Standing in the GAP

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Dear Partners and Friends,

CBR is growing! Pro-aborts have made killing babies a full-time profession, but pro-lifers have made saving them a part-time hobby. We can never hope to win until we close the commitment gap. Here's how you can help:

- Pray, regularly and sacrificially. Pray that God will raise up an army of workers and financial partners.
- Consider joining our growing team. We have parttime and full-time opportunities in every state.
- Financial support. Your partnership of \$1,000, \$500, or even \$100 will help us boost pro-life activism at a campus near you! *Please give until it ... feels good!*
- Connect us with others who might be willing to help in any of the above ways. *Pick up the phone and call us today!* 865-609-9033

Welcome Kendra Wright, CBR Project Director for Virginia

We are pleased to welcome Kendra Wright of Staunton, Virginia, to the CBR family. (That's pronounced STAN-ton, not STAWN-ton ... for all you people in Rio Linda.)

Kendra finished high school early and then graduated from Thomas Edison State College (New Jersey) *in less than 2 years*, at only 19 years old! She holds a BA in Communications.

Kendra's passion for pro-life activism stems from her own personal testimony of narrowly escaping abortion at five weeks in the womb. Her mother was a rare case of a woman walking out of her abortion appointment. God spared Kendra's life so she could rescue others!

A big-picture person who appreciates CBR's vision of ending abortion altogether by exposing the truth of it, Kendra is excited to win hearts, change minds, and save lives, by God's grace and with your help.

Welcome aboard, Kendra! We're expecting GREAT!

If you'd like to support Kendra (or any of our staff members), it's quick, easy, and secure to support CBR online at www.ProLifeOnCampus.com. Whatever you can do will make a huge difference. To support Kendra's work in Virginia, designate your gift for "Virginia Projects (SE-KPW)."

Should rape be a death sentence at North Carolina State U?

North Carolina State University (NCSU) Students for Life (SFL) hosted the Pro-Life Training Academy (PLTA) and the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) earlier this year. Teresa Pincus, President of NSCU SFL, is an effective leader and we expect to see great things from her in the years to come.

On Day 1, CBR Project Director Maggie Egger had been dealing with protesters and administrators all morning — we're not sure which is worse, sometimes — but things had quieted down a bit. She went over to our free speech board, a low-stress place where people can write whatever they want.

Maggie saw a young woman writing furiously on the board. Maggie discreetly looked over her shoulder to read her comments, expecting to see some justification for abortion, a rant about women's rights, or whatever. Instead, she saw this:

People say they shouldn't have to give birth to conceptions of rape. As a probable conception of rape writing this, I feel discriminated against, as if my life is worth less than everyone else's. You don't have to raise a child of rape, ADOPTION IS AN OPTION! You would not believe how thankful my parents are that I was not aborted, but given to them, a couple who were not able to conceive.

Before Maggie had a chance to speak with her, she walked away. But what else could be said?

Not long after that, Maggie was standing near the poll table when a young man came up to answer "Yes" to our poll question "Should abortion remain legal?" Maggie asked him why.

His main argument was that it's a woman's choice to make,

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In her spare time, Kendra enjoys strumming her guitar, singing, and spending time with friends and her five siblings. Active in her church, she leads worship and leads children to the Lord as well. (Continued from page 1)

and therefore it has to be legal, regardless of her justifications. We started discussing some of those justifications and soon another young man joined our conversation. He said he was pro-life, except in the case of rape.

Maggie said to him, "You have to be careful when you start making exceptions to a person's right to life. There are people on this campus, your fellow students, who were conceived in rape. You have effectively just told them 'I wouldn't care if your mothers had killed you before you were born,' simply because of circumstances outside of their control. Have you thought about that?"

Maggie walked them both over to the free speech board and showed them what the woman had written earlier. They stared, thinking. The "pro-life" student started to look a little guilty. The pro-choice student said, "Yeah, maybe some of the reasons women get abortions aren't that valid after all."

People get so focused on the woman being the victim and easing her pain, they just can't see the other victim. They can't imagine "forcing" the woman to do anything else she doesn't wholeheartedly agree to (i.e. carrying a pregnancy to term).

They don't realize that they are actively creating more victims, in two ways. First, they are condoning a woman's choice to destroy her unborn child based on how the child was conceived. Second, they are victimizing born people conceived in rape whose mothers chose not to kill them, by saying their lives are less valuable.

Sadly, many college students in America have a personal experience with rape, whether it was themselves or their classmates. They can relate to those victims. But how many of them have a personal experience with someone who is a "conception of rape"? They can't relate, because they don't see the face of the second victim. GAP brings those faces out into the open.

Should Pro-Lifers Reject Incrementalist Strategies?

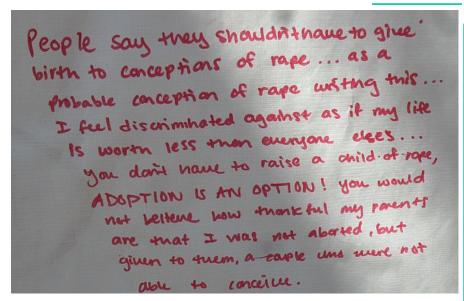
Many pro-lifers, including friends of CBR, believe that because abortion is still legal, then incrementalist strategies (i.e., regulations which only reduce the numbers of abortions) have obviously not worked and therefore should be abandoned.

If we accept that line of thinking, then we would have to conclude that because *everything* we have done has failed to make abortion illegal, then *all of it* should be abandoned. This would include (1) showing pictures of abortion victims, because a few people have displayed pictures for 40 years, (2) praying, because some have prayed for 40 years, (3) ... you get the idea.

Another objection to incremental measures is that they uphold the right to kill. But we know that abolitionists in England (Wilberforce et al) did not end slavery all at once. They were forced to accept small changes, but those small steps ultimately led to final victory. Author Tim Challies wrote (source: www.challies.com/articles/the-small-increments-of-change):

Wilberforce was willing to accept incremental improvements. For example, at one point he supported a bill, passed on a trial basis, that would regulate the number of slaves that were permitted to be transported on a single ship. ... This proposed legislation demanded immediate improvements but implicitly and explicitly supported the continuance of slavery. Still, Wilberforce saw it as a step in the right direction and for that reason he was willing to support it. Another time he voted for a bill that required plantation owners to register all of their slaves. While this bill also supported slavery, Wilberforce understood that a slave registry would keep plantation owners from adding to their number of slaves by buying them from illegal smugglers.

If incrementalist strategies worked for Wilberforce, why shouldn't they work for us?



From the free speech board at North Carolina State.



William Wilberforce