

# Standing in the GAP

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#### Dear Partners and Friends,

I believe the scripture is clear. God is pro-life. He rejoices every time a baby's life is saved. And God uses His people to accomplish His purpose. So, every time you work to save a baby's life, you are partnering up with the God of the Universe! We praise God and give Him the glory, but we thank you for doing your part. It's just that simple.

Fletcher, Jane, John, and Kate

### **This Month**

Student Leadership Conference

#### **Future Editions**

Georgia Tech GAP Kentucky GAP Fall 2008 GAP

## Dr. Alveda King Speaks on the **Use of Graphic Visuals**

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But equality is not something you can see. What you can see are people. My uncle knew that the ugly reality of segregation had to be seen visually ... He therefore organized events at which the eyes of the media could broadcast the way our people were treated when water hoses and dogs were unleashed on their peaceful marches. People responded to those images, not simply to abstract concepts of "segregation" and "equality."

Likewise, people ... respond to the disturbing images of aborted children. Sure, some people get angry when we show them. But everyone who fights injustice has to be ready to pay a price. My uncle did, and so did my dad. So does everyone who has the courage to show the ugly reality of abortion. Don't be afraid to do so. Many people are grateful. As a woman who has had two abortions, I am grateful that the truth is being shown, so that others can avoid this pain in the first place.

> — Dr. Alveda King, (niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

# Students from the Georgia Institute of Technology **CBR Southeast Hosts a Very Successful National Student Leadership Conference**

Pro-life students face a huge uphill battle. They operate in a culture that worships sex, abortion, Darwin, and self. As soon as they arrive on campus, they are told, both implicitly and explicitly, to sit down and shut up. Thankfully, there are a few brave students who are willing to stand up against all odds to battle on behalf of "the least of these." Thanks to your support, we are able to equip these students for the work they do.

Other than our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP), the most important things we can do for these courageous students are (1) give them effective strategies and (2) help them select, plan, and implement projects that will truly win hearts, change minds, and save lives.

On September 5-6, we hosted more than 90 college students from 22 different colleges and universities in 11 states and 1 US territory. Yes, we even had a student from Puerto Rico. This was a whopping 50% increase over last year's attendance. We can attribute the attendance to several factors.

## **Financial Update**

Our commitment to college campuses is working. So we are asking you to make a consistent commitment to our work. Every one of you is important. Here are the numbers:

- Automatic monthly partners 56
- Other monthly partners 49
- Other regular partners 39
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS 144

If you aren't yet on the team, please consider supporting our work on a monthly basis. Another baby's life is at stake.



plan their activities for the coming school year.

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First, the conference was free to the students (thanks to your financial support). Second, our supporters in Knoxville provided housing for the students. Third, Students for Life of America (Arlington, Virginia) co-hosted the event with us and helped with the publicity through their extensive network of student activists. Fourth, students are hearing many positive reviews of previous conferences. Fifth, Jesse Kenney, our intern, worked very hard to get students to attend. Sixth, the speakers were almost all current students or recent graduates. Such speakers are more attractive because students want to hear from their own peers. Finally, each of the student speakers on the program brought a carload of friends, which boosted attendance even more.

On Friday night, we invited them all over to Fletcher's house for a cookout and social time together. It was a great opportunity for students to meet, trade ideas, and encourage one another.

The main event was on Saturday. We started with a discussion of the very best projects for student pro-life groups. One of the highlights was new pro-life drama, presented by the Christian Family Outreach Ministries of Pulaski, Tennessee, that is designed specifically to reach out to the Black community. (For more information, please contact Pastor Joseph Parker by e-mail: jpsunday@bellsouth.net.)

Steve Aden, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund, showed the students how to recognize and overcome illegal interference from college administrators who don't like our message. Katie Walker of the American Life League explained how to create media attention on pro-life projects. Other speakers addressed membership recruitment and fundraising.

The balance of the conference was devoted to putting it all together. Students from each school worked out a plan for the entire academic year. By helping students develop and (more importantly) commit to such a plan, we hope to facilitate more student groups conducting *more projects* and *more effective projects*, with the result of *more changed minds and more saved lives*. We'll be following their progress!

### Welcome to Kate Kennamer

A hearty welcome to Kate Kennamer, who joined our staff earlier this summer. She is working half-time for now, but we hope to get her full-time in the near future, as funding allows. Kate has a BS in Communications from the University of Tennessee, and she is playing a key role in developing a new website for CBR Southeast. We hope to roll out our new, life-saving website in the next few months.

Kate is a graduate of Bearden High School here in Knoxville. Her husband Clint Kennamer is a US Marine currently deployed in Iraq. Their son Dillon is 4½ years old. Welcome aboard, Kate!





Students meet for a time of socializing, trading ideas, and encouraging each other. We thank you CBR supporters for making it possible to provide all Conference meals.



Katie Walker of the American Life League explains how to write an effective fundraising letter so that babies won't be lost for lack of money.



Seth Wingate leads the group from Appalachian State University in planning their pro-life activities for the coming year. Seth, their founding President, was instrumental in bringing GAP to Appalachian State this past Spring.