# CBR Communiqué

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# A Pirate Could Not Pirate Students Away from GAP at UTK

While CBR's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) was on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) campus, Campus Reform was present to cover the events of October 28-29, 2024. Campus Reform is a Leadership Institute project, and their reporter interviewed Amanda Levi, UTK alumna and current CBR Student Outreach Coordinator. She said that the protestors "couldn't argue with the decapitation and dismemberment of little human beings, so they resorted to mockery and attempted to cover up the truth - literally!"

A notable part of the protest came from a student dressed as a pirate, along with a band of 10-12 protestors who held a large tarp in front of our display. They did not want students to see our huge GAP photomurals that clearly depict abortion using graphic photographs. The tarp replaced the bedsheets first used by student protestors of GAP at the University of Oregon in 1999. UTK student Nick (the pirate) played loud music while others danced in an attempt to keep students from studying our signs or having conversations with our team. Of course, the tarp actually helps us by drawing curious crowds.

GAP was sponsored at UTK by College Republicans (CR). Arianna is a CR member who confronted Nick and crew to notify them that her group reserved this space and that they should stop blocking our message. When they refused, she called UTK school administrators, who promptly arrived to demand that the pirate's crew take the tarp away. The fake pirate began speaking to campus administrators in his pirate voice, but as he continued to argue about being asked to leave and stop blocking our signs, he lost that affectation. Part of his resistance entailed asking the two administrators if he could "speak to a man or woman of integrity who knows the Constitution" even as this "pirate" demonstrated he did not have solid knowledge of the Constitution himself. Being threatened with police action seemed to sober him and they finally took down the tarp. (View video footage here: https://bit.ly/40xxydk )

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***Above: Many students at UTK see GAP when our team goes on campus each year. We trust the truth has prevailed in many minds as a result.***

***Left: Out with the bedsheets, in with the tarp! The pirate student and his crew were unable to cover up our GAP display for long as UTK administrators made them move with a threat of police action.***

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Mrs. Levi recalled a student who approached her "with tears in her eyes," clearly distraught by how the protestors mocked "such a heavy topic in this disrespectful manner." (Campus Reform)

Cody Levi, husband of Mrs. Levi and also a CBR Student Outreach Coordinator, intentionally engaged some of the protesters. Volunteer Pam took note that Mr. Levi would approach them and welcome them in an effort to begin a healthy conversation. He engaged with two female and two male student cohorts of the pirate, asking their thoughts on abortion and our display. Mr. Levi was able to answer some of their concerns, including the concern of rape resulting in pregnancy. Sadly, one of the female students, "Ally," revealed her personal story of being raped at 14, homelessness and drug use. She said her own mother considering aborting her. Many wounded students open up at GAP, and we have the opportunity to minister the love of Christ. One of the males named "Doug" then pulled Mr. Levi aside and asked to talk one-on-one. They discussed "brain death," and Mr. Levi noted that is not a good definition of death. When Doug stated that he is an atheist/agnostic, Mr. Levi gave the reasons for his belief in Christianity. They eventually exchanged phone numbers because Doug expressed an interest in continuing the conversation as it was hard to find others to discuss these serious topics.

Our volunteers take abuse from some students like Pirate Nick, who insulted volunteers Taheiya and Pam; but they acknowledged that love is stronger than hate. A teenager who volunteered for the first time at GAP told us: "I expected students to actually debate the issue somewhat civilly, but they don't. It doesn't matter. I will come back and do it again!"

It pleased our team to receive this report from "John," who had just come from his political science class: "In my class they are talking about you." Students expressed the belief that CBR just wants to "get a rise" out of people, but John wasn't sure. He asked us about our goal, and after CBR staff member Jane Bullington explained that we want to educate students about abortion so they will make better decisions, he understood. John said he is a senior and he has seen GAP every year, so he finally asked us. Mrs. Bullington laughed and said, "You must be ready to graduate and get rid of us!" He laughed as well.

A mechanical engineering student approached CBR Project Manager Brad Martel, along with a pre-med student, asking, "What is your message here?" "Ralph" thought the preborn child is not sentient and is not even alive. As Mr. Martel explained facts demonstrating that the child is indeed alive, "Mary" jumped in with a bizarre claim: "Yes, but cancer is alive and you can kill it." Mr. Martel had to explain the difference to this misguided pre-med student. When they left, Ralph thanked Mr. Martel for the calm temper of their conversation.

