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Dear David and JFA,

I just wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with the JFA exhibit at the University of North Texas in March. It was truly a unique experience and one that I will not soon forget.

Your staff and volunteers were extremely professional, while at the same time warm and welcoming. I could really tell that each one had, not only a passion for unborn babies, but also for the individuals themselves.

I got involved with the organization through the Pregnancy Resource Center in Denton. I was excited about having the opportunity to engage college students in casual conversation, and I also felt that God was leading me to become involved.

Having counseled at the Center in Denton for the last 9 years and being on the Board of Directors, I felt fairly comfortable having these types of conversations with people. However I attended the training anyway just to get a feel for the whole process. Boy was I glad I did!

First of all the exhibit guide itself was worth coming for. It is full of such useful information, and is such a handy reference with all the info put together in one book.

However, most of all I learned how to take the conversation from debate to dialogue just by asking the right questions, thereby keeping me from going into the lecture mode. (Which is so easy to do with some of these kids!) This is a skill that I believe will also help me in the counseling room as well. So, needless to say, after the training was over, I was even more excited about being involved, and couldn't wait to get started.

I didn't wait long. I was there on Monday morning just about the time that you all finished getting the exhibit set up. It was sort of drizzling that morning and I was afraid that it would keep the students from getting out, but the sun soon came out and it turned out to be a great day, in more ways than one!

I just observed for about the first hour, walking around and listening to the different conversations taking place. Then I finally got my nerve up to approach a female student, and I asked her what she thought of the pictures. This began a day full of amazing conversations!

Some were short, some were quite long and involved, and some were even with the Pro-choice people set up next to us. I felt like each one was a God-ordained appointment.

I was really kind of bummed when I had to leave that afternoon for another appointment. I came back on Wednesday, but it wasn't the same because I had to work at the Pregnancy Center table and didn't really have the opportunity to roam about picking out people to talk to.

Besides that, being behind that table basically identified me with the Center and people became a little more cautious in their conversations. I did, however, get to share some things with a few people that day that I felt were very important.

In closing, I would just like to reiterate how impressed I was with the whole organization. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside you defending the pro-life position and speaking the truth in love to a generation who is in desperate need of truth in the person of Jesus Christ.

I would definitely want to be there again with you when y'all come back to Denton in the future if the Lord is willing and you'll have me!

Sincerely,

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