



# Spring Report—Arizona and Georgia

**"The role-playing [at the JFA seminar] gave me so much more confidence to dialogue with my peers about the realities of abortion." - Ashley, JFA volunteer in Arizona**



I reached out to several Arizona State students.

In Arizona we held our *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue*

seminar five times and had several additional presentations. We trained students at three schools and also held community seminars in Phoenix and Tucson. Overall, we trained over 130 people, and many of them joined us for outreach at Arizona State University and at the University of Arizona.



I was a speaker and mentor in four Arizona seminars.



Our team was also trained several new mentors for our program. These new mentors will be able to travel to events throughout the year, which will allow some of our JFA staff to have fewer days on the road.

Our Georgia trip was successful also. We taught students at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School in Fayetteville, GA and at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell, GA. Our community seminars were held at the University of Georgia (UGA) and Georgia Tech.

Overall, we taught 100 people in Georgia. My sister, Joanna, helped as a mentor in our seminars, and she helped during the outreach days. She did a wonderful job.



We added Our Lady of Mercy in Fayetteville, GA as a training partner this year!

*It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves.*



I modeled conversations for our trainees in Arizona and Georgia and showed students how to use our brochure.

We had one outreach day at UGA, but the bulk of our outreach was at Georgia State University (GSU). It was our first time visiting GSU, but we will surely be back.

Because most classes at the downtown Atlanta campus of GSU are held in a single, high-rise building, thousands



This is the main area of campus at Georgia State University. What a mission field!

of students end up waiting around for their classes. What an amazing venue for our trainees and staff! It was so easy for our students from the two high schools to have great conversations around our table-sized sign and by using our surveys.

### Sarah Dufresne is coming from Ventura, California!

Sarah Dufresne went to St. Bonaventure High School and now attends Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California. She is joining JFA as a summer intern and is one of the people I've been coaching in the area of fundraising. She recently stated, "The Lord has been drawing the issue of abortion and the women who struggle with it closer to my heart over the last several years. When I was a girl, I was uncomfortable whenever the issue of abortion arose... Often in high school the issue would come up in conversation, and I would always have a strong desire to share the truth about abortion and about the beauty that is inherent in human life in general, but the words would stay on the tip of my tongue, locked either by anxiety or fear... During my first year in high school, JFA gave a presentation on abortion that focused on the importance of having compassionate and informed dialogue. I was excited to hear about others doing this, but I needed more training myself. I participated in JFA's training program. JFA's seminar (Seat Work) equipped me with the tools that would allow me to have discussions about abortion and other life issues... I also participated in their outreach (Feet Work), where I was able to put into practice the skills that I had gained from the seminar... Now I have a passion to help others learn to do the same."

### Prayer Requests and Praise Reports—May 2012

- Please pray for my follow-up to the Georgia events and my planning for next spring. We plan to return to train students from those same schools and add several more events as well.
- Other members of our team traveled to Yale University for seminar and outreach events. Praise God for opening such a critical door in the Northeast.
- Pray for Sarah Dufresne as she joins us this summer for an internship. Pray also for students at her college to join her in taking a loving stand against abortion. We hope to train a group from her school next year.

Defending human value together,

Jonathan Wagner