CBR Communiqué

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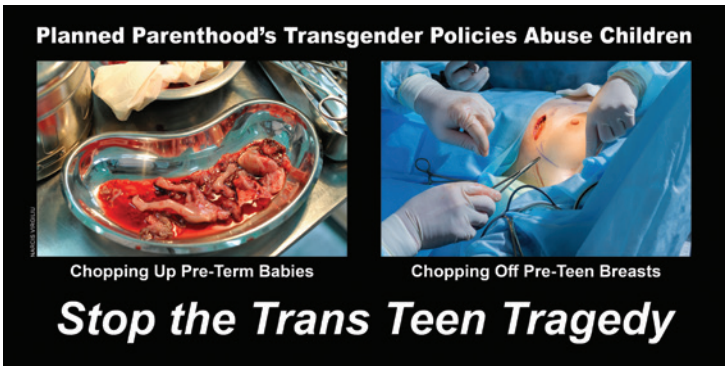
CBR Standing up for Born Children

"He created them male and female and blessed them." *Genesis 5:2.*

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." *John 10:10*

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed HR 5, the so-called "Equality Act" which would radically increase the power of government to force transgender dogma on the nation's schools, businesses and churches, etc. A more detailed analysis of the bill (which now goes to the US Senate) can be found at HeritageAction.com, but in essence, if enacted, the bill would do the following:

- Empower judges to take children away from parents who object to "gender reassignment treatment" for their minor daughters and sons. This "treatment" can include puberty blocking chemicals, powerful cross-sex hormones, and breast/genital mutilation surgeries.
- Force public and private institutions to allow biological males who claim transgender status to use women's restrooms, women's locker rooms, abused women's shelters, women's sports teams.
- Incarcerate biological males who claim transgender status with biological females, force people of faith to provide goods and services for LGBTQ activities, enable schools to indoctrinate children as young as kindergarten age with LGBTQ dogma from which classes parents would be prohibited from removing their children.
- Shut down faith-based adoption services which only place children in homes with both a mother and father. Depending on Senate action, parachurch organizations could be forced to accommodate the LGBTQ political agenda in whole or in part. It is also possible that churches could be stripped of "ministerial exceptions" when hiring non-pastoral staff.
- Businesses and, depending on Senate action, parachurch organizations with 15 or more employees, would be compelled to provide health insurance coverage which includes "gender transition services." Preferred pronouns would have to be honored for transgendered employees, as well as providing access to all toilets, etc.



A new and deeply evil bio-ethical issue has arisen. Young women are being deceived into thinking that if they surgically mutilate their bodies to become "men," that they will feel better about themselves. CBR is committed to exposing and halting this new attack on children made in the image of God.

CBR believes that gender dysphoria is a psychological disorder, and those who suffer this affliction should be shown compassion. Consenting adults may have a right to believe and do anything they wish about their own gender issues, but the privacy rights and safety interests of children and women, and people of faith, must also be protected, and we intend to fight for a mutually respectful balance.

CBR on Campus Inspired Her to Become a Full-Time Pro-Life Professional

"Where were you when I went in [for my abortion]?" the student asked Shannon Trott at the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) display at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). Those words so deeply affected Miss Trott that it changed the course of her life.

Miss Trott grew up in a pro-life family and as a school girl accompanied her mother when she volunteered at the La Habra Life Center (LHLC) in La Habra, California. She assisted by playing with the children of clients and also by doing filing. In junior high, she began seeing the names of classmates in the files and she decided she should step back from volunteering to avoid awkwardness when they came in for services. She continued to speak out for life while at school.

"My mother's story explains how embedded I've been in pro-life ministry," Miss Trott explained. Her mother was studying social work in college when she was assigned to interact with post-operative patients at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. One was a 12-year-old girl who had drawn a picture of an empty crib. As Miss Trott's mother looked at the picture, she asked the girl, "Where is the baby?" The girl simply replied, "There is no baby." She had just had an abortion.

Miss Trott was influenced by that tragedy and when she enrolled at CSULB, she saw a GAP display on campus and loved it. She joined the CSULB Newman Club in 2009 and learned they were GAP sponsors. The CSULB Newman Club was arguably one of the most active and enthusiastic groups we have ever had as student sponsors, and they were sponsors for multiple years. Each day, the students came out to help set up and disassemble the display, as well as to interact with students. Miss Trott commented that Newman students worked hard to maintain their composure and to shine the light of Christ, even when pro-abortion students were shouting at them.

Executive Director Shannon Trott speaks with a client at La Habra Life Center in La Habra, California.

"GAP was incredible," stated Miss Trott. She quickly recognized how it differed from her classroom efforts where students didn't know what she was talking about when she presented pro-life information. GAP shows them the pictures and connects passersby with the genocide message. GAP is based on factual information, whereas the pro-aborts largely chanted slogans during GAP. Miss Trott recalled that campus newspaper articles reported how there were students who recognized the stark difference between the facts and slogans. "Conversations with GAP were much more productive."

