CBR Communiqué

Directors Gregg & Lois Cunningham and daughters

Center for Bio-Ethical Reform **August 2019**

CBR Wins BIG Freedom of Speech Case in California Court of Appeal

With your help, our Center for Bio-Ethical Reform just won an important legal victory in the California Court of Appeals. A three-judge appellate panel has now recognized our right to display abortion photo signs inside two large shopping malls in Irvine and Newport Beach, California. We will exercise this right state-wide.

Unlike any other state in the country, the California Constitution guarantees expressive rights in private commercial space. This protection is remarkable because the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution applies only to speech on public property. Shopping malls are obviously private property.

CBR's Corporate Accountability Project will be even more effective after our July court victory. We are holding accountable the corporations, like Levi's, that donate to Planned Parenthood.

The trial court ruling in our initial filing against the Irvine Company, the owner of the Irvine Spectrum and Fashion Island shopping malls, affirmed our right to exhibit a sign which depicted a picture of a seven-week living embryo but refused our claimed right to show a picture of an eight-week aborted embryo. The trial court also disallowed our sign with a QR code symbol which could be scanned with a smart phone on which one of our abortion videos would then appear. The Court of Appeal reversed the trial court on both issues.

Our goal is to display abortion photo signs in close proximity to the entrances of stores whose parent companies donate to Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion profiteer, and also a brazen seller of aborted baby body parts. We want to urge potential customers to boycott businesses which support any organization which kills babies. Our hope is that showing passersby the horror of abortion will dissuade many from patronizing businesses which associate themselves with this atrocity. The resulting loss of revenue and good will could even motivate some of these retailers to revise their "philanthropic" policies.

Historical examples illustrate that this approach works. When the horrors of slavery were depicted on pamphlets, it led people of conscience in the UK to stop buying sugar produced by slave labor in British West Indies.

Mall stores on our boycott picketing list include: Levi's, Nike, Urban Decay and Whole Foods Market. We expect to be able to educate large numbers of shoppers because one of these malls draws 13 million visitors each year and the other 15 million. Each mall has more patrons than the populations of Ohio (11 million) or Pennsylvania (12 million) or Illinois (12 million).

This court victory also entitles us to picket with abortion photo signs at several other enormous California shopping malls, including South Coast Plaza, which attracts 24 million annual visitors. That is more than the population of New York (19 million) or Florida (21 million) and almost as many as the population of Texas (29 million). South Coast Plaza features several high-end brands also on the boycott list, such as Ralph Lauren, Chanel, Diane Von Furstenberg and Walt Disney. This mall is a major stop for international shoppers, and our displays may be their only opportunity to learn about abortion.

This is the second time we have, much against the odds, won a major expressive rights victory in a California court. In 2008, the Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeal acknowledged our right to display abortion photos near middle schools (CBR v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department). With news stories reporting students as young as 12 years of age and younger being subjected to abortion procedures, we won on the logical proposition that children old enough to have an abortion are certainly old enough to see one.

In both cases we lost at the trial court level but we refused to give up. We fought back and ultimately won each case in the state and federal appellate courts. As always, we tip our hats to our principal litigator, Rob Muise of the American Freedom Law Center (AFLC).

Effective campaigns against injustice are not possible without freedom of speech and that is why, with your help and God's grace, CBR goes to court when government or corporate officials try to hide the horror of abortion.

Making History at The College of William & Mary

"I'm sorry that we didn't come out here to help you guys. Pro-lifers should be working together," remarked a member of Tribe for Life to CBR staff member Joanna Keilson during CBR's first Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at The College of William & Mary (W&M), April 17-18, 2019. Tribe for Life is the pro-life student organization at this Williamsburg, Virginia school, but they refused to associate with CBR and even posted on their Facebook page: "We have spoken directly with the Center, asking them to refrain from demonstrating at W&M. Please know that Tribe for Life is in no way associated with it."

Two male students informed CBR staff member Jane Bullington that Tribe for Life was meeting that very day with the pro-abortion VOX group to find common ground; one said, "But we won't have a conversation about when does life begin or other touchy subjects." [That would be too confrontational.] The second student told us that CBR has actual arguments but VOX "only has posters that say you are hateful. They have no information at all."

Demonic opposition was visible. Staff member Mik'aela Raymond saw a student reading her demon book and she may have been pronouncing curses over us. When our team arrived to set up on day two, there was a pentagram and other paraphernalia at our location.

The local newspaper ran a story on GAP: http://bit.ly/33Us7Xy Although they were taken to task by local reader James Scheeveil for their slanted headline (He asked in his letter to the editor, "Why is it that the protest side of events and issues gets the headlines … ?"), the paper did take a few minutes to interview our CBR Southeast Director:

> 'We're trying to show people first of all that abortion decapitates and dismembers a little human being. It kills a human being; it's an act of violence,' said Fletcher Armstrong, CBR Southeast Region director. 'It's a small school, but it's a very influential school [chartered in 1693] and so we think students here deserve a chance to see what abortion is and have a discussion about whether it's moral or immoral, should be legal or not.'

