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## Standing in the GAP

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**Director's Corner**  
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Dear Partners and Friends,

At CBR, we have so much to be thankful for! We praise God for the strength to defend babies and moms against the powers of darkness. Know that **you** are that strength, because without you, we could do very little.

Everything we write about on these pages is not what we do, it is what **you** do through your generosity. We just show up for work every day — a lot of people do that — but your sacrifices make the engine go, by God's grace.

We appreciate you so much. Thank you!

*Fletcher*

## Genocide Awareness Project makes first appearance at Tennessee Tech

It's amazing how much influence one student can have. At Tennessee Tech University (TTU), individual students (not just student groups) can host events. So when national pro-life speech award-winner and TTU freshman Justin Brown asked us to bring our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP), we were eager to go.

**Free speech an individual right.** In fact, every public university student has the same right that Justin exercised

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**GAP and Truth Trucks are a powerful combination.**

**One of the Baby Brigade's more hearty members, Elizabeth McKinney braves cold and rain to hand out GAP brochures at UNC Greensboro.**



## The Baby Brigade

Sometimes at our GAP display, you will see a gaggle of babies and toddlers, and also moms with strollers. These are members of our "Baby Brigade." They make a subtle but powerful pro-life statement.

Given the youth of its members, the Brigade sometimes goes AWOL on windy, rainy, and snowy days. But on beautiful spring days when birds are chirping and the blue sky is dotted with fluffy white clouds, they are out in force. They enjoy romping about in the green grass.

They change the dynamic in several ways. First, students are less likely to become verbally abusive. No one likes to use obscene language in front of 2-year olds.

Second, students can see the contrast between death (the stark truth of child murder) and life (the end result when pre-born babies are spared). Students can see women with their own children and see that motherhood isn't a scary idea; it looks inviting.

The babies soften the blow of the images. Christy McKinney, one of the mothers in the Brigade, spoke with a freshman at Tennessee Tech for an hour. The pictures hit home for this young woman, because she had recently learned that her mother wanted to abort her when she was six months along. She was very hurt by this and became

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at TTU, even if their universities don't know it yet. Free speech and equal access are individual rights, not group rights. These rights cannot be denied a student simply because he doesn't have collaborators. TTU has figured this out, and they deserve credit for that.

**So whose mind is closed?** A TTU student left a message on our website. Said she was fueled with "the rage of a thousand suns about how closed-minded people can be." The rage of 1,000 suns? Really? Now, who exactly is being closed-minded?

When we encounter closed-minded people, they are almost always on the political left. Why is that?

**Where would you go if not ready for birth?** Anyway, this student went on to say that abortion is "a great option for people not ready for birth." Au contraire! When I wasn't ready for birth (59 years ago), the only safe option for me was to stay right where I was!



**Justin Brown explains how abortion advocates dehumanize their intended victims.**

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tearful during the conversation. Christy let the student hold her 6-month old son, and that seemed to ease her pain.

Are you a mom with babies in tow? Would you like to join the Baby Brigade and make a subtle but powerful pro-life statement during GAP? Call or e-mail us and we'll keep you abreast of volunteer opportunities!

**Jackie Hawkins displays one of many non-CBR signs that feature abortion imagery obtained by CBR and made available to other pro-life organizations at no charge.**



## A new staff member overcomes fear on her first-ever "pink-out" day

by Jackie Hawkins

As a newbie staff member, there's a certain apprehension that accompanies each new experience. As I drove to a local American killing field, questions raced through my mind while butterflies took residence in my stomach.

What's going to happen? How will people respond to the pictures? Will there be protesters? Can I go back home, hide under the covers, and come out after abortion is abolished?

Planned Parenthood (PP) was hosting their national "pink out" day, a celebration of prenatal decapitation and dismemberment. We weren't sure if this particular PP affiliate would participate, but we would make a preemptive strike with our presence. We stood with abortion victim photos across the street. The 40 Days for Life folks prayed and called for women to escape with their children.

As always, the fear was forgotten when we took our places and focused on the task at hand. In this case, the outcome was low-key. We held our signs in peace. There were no pinked-out pro-aborts. A few passersby beeped their horns and gave us the thumbs-up. Some used another digit to get their point across. (We call this phenomenon the "digital divide.")

One passenger in a black SUV used her phone to take pictures of our signs as she rode by.

Hundreds of passersby were confronted with the true horror of abortion. Every minute of exposing abortion helps win hearts, change minds, and save lives.

That's why I go forward ... even when I'm tempted to go home and hide under the covers.