



You Gotta Be Kidding Me!

11-yr-old sets the standard for older volunteers while serving JFA in Arizona

What were you doing at age 11?

I loved soccer, talked too much in Mrs. Pittenger's 5th grade class, memorized Bible verses, obsessed over sports statistics, and enjoyed anything related to math.

Faith Copeland, a girl from Tucson, AZ, recently became the highlight of our training and outreach trip to Arizona. She conversed with college students about when life begins, she contended for the value of the unborn, and she showed compassion to hurting women. Through this she became an inspiration to older and more experienced volunteers with her zeal for truth, love, and life—all at the young age of 11! **Praise God for His amazing work in her life.**

Her training mentor, Claire Rice, said, "I was so impressed by Faith's ambassadorial skills. She was bold, gracious and without fear while interacting with people ten years older than her on one of the most contentious issues of our time. Faith proved to me that anyone, no matter their age or personality, can speak up for the unborn. I was challenged by her love for people, because she was devoid of fear and the typical mindsets that keep us from speaking to others about truth."

Our volunteers start by shadowing an experienced staff member before personally engaging students. Faith did the same and eventually ventured out with a partner to do surveys around campus. These surveys are designed to discover what students believe and to open a door for further conversation about abortion and related issues.

After interviewing numerous students, Faith was approached by a woman in the restroom who had previously had an abortion. This woman had noticed Faith out at our exhibit. They had a conversation about this woman's life story and specifically her abortion. Faith listened graciously as the girl told of her intense guilt over the abortion, her parents' disappointment in her getting pregnant, her depression since the abortion, and her regret of believing that her baby was simply a "blob of tissue". When the woman said that her parents nearly disowned her, Faith reassured her that she was glad they met and that the girl is still so valuable.

Reflecting on the conversation, Faith said, "she told me she was told a lie from the pit of sadness, lies, and ugliness...that her baby was just a blob of tissue. She burst into tears and then said, 'I regret the day I walked into the clinic'. She left and went to her car but she hugged me right before she left and I was so astonished."

Six Trainings in Arizona total 290 people!

1,900 others were able to experience a JFA chapel or introductory presentation.



Immaculate Heart HS / Ironwood Hills Christian HS (Tucson): 43 trained

St. Mary's HS (Phoenix): 19 trained

"I used to think it was fine for a woman to get an abortion. Two years ago your exhibit changed my view (our previous training at her school). Now I want to help!"- Senior girl

Tucson community training: 62 trained

Phoenix community training: 22 trained

"Before, I would just argue with pro-choice people. Now I know how to have a proper conversation with them." - Junior girl

Pusch Ridge Christian (Tucson): 75 trained

Desert Christian High School (Tucson): 69 trained



Director of JFA, David Lee



My best conversation in Arizona was with Emily (left). We talked about her view on abortion, human value, my view on abortion when there is a health risk, and we discussed her view about the nature of truth and evidence for the existence of God. Please pray for Emily!

Defending Human Value together,

Jonathan Wagner
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Prayer Requests and Praises for January 2011

- For our relationships with the private high schools we worked with in Arizona.
- For Faith Copeland as she grows in her faith and in her skills as a pro-life ambassador.
- **For our early March trip to Georgia. I am one of the ones helping with the event.**
- For the nearly 2,200 people we reached in AZ to take what they've learned and lovingly share with at least 1 person this month and impact many this year.