision to abort. I realize now that it is my job to reach out to her. You have given me both the resources and the encouragement to make a difference in the life of this friend." Now Kylie will reach people we'll never meet.

**Mentoring the JFA volunteers** to challenge lovingly, educate honestly, and motivate wisely in their own spheres of influence during and after the exhibit. **Are there people in your spheres of influence who you could encourage in these disciplines?**

It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves

**Trent Horn's personal experience helps him fully understand his responsibility to spread truth.** He shared this story with me as he was volunteering at our UNC exhibit.

"I know a women who in her 20's went to a private doctor's office for an abortion. Before she had the abortion she noticed a fetal development chart hanging on the wall in the waiting room but did not connect those facts with what was about to happen. Many years and three children later, she still cries about what happened (going through with the abortion). **She just wishes that someone had shown her what abortion would do to her child.** The healing process has been long, but she takes comfort in her son. She is grateful he travels throughout the country educating men and women about what abortion really is. He has vowed to not let what happened to his mom happen to other woman who deserve all the facts when making this serious decision. I know this story well because the son is me, and my mom is glad that, even though the graphic pictures we show are saddening, they can also save people from a lifetime of regret and sorrow."

**"I have unshakeable faith in the use of graphic images. When used appropriately, they save lives. I've personally seen their use save lives on campus and in front of abortion mills. The cost of upsetting the public can be high, but if they protect women and children from the horror of abortion I believe it is worth the trouble."** - Trent Horn—JFA volunteer and Program Specialist for Arizona Right to Life.

## Praises and Prayers

The 88 Focus on the Family Institute students were challenged, encouraged, and extremely effective. **"God has a way of using those who feel inadequate, overwhelmed, and seemingly helpless to accomplish a task unimaginably attainable for His own Glory."** — Sara Jerles (FFI)

Kylie was able to see the responsibility very clearly and is motivated to make a difference in her friends' life.

Trent Horn is very effective as a volunteer with us and in his job with AZ Right to Life. Praise God that his mother gave him the opportunity to make an impact in this world.

Prayer for strength so that we would all step up to the responsibilities before us.

**Please prayerfully consider sending an end of the year gift to JFA for our General Exhibits Fund in order to help us reach more campuses.**

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Trent, left, speaks up during the open mic session at the University of Northern Colorado outreach. Veteran volunteer, Andrea, is holding the mic.



Defending Human Value together,

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