

Standing in the GAP

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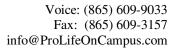
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Dear Partners and Friends,

We're off to a great start to a busy year! Praise God and thank you for your faithfulness. As I write this, I'm in Lexington, laying the groundwork for our upcoming GAP trip to Kentucky. Then it's off to Delaware and Virginia. In the past year, we were in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, and Washington, DC. For the latest, check my blog, *www.FletcherArmstrongBlog.com*.

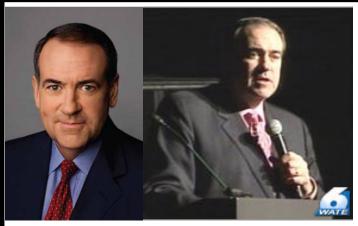


This Month

Celebrating Life GAP at Kennesaw State Let's reach 700,000 students/year!

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Celebrating Life!

Gov. Mike Huckabee was a huge draw for our first annual Celebrating Life dinner on February 14. More than 700 attended, not counting protesters!

Christian comedian Mike Williams was a big hit, too. I hope you will find him on YouTube. He's very funny, and we will definitely ask him back.

Our new video was very well received. See it on the home page of our website, www.ProLifeOnCampus.com.

Gov. Huckabee held us all spellbound with the moving story of going to the Yad Vashem Holocaust History Museum with his then 12-year-old daughter. After seeing the horrifying images, she wrote in the guest book, "Why didn't somebody do something?" Gov. Huckabee said, "Let it not be said of us, "Why didn't somebody do something?""

Mike Williams told me that laughing people give more generously than anybody else. He must be right. If all the pledges come in, we can hire two interns and visit 10 major universities this year. It's big step forward, but we still have much work to do to reach our goal of winning hearts, changing minds, and saving lives at 50 universities every year.

We were thankful that 40–50 protesters showed up. They came because nothing scares them more than abortion pictures on display. Their presence validates our strategy. If the photos didn't work, pro-aborts would ignore us as irrelevant.

Our Vision: 50 Schools/Year!

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At the Celebrating Life event on February 14, we unveiled our vision to reach 50 of the largest universities in our region, every single year. By the numbers:

- The combined enrollment of these 50 schools is more than 700,000 students.
- If 10% change their minds, that's 70,000 students/yr.
- If 1% don't have abortions, that's 7,000 lives/yr saved.
- That's 7,000 moms and families spared. Every year.
- Over time, the injection of abortion photos into hundreds of thousands of minds will result in a large and important shift in public opinion.
- Pro-life voters will change elections in swing states.

The cost of reaching all these students is much less than you think. This vision will cost only 65ϕ per student.

I hope you will join us in pursuing this vision. *If every* family that receives this newsletter would give just <u>\$25/month</u>, we could reach all 50 schools. Wow.

As Gov. Huckabee said, "Let it not be said of us, 'Why didn't somebody do something?"



Here's what you can do for \$25/month!

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Kennesaw State Pro-Life Ambassadors Wiser than Owls

In November 2010, we took the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to Kennesaw State University, which has quietly become Georgia's 3rd largest university. It was GAP's first appearance at Kennesaw State, but if Kelly Tolcher (President of Pro-Life Ambassadors) has her way, it won't be the last:

CBR has really made a difference on our campus. I've had numerous, numerous people come up to me and say "OMG, I had no idea this is what it was really like." Having these pictures up here really puts it in perspective. So we're really glad they came and we hope they come back again soon!

Shannon Rhodes, a junior at KSU and co-founder of Pro-Life Ambassadors, told of her encounter with a 35-yr-old woman:

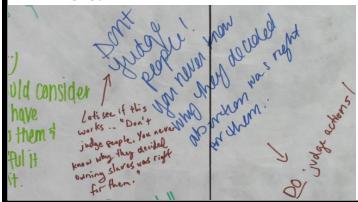
She said "I am pro-choice and I don't think you should be out here." But we talked for 30 minutes. At the end, the light came on for her. She said she feels differently now. She had never seen images like this before, but they are very powerful. She had never thought about the unborn as innocent victims, like victims of the Holocaust or segregation, but now she understands that they are in danger every day.

Say what???? Our Free Speech Board provides a unique opportunity to engage students in a whole different way. We can have exchanges on paper that many students won't have in person. Plus, our good answers are read by other students all day long. One student wrote "Don't judge people! You never know why they decided abortion was right for them." To put this statement in a different historical context, I wrote back, "Let's see if this works ... 'Don't judge people. You never know why they decided owning slaves was right for them."

Another wrote "Please keep your opinions to yourself." I replied, "That's your opinion. If you took your own advice, you wouldn't have written it."

Life ... What a beautiful choice. Many students are prolife, some with very personal reasons. One student wrote:

I was supposed to be aborted, but my mom changed her mind. And now I'm a mentor to hundreds of youth around the nation! Thanks, Mom, for changing your mind!





Our double-decker GAP display is an imposing presence in the heart of the campus.



Georgia Right to Life (GRTL) President Dan Becker (right) says GAP is an ideal opportunity to educate students about the personhood of the preborn child. We thank GRTL for providing financial support for GAP at Kennesaw State.



GRTL's Toby Tatum staffed a poll table that asked the question, "Should abortion remain legal?" If the student answered "No" (pro-life), Toby would invite him to join the Ambassadors for Life. If the student was pro-choice, Toby would probe to identify points of confusion and would then present clear and coherent arguments to clarify those points.