

*Sherry Welsch offered her home for Justice For All staff last January during the Arizona State University (ASU) outreach. Her daughter, Melanie, was instrumental in helping organize and get ASU students involved. After serving a great breakfast each morning to JFA staff members, she then joined us on the campus to watch – only she didn't just watch! She asked simple but good questions. The answers to good questions (highlighted below in yellow) spoken in love are always worth our time and trouble. Enjoy!*

“I noticed a woman (Native American Indian) about 40 years old looking at the pictures. She seemed very somber, so I walked over by her. **I asked her if she'd ever seen these type of pictures before.** She said no. She then told me that she was very disturbed by them because she had three abortions. She was told prior to the abortion that it was only a little thing like a seed. She said she would be telling others about this. I explained to her that the good that can come out of this is that she is able to give this information to others so they could make an informed choice.

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**[After I asked,] A young student told me she had never seen these pictures.** She's 3 months pregnant and was going to call the abortion clinic on Friday to set up an appointment. After seeing the pictures, she said that she is not going to make that appointment. I gave her a Crisis Pregnancy Center brochure and explained that they would be there to help her through the pregnancy.

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I talked with a woman who was probably in her 50's. She was alive only because her mother hid her pregnancy from her father. She told me how her mother had aborted her first baby in the toilet, picked it out of the toilet and buried it. Her mother had died recently and had revealed this to her just before her death. Her mother had been ashamed of this all her life (75 years).

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I had a great conversation with a woman close to my age. I was sitting on the side of a planter when she walked over to me and said “not much has changed in 30 years”. We just talked about families, husbands, etc. and returned to the subject of abortion. **She asked me if I had a particular side I supported** and I said yes, I supported the pro-life stance. She said she would not have had an abortion, but would probably be standing on the side of pro-choice. I said I guess it really depends on when you think life begins. If you think life begins at conception then you have to be true to your convictions and not terminate that pregnancy. I said we all have “stuff” we have to deal with; child molestation, wheel chair bound, etc. but we have to deal with it – that's how we grow. She told me that she probably would not have been able to have this conversation earlier but is glad she stopped and talked with me. She asked me where I went to church. I told her Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She said she goes to the Casa. (In my mind I said mmmm, Catholic and pro-choice.) I brought up how when we were young, abortions were done only very early in the pregnancy and how we have pushed the envelope to allow abortions up to birth. I explained to her that there were people out there who think parents should be able to abort (kill) a baby even after it is born. **Where will it end?** I had a clear feeling that she was re-considering her pro-choice stance.”

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