



## Developing Heroes Instead of Spectators - Part 3

*A program anyone can use to change hearts and minds*

Leah Eldridge knew that something had to change. As a busy high school teacher in Wichita, she wanted to stop the injustice of abortion but had no clear direction. Now she's a committed member of a group that's training her to train others.

Leah represents the challenge I face everywhere I go across the country: Pro-lifers want to make an impact but don't know where to start. That's why I started Wichita Pro-Life Ambassadors. It's a group I facilitate at my place after work hours. I gave Leah and the other members a strategy: set aside one hour a week to defend the unborn.

Here's how the idea got started. As I was preparing pro-life clubs (with "pre-training" books and videos) to join Justice For All for our full training and outreach program, I realized that these groups needed more than one event every few years.

While I was excited that our program greatly helped those students, I wanted to write up another program for anyone to use, whether there was an outreach approaching or not. Here's the plan I use with Wichita Pro-life Ambassadors. **It is a plan that anyone can use to develop heroes instead of spectators.**

Travis Phillips (below in shades) was part of Atascadero Pro-life Ambassadors.



**Purpose:** To make abortion unthinkable in Wichita and beyond by training gracious ambassadors to change hearts and minds and to care for all involved in crisis pregnancy.

**Principles:** Expand knowledge, Experience real time conversations, Encourage members.

**Practical action steps of Pro-Life Ambassadors:**

- **Remember the injustice of abortion.** We must remember the babies who are in danger and their hurting parents also. Our knowledge will spark our action. Seeing pictures of abortion, reading testimonials, and praying at abortion clinics are ways to remember.
- **Learn the necessary scientific facts and philosophical ideas** that will help us impact others and learn the tactics that will make us effective in sharing that knowledge. We started with *Making Abortion Unthinkable* and *Common Ground Without Compromise*.
- **Practice sharing this knowledge with one another.** Great athletes and musicians have rigorous training programs. It takes practice to share knowledge ---->

It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves

and to keep our cool in tough conversations. I use role play activities with realistic conversations that give us a feel for the positions of both sides of this debate. Diligent practice and constructive criticism empowers the whole group.

- **Challenge the other members to not just practice** the concepts but to get out and impact others in real time. The preparation phase is vital but we must challenge and motivate one another to apply what we've learned.
- **Pray for other members during meetings, before they venture out**, and as they seek to impact others during the week. We pray for the ability to grow in knowledge and wisdom for each opportunity and for God to soften the hearts of the people we meet.
- **Go out and actually have the conversations.** This is the toughest part but it is the most rewarding. This is where we actually impact others. It is also where we learn

Aaron Chatraw, of Wichita Pro-life Ambassadors, talks with a man at Oklahoma Univ. (OU).



Leah Eldridge, of Wichita Pro-life Ambassadors, shares the JFA brochure at Kansas Univ.



what we need to improve on. I challenge our members to talk with family, friends, and even with strangers at their local college. Each conversation can change several lives!

- **Regroup with others to share stories, hurts, insecurities, successes, and tips** in the comfort and privacy of the group meeting. I try to encourage the members in Wichita by sharing my own stories. The "regroup" phase is so vital for the health, confidence, and effectiveness of the group.


**Your support helps me train my friends in Wichita and other students around the country.**

## Prayer Update for February 2009:

- This month JFA travels to UT-San Antonio, Texas A&M, and the University of Texas-Austin!
- Praise God for providing supportive students and community members in all three cities.
- For the Wichita Pro-life Ambassadors as we seek to grow in effectiveness this spring!
- Wichita PLA member, Aaron Chatraw, has moved to Boise, ID. Please pray for his opportunity to impact his neighbors, church, and friends with the truth about abortion.
- We just came from Arizona (updates soon!!) where we had great trainings and outreaches.
- Praise God for providing strategic connections in Colorado and California for those spring trips.

**Please put my prayer magnet (enclosed) in a place where you will be reminded to pray for JFA! Thank you for all of your encouragement and support.**

Defending Human Value together,

  
Jonathan Wagner