Students are provided an opportunity to share their personal stories. Here are a few examples:

- "Jim" told Mrs. Bullington he has always been pro-life, but he doesn't trust women after a girlfriend tricked him by saying she was pregnant, then that she had a miscarriage, and finally that it was a joke! Mrs. Bullington talked to him about not having sex before marriage and dating women who also will wait. A novel suggestion to many students.
- A "transitioning" student told volunteer Patty how she was troubled as a teen girl and uncomfortable with bodily changes. Patty told her there is no one way to be a female, that God made her, loves her and has a plan for her, and that she is precious to Him. She thanked Patty for being kind. Seeds were planted.
- A campus ministry leader shared that doctors recommended his mom have an abortion out of medical necessity. Thankfully, she didn't listen, and he was born completely normal.
- "Evelyn" was seated in her wheelchair at GAP and was upset with the students who were mocking abortion and our pro-life stand. Evelyn was born only because her birth mother suffered much with her third abortion and decided to deliver her and place her for adoption. Praise God for Evelyn's life.

The campus newspaper published a fairly unbiased report on GAP. https://bit.ly/3PJj6ty The reporter interviewed Mrs. Levi and quoted her: "If people are going to support abortion, then it should at least be okay to show people the truth of what it is because the people who are doing abortions, like Planned Parenthood, are not showing them what it actually is."

We were blessed to not only have the CR student sponsorship (led by student Emma), but God also sent us other amazing students who were brave and willing to stand with us, including some from Turning Point USA.

# CBR-Finland Sets a New Precedent

The wife of our CBR-Finland director has been appointed as the official pro-life contact person of a Lutheran Church body. As far as CBR-Finland Director Mirko Brummer knows, Hanna's appointment is the first ever in Finland, at least for Protestants. The concept of a church having an official pro-life person has generated some attention which God is using for good. On New Year's Eve, the Brummers gave a presentation to teenagers using CBR photos and videos, and more engagements are being scheduled.

The impetus for Mirko and Hanna first getting involved in the fight against abortion was when Mirko took a trip to Israel in 1992 and he came across an Israeli pro-life organization. He brought home brochures containing aborted babies photos, and those photos broke their hearts. Read more about it here: https://bit.ly/4gbKcV4

*CBR-Spain displayed the beautiful prenatal photo signs on the Day of the Holy Innocents, December 28.*

# CBR-Spain Speaks Up for the Innocents

A public sign display was held by CBR-Spain on December 28, the Day of the Holy Innocents. They showed large prenatal photo signs in front of the La Rioja Government building. Director Jorge was pleased with the good volunteer turn-out, especially following a lengthy period of not conducting sign displays due to harsh COVID restrictions and volunteer attrition. As a result of the display, an important Catholic priest has offered his help. He used to travel around the world, so we trust his influence will cause growth in the influence of CBR-Spain. Pray that the priest and more volunteers will support CBR-Spain.
For further reading, select the English version here: https://bit.ly/4ha3g7l

**May God strengthen all of us as we do good for preborn children and their mothers.**

*"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."*
*II Thess. 3:13*

## Prayer Requests

- Blessings on all CBR volunteers around the US and the world
- Pray for pastors and priests to preach against abortion
- Students seeking to know the truth to find Christ

## Events

**Prenatal Signs**
Jan. 11 Glendale, AZ

**Urban Outreach**
Jan. 24 March for Life, Wash., D.C.

**Photo Trucks**
Weekly in Sarasota, FL
Dec. 29 Phoenix, AZ

**Sign Displays at Abortion Mills**
Weekly in Honolulu, Hawaii
Jan. 11 Planned Parenthood Mission Viejo, CA

**Speaking Engagements & Trainings**
Jan. 10 Bio-Ethics Class-Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide Mission Viejo, CA
Jan. 27 Sanctity of Life presentation to Speech & Debate team Irvine, CA

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*"Her birth mother suffered so much with her third abortion that she chose life for her."*

**Student at UTK**

*This display of CBR prenatal signs was on all four corners of an intersection in Glendale, AZ. A sign-spinner was on the job on another corner, and he shared with volunteer Camy how he had no rights when his girlfriend aborted their baby years ago.*

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