

Lily or Lilly? How About Both!

In October, two girls approached our team during an outreach event at the University of Georgia (UGA). Often we have to motivate pro-life students to do something about abortion, but both of these girls *asked* how they could empower their communities to take a stronger stand to defend the unborn.

Coincidentally both have similar names, Lily and Lilly! Both of them are passionately pro-life even though they come from different backgrounds. Lily, from Atlanta, is a freshman athlete at UGA. Lilly, however, is from a rural part of Georgia where she has helped to run her family farm. Both have unique abilities that can help further our mission in Georgia.



Corinn and I connected personally with many students at this outreach event at Oklahoma State University.

As the lead of the Regional Team in Georgia, I walked each of these ladies through how they could reach out to friends and family, in their dorm rooms, and during their daily activities. We also discussed how each of them could join with the UGA *Students for Life* to change hearts and minds on the UGA campus through seminar and outreach events.

Specifically, when Lily approached me, I found out that she is well-connected in several circles in which I had hoped to network. I also found out that she is a recent alumnus of a high school with which we were already starting to connect! She is devoted to learning and using her already-established influence and said that students and faculty at her high school knew of her passion for justice. We praise God for connecting us with devoted students like her!



The beauty of our local, regional focus is that Corinn and I can return to UGA and other campuses very quickly after an event to follow up with students like Lily and Lilly and walk with them personally as they seek to make a greater impact.

The fact is that during our outreach events many different things are accomplished. Many pro-choice students become aware of the horrible injustice of abortion. Other students who consider themselves to be “personally pro-life” begin to see the importance of defending the unborn, rather than simply allowing the injustice continue. **But still other students like Lily and Lilly, already passionately pro-life, benefit by getting the bit of direction they need to make a difference.**

What encourages me is that *Lily and Lilly are just a few of the students* who are committed both to helping around their campuses and to connecting JFA with their families and home churches. Furthermore, some have committed to help us connect to pro-life friends from other colleges. Our outreach events truly give pro-life students inspiration to reach out themselves, and encourage students to connect our team with like-minded people all over Georgia. Through an active, growing network we can collectively make abortion unthinkable for many more people next year.

Defending human value together,

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