

## Want to Make a Moral Impact? Help People Stop and Engage.

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Dear Friend of Justice For All,

As our team joined me in Washington, DC last month for the March for Life and the National Pro-Life Summit conference, we were looking for ways to make a moral impact rather than to make just a moral statement (see my January letter for more on this: <a href="www.jfaweb.org/jan-2022">www.jfaweb.org/jan-2022</a>).

At the march, we decided to join the masses with hand-made signs. At the last minute, I decided to pull JFA's "Hope of Change" exhibit sign from the van. The sign features a Margot Rogers image of the unborn adorned with the same art style as Obama's iconic campaign signs. We debated whether we would regret carrying the 2x4 foot sign around DC, but just after we settled ourselves on the lawn near the Washington monument, an AP Wire reporter approached wanting to know what the sign was about. The sign had done its job: it caused the viewer to *stop and engage*. (See pictures from the march at <a href="https://www.instagram.com/picturejusticeforall">www.instagram.com/picturejusticeforall</a>.)

After the march, the main work of the day began: we boarded the metro to head to the offices of the Leadership Institute about 15 minutes outside the city. There we presented an interactive

dialogue workshop to students from Colorado Christian University along with various others we had invited — about 50 in total. Why did we make this event interactive, featuring a heavy dose of role-play practice? We wanted these participants to *stop being mere spectators* of abortion discussions and instead *engage those around them*. So, we used the same emphasis in the workshop itself: we expected participants to engage with what we were teaching by practicing it themselves right there and then.

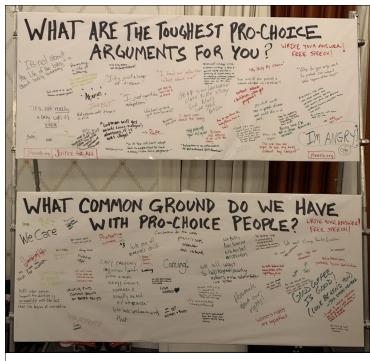
The same concern animated our team the next day at the National Pro-Life Summit hosted by Students for Life of America (SFLA). We were in the exhibitor hall where participants in the conference might walk by our table only once during the day. How could we help them *stop* and engage with the need to be trained to dialogue?

We decided that what stops pro-life advocates in a conference is probably not much different than what





stops pro-choice advocates during our outreach events. On campus our poll tables and free speech boards are our most dependable tools that cause people to stop and engage, especially when coupled with an exhibit that challenges the status abortion. (See our Instagram for pictures from our February events at three Texas universities: UTSA, Texas State, and Tarleton State.) At this conference filled with passionate pro-life advocates, then, we decided to create special free speech boards with big questions to help these particular passersby stop and engage. It worked beautifully, as you can see from the conference pictures. We had



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a steady stream of conversations throughout the day about the need for training in dialogue.

Please pray for our upcoming seminar, workshop, and outreach events, that each will help pro-life advocates to stop and engage in learning to dialogue so that they can help pro-choice advocates to stop and engage in rethinking their positions on abortion.

How can you use this concept in your own life to help those around you stop and engage? I suggest sharing a picture of a free speech board from the conference with a pro-life friend, and ask, "How would you answer the question JFA asked on this conference free speech board?"



Steve Wagner, Executive Director



## Recent and Upcoming Events

**1/21** March for Life & Workshop (Washington, DC)

**1/22** National Pro-Life Summit (Hosted by SFLA)

**1/30-31** Workshops in Denton & Stephenville (TX)

**2/1-2** Outreach at Tarleton State (Stephenville, TX)

**2/13** Seminars (San Marcos & San Antonio, TX)

**2/14-17** Outreach at Texas State & UTSA (TX)

**2/23** UNL Club Meeting Presentation (Lincoln, NE)

2/26-27 Seminars (Wichita, KS)

2/28-3/1 Outreach at Wichita State (KS)

2/28-3/3 Love3 Interactive Workshop (Online)

March-May Outreach Events in AZ, CO, CA, KS

**5/2-5** Love3 Interactive Workshop (Online)

See <u>www.jfaweb.org/calendar</u> for more events and details! See Instagram for pictures of recent events!