It was at GAP in 2012 when Miss Trott was speaking with students that a female student inquired how Miss Trott knew what abortionists say to women who go into abortion centers. The student herself had heard it was "a blob of cells." Miss Trott gave her scientific information about the development of the preborn child, which was backed up by our GAP signs. The student pressed further, "Do you ever go to abortion centers and try to tell women the truth before they go in?" Miss Trott had done some sidewalk counseling, so she replied yes. That was the point at which the student pointedly asked, "Where were you when I went in?"

This was the precise point when Miss Trott realized she needed to do pro-life work full time. Although Miss Trott had studied to be a high school science teacher, God touched her heart and used the GAP experience to help her make a decision to become a professional pro-life worker.

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Dimitri, a Russian immigrant, is a courageous man who for years publicly displayed CBR abortion photos in Russia. Now he lives in New York City. Recently he organized Orthodox Christians for Life to hold a January 29 prayer service and rally outside a Planned Parenthood in NYC. On this Instagram video, young Orthodox men hold CBR photo signs and explain why they are protesting abortion. Instagram video by Orthodox Pro-Life New York • Jan 29, 2021 at 11:04 AM

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After graduating from CSULB in 2015, she began full-time work as the LHLC Administrative Assistant. When Founder Mecki Grothues retired in 2019, she hired Miss Trott as the Executive Director.

The training Miss Trott received at GAP assists her to this day. She offered, "GAP helped me realize there are two very different people we face when talking about abortion." One group is pregnant women in crisis with real-life concerns. The other group is people who may not have real experiences, so they want to discuss hypotheticals. With her ongoing experience, Miss Trott is able to share actual stories with others which helps them realize we should make abortion illegal. The number one thing Miss Trott heard at GAP was that abortion should remain legal to give women that option. Miss Trott acknowledges to people that although women have this legal option, most regret it, and some have told her they wish it were illegal so they hadn't fallen into that destructive trap.

In the hostile anti-life political environment of California, many pregnancy resource centers have shifted from a counseling model to medical clinics licensed by the state of California. LHLC obtained their state license in August 2018 after much effort and state government delays. This brings special joy to us, as God used Lois (Hunnicutt) Cunningham to obtain the second such California primary care community clinic license for a pregnancy resource center (in 1993) when she directed the Pregnancy Help Clinic of Glendale. The policies and procedures that she and a tiny group of nurses wrote are still in use today among the 1300 PRC's in the U.S. that have added medical services.

This past year, in the midst of COVID lockdowns, Miss Trott kept the LHLC open. They added the vital service of Abortion Pill Reversal (abortionpillreversal.com) and they assisted 21 women who changed their minds after taking the first abortion pill. Last week, three of those women came in for check-ups and all the preborn babies are doing well.

A recent client took the RU-486 abortion pill in August 2020 at her boyfriend's demand. Her life was in a downward cycle, but she did get off drugs. Shockingly, in February, she felt pregnancy symptoms and came to LHLC and her pregnancy test result was positive! She told Miss Trott that she believed God had spared her baby. Even at six months of pregnancy, her boyfriend wanted her to have a surgical abortion. She refused, and her boyfriend kicked her out. That was a good thing, as LHLC guided her to a maternity home where she is excited to start a new life.

Miss Trott credits her volunteering with CBR and GAP as a turning point. "Without that encounter with the post-abortal woman [at GAP], I would not have decided to make this a full-time job." At the campus GAP displays, our senior staff makes it a point to talk with pro-life student sponsors about the opportunity and the great need for people to do professional pro-life work as a career path. We must plant that seed.

We thank our Lord for your partnership as we expose the evil deeds of darkness.

*"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **expose** them."*
Ephesians 5:11

Prayer Requests

- Finalization of plans for CBR summer intern program
- God's work through CBR international affiliates
- Pray against bio-ethical attacks on people made in the image of God

Events

Outreach at Abortion Mills

Feb. 18	Beaverton, OR Planned Parenthood
Feb. 19	Vancouver, WA Planned Parenthood
March 3, 17	Vancouver, WA Planned Parenthood
March 13	Mission Viejo, CA Planned Parenthood
April 12-15	Around Arizona State University, Phoenix

Women coming to Planned Parenthood in Vancouver, Washington, are shown CBR's photos of prenatal life and abortion and they are offered help to carry their pregnancies to term by volunteers.

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"Her pro-life talk didn't really faze me until I saw the [abortion] pictures."

She needed to see abortion to see her need for repentance.

CBR-Pakistan taught women the facts about prenatal development and abortion in a February 3, 2021 campaign in Faisalabad, Pakistan. The speaker, Nusrat, educated almost 60 women who agreed to CBR-Pakistan's slogan of "Abortion-Free Pakistan." They promised to share our message with at least one woman so they can help save lives. CBR-Pakistan also blessed them with a meal at the event.

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