

Sweet 16!



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Dear Friends,

This month marks my 16 year anniversary with Justice For All! Your generous prayers and financial gifts over the past 16 years have allowed me to be part of a tremendous life-saving team. By God's grace and your faithful partnership, JFA's ministry team has impacted thousands of lives which has resulted in babies' lives saved and many others brought to Christ. Here is a brief synopsis of my work over the years with JFA as well as highlights of just a few of our successes.

I have worn many hats over the years. When I came on board in 1996, my first position was Administrative Director. I managed our office which included accounts payable, payroll, donation and receipt process and many other duties. Over the years, my role slowly expanded to include the job of securing housing, meals and transportation for our team for our exhibit trips. My new title was Director of Field Operations.

In December of 2008 our team had grown to 16 and I also became the Director of Human Resource. This summer we hit an all-time high of 21 staff which included our summer interns.

Here are a few highlights from both past newsletters and emails we've received over the years.

January 2001:

Recently, we met a student at the University of Kansas (KU) who wants to start a JFA club there. She sent us the following testimony by e-mail:

I first saw the exhibit as a freshman in college. I glanced once at the pictures and then quickly looked away, but the impact of the image changed my opinion about abortion forever. Before I saw the display I really had no opinion about abortion, even as a Christian. But seeing those pictures made me realize that it is not just a mass of cells that is being removed--those are pictures of babies--the display humanizes the aborted fetuses in a way that makes it impossible to see them as being anything but murdered infants.

October 2003:

It was Tuesday afternoon and there was quite a crowd gathered around the JFA display. I was standing with two of my friends next to another girl and two guys on the end. We listened for awhile to the dialogue between a JFA staff person and a few CU students. Suddenly, I heard the guy standing on the end say softly, 'My girlfriend had an abortion but I didn't have a choice.' This somehow prompted the guy standing next to him to say, 'My girlfriend got pregnant and I paid for her abortion.' Then the girl standing next to me said, 'I had an abortion!' In response to all of this, I said, 'I had an abortion scheduled but changed my mind and relinquished her for adoption.' The girl who had had an abortion turned to me, grabbed my hands and started crying. I then asked her if she would like me to pray for her. She said yes and as we walked over to the grass, the two guys who had been standing next to her followed us. The four of us held hands and stood right there as I prayed for all three of them. As I prayed, we all began to weep.

This is the kind of story that helps me persevere through the tough times to bring this message to college campuses. It is, indeed, heartbreaking to hear stories from men and women who painfully regret their experience with abortion. We believe that one of the keys to ending abortion is to empower these men and women to speak boldly and courageously that abortion did not solve their problem.

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September 2004:

Dear JFA,

This is Janie Smith--I was involved with the exhibit last year at the U of M and also go to Bethlehem [Baptist Church]. I just thought I'd share a praise with you. A friend of mine (who is not a believer) sent me an email last night saying his sister was scheduled to have an abortion last week but decided not to go through with it because she kept seeing the pictures from last year's exhibit pop up in her mind (she wasn't even on the U campus—she saw them on the news). Since he knew I helped out with the exhibit, he was thanking me for helping save his niece or nephew's life. So I thought I'd pass the thanks along. If you would like to pray for the salvation of my friend and his sister, I would be appreciative--I was so encouraged to hear that God has given these friends who have no concept of Him a respect for life. It makes it so clear that God is working in their lives. Thanks.

October 2006:

One of the greatest things I learned from JFA is that you should never focus on "winning" the argument. As an ambassador for Christ, our responsibility comes down to being faithful in presenting the message. The Holy Spirit is the one who convicts.

From a Pregnancy Center Director, October 2009:

When you were here at UCO our Client Services Director, Stephany, had taken a group of teens to counsel there. One of the girls (a HS junior) had taken your pamphlet to school and shown it around. Several months later she received a note that said, Katie, you don't know me, but those pictures you passed around at school about abortion saved my baby's life.' Isn't God Good?

October 2011:

Witnessing the true change of heart of two people I had the privilege to talk with was a powerful testament to the amazing work JFA does ... What moved me the most was the incredible fervor...couched in a love that exudes from each staff member and volunteer.

Courtney M., Yale University Class of 2015

My work with Justice For All has been made possible by your faithful giving in addition to your willingness to live and give sacrificially in the service of love towards helpless unborn children. Thank you. May God bless you.

In Christ,

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