Standing in the GAP

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Director's Corner C. Fletcher Armstrong, PhD CBR Southeast Director



Dear Partners and Friends,

Your gifts win hearts, change minds, and save lives. We are so thankful for you! This is the time of year when many of you make a generous year-end gift.

Just a reminder: For your donation to be receipted for 2012, your cash or check gift must be postmarked or received by a CBR staff member by Dec 31. Mailed EFT and credit card gifts must arrive at our office by Dec 28. We are so very thankful for your continued support.

Fletcher

Welcome Brooke McGowan, CBR's Carolina Project Director

We are pleased to welcome our newest staff member, Brooke McGowan of Charlotte, North Carolina, who will direct CBR projects in North and South Carolina!

Brooke is a recent graduate of New Life Theological Seminary in Charlotte, where she majored in urban ministry, with a concentration in Christian counseling.

As a child of a teenage mother who chose life for Brooke, despite a failed first marriage, she understands how easily she could have been another abortion statistic. Raised by her mother and stepfather to always protect those who cannot protect themselves, she sensed a calling to devote herself to pro-life work in response to God's command, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven ... In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish." (Matthew 18:10,14)

Brooke has been an active protester, sidewalk counselor, and prayer warrior in Charlotte. She even ministered to visiting attendees of the Democratic National Convention in September. She is already seeing fruit in the responses of those to whom she has ministered in the past several months alone.

Originally from Choctaw, Oklahoma (near Oklahoma City), Brooke has lived in Charlotte for 8 years. Before joining CBR, she was a clinic director for an infectious disease medical practice and an assistant real estate acquisitions manager. She is the mother to two girls, Shelby and Savannah. Brooke's husband Sean is an accomplished author, schoolteacher, and chaplain.

Welcome aboard, Brooke! We're expecting GREAT!

Komen Foundation: Defund Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood Kills Babies Abortion Linked to Breast Cancer

www.AbortionBreastCancer.org

www.AbortionNo.org

Komen for the Cure, Meet CBR for the Truth!

To expose the Susan G. Komen Foundation's funding of Planned Parenthood (PP), the nation's largest abortion provider, *CBR took abortion pictures to Komen races in three states!*

In Knoxville, we were a small group, enough to hold a couple of warning signs, several abortion photos, and a large sign asking the Komen Foundation to quit funding PP. We'll bring more people and more signs next year, Lord willing.

We didn't interfere with their event, but our act of good faith was not reciprocated. Several of the Komen volunteers were apparently instructed to block our signs with shakers, balloons, and the occasional body. They succeeded only in drawing more attention to our huge pink sign. We appreciate it!

One guy tried to stare Fletcher down. Most amusing. One man challenged him on the fact that the Knoxville Komen affiliate doesn't support PP in Knoxville. Fletcher said it doesn't matter where babies are being killed, they are just as dead.

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Brooke McGowan will be leading pro-life projects across the Southeast, particularly in the Carolinas. Because her mother chose life despite dire personal circumstances, Brooke has long been devoted to pro-life activism as a protester, sidewalk counselor, and prayer warrior.





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Fletcher didn't get to use the sound-byte he prepared especially for the occasion: "CBR is just like an STD. You get in bed with Planned Parenthood, you get us." Maybe next year.

As usual, we had notified the Knoxville Police Department of our intention to picket this event. They were obviously briefed to leave us alone (as long as we respected the law and did not interfere with the rights of others), which they did.

When the Race was about to begin, we deployed several signs along the route. Komen volunteers followed our staff across the street and again attempted to shield our signs. But again, they only succeeded in drawing attention to our message.

One woman screamed at CBR Advisory Board member Kathy Proctor that we didn't have our facts straight, that the local group kept *all* of their donations local, and that Komen only gave money to PP for mammograms. She wasn't interested in PP's recent admission that they do not perform mammograms. She apparently did not hear the Komen PA announcer say that only 75% of donations are retained locally.

Several Race participants ran over to yell at us. One man ran up and screamed at us about our f***ing signs and that we had no right to be there. Another person hit one sign and tried to pull it down. *One woman said she was a Christian and she thanked us for being there.* Another said she was a Christian and was crying and yelling at us to go away. Someone tried to hit CBR staffer Brooke McGowan on the back of her knees, in a failed attempt to buckle her knees and make her fall.

Next year, we plan to bring video cameras to film any criminal misconduct against CBR staff/property. We will prosecute any criminal act to the fullest extent of the law.

Support the fight against breast cancer. There are other organizations who fight breast cancer and do not fund abortion providers. Georgia Right to Life recommends the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (www.bcrfcure.org).

For more on this story and the relationship between abortion and breast cancer, visit www.FletcherArmstrongBlog.com and search for breast cancer.



"Choice" signs help these U of Richmond students see for themselves that abortion kills a living human baby.

"Choice" Chain at U of Richmond

A "Choice" Chain is an inexpensive but effective way to reach to people/places not accessible with our big GAP display. Earlier this year, we took "Choice" signs to the U of Richmond. We were invited by Spiders for Life President Maggie Egger.

One student tried the famous-violinist argument on CBR Virginia Director Nicole Cooley. Nicole pointed out that the famous violinist is not analogous to the preborn child because (1) the violinist is not the offspring of the host, and (2) we all recognize that we have responsibilities to our own children that exceed our responsibilities to a random stranger; for example, we are required by law to support and care for our own children.

That seemed to be enough for the young student. He turned and walked away, but Nicole could have extended her argument: (3) the child is not an intruder; he is exactly where God and/or nature designed him to be, (4) withholding support is not the same as dismembering, poisoning, and/or crushing, and (5) except in the case of rape, the host actively participated in the act that created the pregnancy, i.e., the state of dependency.

We are successful because (1) we offer *reasoned arguments* based on *sound science*, and (2) we use graphic pictures to *establish basic facts* and *make them undeniable*.

Your generous gifts make it all possible! Thank you!



"Choice" signs along race course expose the grizzly business that the Komen Foundation supports with donor money.