



Dear friends,

At the end of our street is a pond and small forest that our little family goes to at least once a week. Sometimes we simply walk through the forest; other times Nick and I sit by the water while our children play nearby. Last week, as Jonah and Elliot threw their pebbles into the pond, I couldn't help but notice the rings this caused, each creating another one. While starting to write the newsletter, my mind went back to this picture. Here's why.

Last month we shared amazing testimonies from the 2016 Florida GAP trip. Shortly afterward we realized once again that not only did it save lives and change minds on campus, it also impacted the volunteers. One of them was John Zekveld, a cousin to last year's intern Wilma. After seeing how CCBR's projects make a difference, he wanted to do the same in his area.



▲ Elliot The OAA group ▼



But he wasn't the only one. After one of Jonathon's speaking engagements, CCBR was approached by Susanna Guetter on behalf of Oxford Right to Life. Being so impressed by what Jonathon had shared, they wanted to receive training and start doing "Choice" Chain themselves!

That's why, when John started Oxford Against Abortion—a group that intends to do street outreach on a regular basis—there was immediately a large group of volunteers. Dozens of people showed up for the first workshop, where our speakers Kianna and Justina prepared them for dialogue. Several days later, the group did its first "Choice" Chain on the streets of Woodstock, Ontario... with **18** volunteers.

It started with Wilma, who inspired John, who came to GAP, who started OAA. Simultaneously, a CCBR presentation inspired Susanna, who spoke to her board, which organized another training. **Together**

they form a huge group of active pro-lifers. Imagine the impact each of them has while showing abortion imagery and speaking with passersby *and* the influence they each have on their family and friends!

I was privileged to witness something similar. Last year a young woman named Emily Black heard me speak at a conference after the March for Life in Ottawa. Having recently become president of Hanover Right to Life, she asked me to speak at their combined dinner with Walkerton Right to Life. When I showed up on April 14 of this year, more than 160 people were present.

Afterward, an elderly gentleman said, "We've been working hard for many years but this, **this is the strategy we need!**" Several others expressed interest in doing "Choice" Chain and a young priest asked what he could do to share this message.

It started with a presentation at the March, attended by Emily, who spoke with her board, which invited me to speak, which inspired well over 150 people. **Imagine the impact they'll all have!**

These and many other speaking engagements are so encouraging for our staff. It allows us to share about many of the fruits of CCBR's projects, connect with pro-lifers like yourself, and invite each to be part of this movement. That's why our fundraising director Yvonne and communications director Jonathon spoke well over **20** times in Alberta and BC this past month.

Around the same time, staffers Cameron, Rachel, Alex, and Caroline went out West to help with GAP at the University of British Columbia, together with previous interns Mark, Emily, Irene, and Janelle. It created a lot of discussion, media coverage and, most importantly, changed minds!

Cam, for instance, spoke with a student and asked, "If we're not willing to kill born children when their parents are struggling, why are we willing to kill pre-born children when their parents are struggling?" The young man replied, "**I have never thought of it that way before. You are completely right!**"

Pieter, during activism in the East, talked to a young woman who said she wasn't sure what to think of abortion. He asked if she believed in human rights, and if it wouldn't be more consistent to give human rights to all human beings. At the end of the conversation, Pieter asked her what she thought of abortion now. "**It's wrong,**" she replied.

Edward Everett Hale once said, "*I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything; but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.*"

We are so thankful that there are many pro-life youth who truly believe this. That's why, earlier this month, we could accept **24 young people to do CCBR's internship this summer.** And once again, it demonstrates the ripple effect one person can have.

Bas Sluimers, for instance, once went to a pro-life presentation by Sarah Maljaars (cousin of Jonathon and sister of previous intern Caleb). Convicted, Bas came on the Florida GAP trip, after which he applied for the high school internship. He writes:

"I believe that if I stand around watching injustice without doing something about it, I'm just as bad. It is my calling as one with a voice to give it to those who don't have one."

Not only will we have high school and university interns, but we'll also run our first-ever **Returning Internship.** Those who have worked for CCBR before and want to come back for another summer will receive additional training and learn to become team leaders themselves!

One of them is Sophia Vandersluis, who I had the privilege of meeting for the first time during a presentation at Redeemer University last year. She became a summer intern shortly afterward and we are thrilled she's returning this year. Sophia writes:

"Last summer was life-changing—not so much for me as a person, but with what I hope to do in the future after seeing how real and alarming the injustice of abortion. **I'm convicted, even more so than when I began my first internship, of the evil of abortion. I've seen the effectiveness of CCBR's projects and**

am overjoyed by the hearts and minds changed, and lives saved."

Bas and Sophia are two of two dozen young people committed to working long and hard hours this summer. Together, this team of pro-life youth will literally reach millions of Canadians with the truth about abortion.

Many of you have already donated to fund the 2016 internships. I am thrilled to report that, as a result, **19 out of 24 intern positions have been fully funded to-date.** We (and they!) are very grateful for your generosity toward this area of need.

For those of you who desire to give to a special project, we ask that you prayerfully consider this one. The current and future impact these interns have on our communities, universities, and churches is tremendous!

At \$5,000 per internship position, and five more positions that still require funding, **a total of \$25,000 is needed within the next month.** Here is a breakdown to show you how, with just 78 people, we can accomplish this goal:

Total Internship needs to-date: \$25,000			
2 people @	\$5,000	(1 intern position)	= \$10,000
5 people @	\$1,000	(20% of 1 position)	= \$5,000
6 people @	\$500	(10% of 1 position)	= \$3,000
10 people @	\$250	(5% of 1 position)	= \$2,500
35 people @	\$100	(2% of 1 position)	= \$3,500
20 people @	\$50	(1% of 1 position)	= \$1,000
78 people			\$ 25,000

Will you help us reach this goal by giving according to what God inclines your heart to give? We would love for you to be part of this—to **add your own ripple to an ever-increasing circle that continues to change our culture for the better!**

We thank you, our faithful support team, for your incredible generosity and continuous support of CCBR. Without you, our work would not be possible.

May the Lord continue to bless these efforts on behalf of pre-born children!

Warm regards,



Maaïke Rosendal