

## 2006 SPRING BREAK JFA EXHIBIT OUTREACH – PARTICIPANT REFLECTIONS

I cannot begin to express on paper what my involvement with Justice For All did for me. FREEDOM! NO MORE CHAINS!

...I had an abortion many years ago. I stashed it away for so long. The pain was always there. I finally decided to do something about it by going through a post abortion counseling class. That was very helpful. I have asked God's forgiveness and I KNOW that he has forgiven me. But, I still couldn't shake it completely.

When I was able to express openly and candidly on campus [during the JFA outreach] how my abortion has affected me and my family, and be able to reach out to someone who may be contemplating the same thing as I did long ago, I was freed.

I have seen how God can use me in my failures and trials to grow me and try to make a difference for someone else.

I can look at those pictures ashamed for my actions, but those pictures are the truth and God's word is true, "The Truth Will Set You Free". --Annette

I believe the most effective aspect of the outreach is the heart behind it. Each volunteer is taught to go out caring about the whole person and his/her experiences, not simply his/her stance on abortion.

The fact that we go out wanting to touch hearts and change lives through listening and engaging in conversation sets this ministry apart from others.

...Being taught how to intelligently but gracefully answer any argument [or position asserted] was so practical... Housing, food and transportation for the week were all fabulous...

I absolutely loved being able to talk with people on so intimate a level, being able to use the topic of abortion to go straight into discussions about beliefs, faith, life experiences, etc.

I loved being challenged to live outside of my comfort zone and to work out my faith by sharing it with others. My experience was a huge lesson in grace; learning to recognize the need to sometimes "agree to disagree" in beliefs -

holding fast to my own convictions while still maintaining friendship and extending love.

I learned to view lifestyles of sin as a desire for something more - a deficit, a hurt, a hunger that is trying to be filled in an unhealthy way. I hope to take this learning and apply it to my daily interactions with the people around me. – Charissa

I have to say one of my highlights was being with the staff and volunteers. I live, as we all live, in a crazy and busy world. I hate this rat race. I love just being with people.

Last week I had a chance to just be. I didn't have to wear a mask, prove myself, or protect myself from you all. Yet we laughed with each other, it did not feel like separatism.

I don't know even feel I have the words to express how much you all touched my heart last week. I felt like all week I got to just be with people. It's funny even though we were busy and working I felt we took the time to take care of one another. We were watching each others back. We encouraged we supported each other.

„I wish that the body of Christ could be like that. –Deanna

...I enjoyed [the spring break outreach because it pushed me out of my comfort zone. Sometimes I find myself being complacent with faith, partly because my social circle is increasingly becoming more "Christian".

This trip served as a good reminder. I believe [students] are living out of a brokenness that I myself was living out of not to many years ago. I would still be living out of that same brokenness, if not for the help of several friends that helped me to come to know God in a new and personal way.

I want others to have the same hope and truth that I have, and Justice for All creates an environment where it is possible to build a relationship, challenge people, and present truth. --Carly