A professor brought his students out to GAP. In spite of false claims made by some of those students that pro-lifers do not care about babies after they are born, we are thankful that the professor gave the students an opportunity to see our photos.

Some students are immediately open to learning the message of our display, which contrasts abortion with other genocides. A student named Lucy said to Mrs. Bullington, "I am intrigued. I will come back tomorrow to talk." Miss Raymond talked with a group of young women. They covered frequently asked questions, and at one point a student observed, "It sounds like your purpose in bringing these pictures here is to foster conversation because people aren't going to care about talking about this otherwise." Exactly. The photos prompt people of conscience to start thinking and caring about the plight of the babies.

Maggie Ferrara, CBR-Virginia staff member, spoke with a W&M alumnus who had come to observe GAP after he received an email from the Williamsburg Democrats announcing we would be on campus and falsely claiming that our photos were doctored. The man listened in as Dr. Armstrong spoke with a large group of students. He told Mrs. Ferrara that the email prompted him to go to CBR's AbortionNO.org website and then to respond to the Williamsburg Democrats' email to ask, "Why do you claim the photos are doctored? Claiming they are doctored does not add anything to this debate." He offered that he saw good arguments on both sides, but as Mrs. Ferrara told him, if he looks at fetal development photos and understands how abortions are done, he can logically deduce that the end result would look like our pictures. He responded, "Yes, that makes sense."

A recent immigrant from the Philippines told CBR staff member Joshua Lindsey that she appreciated us being on campus. She'd recently visited the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and noted that although she knew the Holocaust was wrong, it did not become real to her until she saw the photographs of the victims; this despite the fact that Holocaust deniers still claim that concentration camp pictures are fake. Your support helps us educate people about the tiny victims of abortion, and offer crisis pregnancy help to people in need.

Dr. Fletcher Armstrong speaks to a crowd gathered at William & Mary GAP.

Bringing the Message of Life to New York

New York legislators must be held accountable for their diabolical law that legalized abortion up through birth and which was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on January 22, 2019. We traveled to New York City in May to show the public abortion photographs that depicted what their government had approved. One of our signs showed Gov. Cuomo's photo next to an aborted baby. Gregg Cunningham subsequently returned to New York August 11-15 to give presentations to potential CBR staff and supporters. New York City is a particularly dangerous place for preborn babies; it has the highest abortion rate in the entire nation, with 37% of pregnancies ending in abortion.

Join us in praying that God, in His mercy, will convict the hard-hearted legislators and others who celebrate and promote abortion. God hears the prayers of repentant sinners, and as He promised to the Israelites, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

For our readers who appreciate satire, we offer the following article:

Ultrasound Unable to Detect Heartbeat in New York State Legislators

(Reprinted with permission of Babylon Bee)

ALBANY, NY—After the New York State Legislature voted to greatly expand abortion rights all the way up until the point of birth Tuesday, doctors quickly ordered echocardiograms on every lawmaker who voted for the bill, but tragically, no heartbeats were found by any of the ultrasounds.

Physicians desperately searched the chest cavities of the legislators for any sign of a heartbeat but found only a black void where normal human beings have a heart.

"Not a single one of these legislators appears to have a heart," said one doctor gravely. "This is a known medical condition. When you try to justify the murder of infants, you slowly sear your conscience. As a side effect, your heart begins to harden. Finally, it becomes pure stone and eventually withers away into nothing, leaving you with a black void: a husk of a human."

"It's really the only way you could possibly cheer on something like the murder of babies," he added as he performed another cardiac ultrasound. "Nope, this one's coming up negative too: just blackness where normal people have a heart."

Doctors also ordered blood tests but found only cold hatred running through the veins of every legislator who voted to further oppress the unborn.
https://babylonbee.com/news/ultrasound-unable-to-detect-heartbeat-in-new-york-state-legislators

Pastor Childress, CBR Board member and Founder of Black Genocide, brought some of his church members to volunteer at several of the CBR sign displays in New York City. During the event, Pastor Childress recorded a video blog.

Thank you for partnering with us in this spiritual battle to save babies made in God's image.

"So God created man in His own image;
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them."
Genesis 1:27

Prayer Requests

- Courageous students to sponsor GAP at college campuses this Fall
- Pastors to heed the Biblical imperative to preach against abortion
- Staff and volunteers to do CBR projects in New York

Events

ALL Black Lives Matter Project
Aug. 27-30 NMAAHC, Washington, D.C.
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"Choice" Sign Outreaches
Sept. 10 Wake Tech Community College
Raleigh, NC

Revival Project
Aug. 23-25 SoCal Harvest, Anaheim, CA

Reproductive "Choice" Campaign Trucks
Twice weekly in Tennessee

Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements
August 12 Rockaway Republican Club
Belle Harbor, NY

August 13 Joint Parish Respect Life Committee
Bayside, NY

August 13 Columbus Baptist Church, Columbus, NJ

August 14 St. Thomas More Rectory, Breezy Point, NY

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Outside Columbia University on May 9, 2019. Our signs read, "Shameless Proponent of Infanticide / Gov. Andrew Cuomo 3,261 weeks following fertilization. Nameless Victim of Infanticide / Baby Jane Doe 24 weeks following fertilization."

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