Standing in the GAP

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Dear Partners and Friends,

By God's grace and your support, our staff continues to grow. But we can't let up now. Adding talented new staff is the best way to expand our reach, the best way to show pictures of abortion to more millions of Americans.

Like Dr. Alveda King has said, "America will not reject abortion until America sees abortion." Nobody is showing abortion to more people, nor in a more powerful way, than CBR. Please help us keep it up. *Thank you!*

Fletcher

Welcome Renee Kling, CBR Project Director for Kentucky

We are pleased to welcome Renee Kling of Cold Spring, Kentucky, to the CBR family. Renee will be responsible for developing campus pro-life groups and organizing CBR projects throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A recent graduate of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Renee was a founding member and later president of the EKU Students for Life. When she helped host CBR's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) her junior year, she saw how effective it is to simply show people the truth about abortion.

Some of her priorities for the Commonwealth will include GAP displays at Kentucky's largest universities, Choice Chains all over the state, and leadership training/mentoring for pro-life students at all the major universities.

Renee has always been active in Christian and pro-life ministry. At EKU, she was a leader in the Newman Center campus ministry, and from there joined the effort to rejuvenate pro-life activism on campus.

Even as a high-school student, Renee was active in pro-life work, participating in such projects as the March for Life and the Cemetery of the Innocents.

Welcome aboard, Renee! We're expecting GREAT!

If you'd like to support Renee (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 Renee's work in Kentucky, designate your gift for "Kentucky Projects (SE-RMK)."



CBR launches Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) at the Marriott/Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center.

Nashville Gives Thumbs-Up to Marriott Opryland Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

When Marriott announced its deal to manage the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, we knew this would be an excellent time to launch our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) in the Southeast. Marriott International has remained unwilling to cut the cord on their corporate donations to Planned Parenthood, so last year we began publicly and peacefully urging them to stop by educating their customers on the sidewalks outside two hotels in Dana Point, Calif. and Baltimore, Md.

March 2 was the first day our team of staff and volunteers held abortion photo signs outside the Opryland Hotel & Convention Center. As is our custom, we alerted the hotel management and the local police that we were coming. We will continue to picket the property until Marriott changes its bloodthirsty policy.

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Renee Kling will lead pro-life activism in Kentucky and across the Southeast. In addition to Genocide Awareness Projects and Choice Chains, Renee will train and mentor college-age prolifers to be even more effective in their work.





Note that we can maximize effective range by spreading a single image over two signs, held side-by-side.

The wind chill this day was about 15 degrees. YIKES!

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On Day 1, our team of volunteers displayed photo and text signs for about six hours, asking people to urge Marriott to stop funding Planned Parenthood.

Each day of the launch, our enthusiastic volunteers reached thousands of people, especially the people heading westbound on McGavock Pike and turning left into the Opryland complex. Many took pictures while they waited for the light to change.

Many weekend visitors arrived that Friday, but our primary audience was the people arriving for the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Convention. We pray some of them will take abortion more seriously now, although we were disappointed that none of them came out to interview us.

Day 2 was so cold. Mmmmmm ... fresh air from Canada. In fact, we heard it was so cold down at the State Capitol, the politicians had their hands in *their own* pockets! *Yikes!*

At this location, we had no opportunities to engage people verbally, but we knew the pictures were doing their magic. We could see them at work in the facial expressions of passersby.

We got many thumbs-up every day, and even some from passing Marriott employees, but only one or two flying buzzards (the other finger). The difference between thumbs-up and the other finger is what we call the "digital divide."

WZTV-17, the local Fox affiliate, covered the story. Their



Abortion images on our truck multiply the influence of the project by reaching far beyond the range of stationary signs.

concluding remark was the biggest laugh-line of the day (if you are into macabre humor); they identified Planned Parenthood as an agency that "provides services to expectant parents." Who writes this stuff? (Oh, yeah, Planned Parenthood writes it.)

Nashville's Pastor Lyndon Allen was part of our volunteer team that exhibited the signs at the main entrance to Opryland during the 5-day launch. He has pledged to continue to hold Marriott accountable by bringing people out to hold CBR photo signs each week, until Marriott changes its bloodthirsty policy.

The CAP press release we issued on February 27, 2013 included this statement:

Marriott International has admitted in writing that it permits its own hotels and those of Marriott franchisees to donate to Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion provider. Marriott has also acknowledged in writing that Marriott money has been donated to Planned Parenthood, but refuses to ban this inhumane practice.

The Marriott hotel network consists of many corporations that collectively form a single, integrated, business entity. CBR's anti-abortion pickets will become a regular presence at the Opryland Resort & Convention Center until Marriott International prohibits Planned Parenthood donations from any of its Marriott hotels or those of its Marriott franchisees.

Please join us in this project. Follow the example of Pastor Lyndon Allen and take CAP photos to a Marriott hotel near you! We'll bring the signs and show you how!



The view from westbound McGavock Pike, where cars lined up to turn left into the Opryland complex.