# You Have to See Firsthand

#### Training thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions...

### **Impact** Report

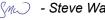


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As a freshman at the University of New Mexico (UNM), Julia Johnson-Jaramillo held strong prolife convictions, bolstered by her faith and her own scientific research. Living in New Mexico, a state some have called "the late-term abortion capital" of the country, she was also aware that many people around her were hurting and severely uninformed about abortion. But Julia didn't know what she could do to make a difference.

Julia knew about the Students For Life club at UNM, but she missed the training seminar that the club had invited JFA to lead for pro-life students that fall. Julia did attend the outreach event JFA held on her campus that week, however, mainly to observe. In this Impact Report, Julia shares how compelling it can be to witness a different kind of conversation about unintended pregnancy and abortion firsthand. It was these conversations that motivated her to share the truth about abortion with her peers and help women facing unintended pregnancies on her campus.

Have you ever experienced a JFA outreach event firsthand? If not, join us at any upcoming event (www.jfaweb.org/calendar) and feel free to simply watch and listen. If you can't make it in person, you can view a complete outreach conversation at www.jfaweb.org/csu-conversation right now! There's nothing quite like seeing these unique conversations unfold before your eyes.



Steve Wagner, Executive Director

...one person at a time

I first encountered Justice For All during my first semester on campus... It was the second day of outreach and I stopped by the display to listen to the conversations being had. I ended up staying for a couple of hours and witnessed

several dialogues about human value, rights, and the reality of abortion. What amazed me was just how effectively and calmly the Justice For All leaders and Students For Life students were able to speak on such a controversial topic.

Near the end of the day, a group of young men began to speak to each other about why they were pro-choice and were shocked when I, the only woman in the group of about seven men, said I was pro-life. I began to dialogue with them until



Julia (far left, with backpack) observes conversations at a 2017 JFA outreach event at UNM during her first semester on campus. The transparent barrel under the yellow sign contains fetal models representing the children killed by abortion in America during the days JFA was on campus.

about ten minutes went by when one of them began to yell at me for hurting women. It was then that a JFA leader stepped in to diffuse the situation and said something that made them all pause: "Look around...you all are so staunchly wanting to stand up for the rights of women, but you're doing it by yelling at the only woman in this group." I ended up speaking with a couple of the young men long after JFA had already taken down the display. It was then that I realized that it was this sort of outreach that was so necessary on our campus, and right then I joined Students for Life

UNM and became the Pregnant on Campus coordinator which allowed me to offer support and resources to pregnant and parenting students on campus.

Justice For All returned to UNM in fall of 2018 where I got to attend my first actual seminar with them. What inspired me was how they stressed the importance of valuing the life of the person you're speaking with enough to listen, ask questions, and to be calm, understanding, and kind, all while standing up for the dignity of the unborn. I strongly encourage our

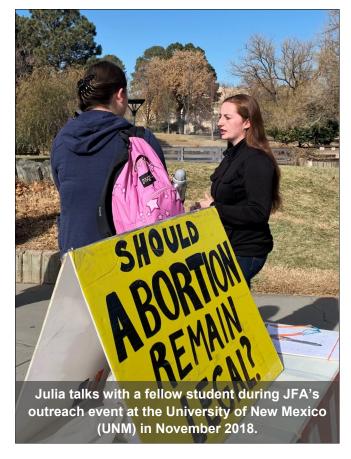
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group and community members to attend JFA's trainings because it made me feel like outreach was less about fighting with those who disagree with you in order to prove your point, and more about loving those people enough to take the time to speak to their hearts.

During the outreach days I had the chance to speak with a young man whose girlfriend had two abortions, at least one of them being his child. He at first was very much in support of abortion rights, but as we spoke, and after a couple of hours went by, he revealed just how much hurt and pain he and his girlfriend continue to endure due to the loss of their baby. The conversation began with an unshakable defense of their actions and ended with me giving him abortion healing resources and him thanking us for speaking to him.

Recently everything came full circle, and I was honored to have been named the new President of Students for Life UNM. I still give credit to Justice For All for being that push that changed my personal beliefs about being pro-life to a drive to share this reality with others. I am forever thankful for the work that they do, and we are looking forward to JFA's next visit to the UNM campus in March!

Julia Johnson-Jaramillo
President, UNM Students for Life



Watch a Full-Length JFA Outreach Conversation:

www.jfaweb.org/csu-conversation





## Loving Every Human Being with JFA

### Resource Bulletin — February 2019



PRAY FOR Conversations Pray for Recent and Upcoming Events (Partial List): "I am very proud of JFA's trainers who have been active recently leading workshops and outreach events completely on their own. We've listed below some of our recent and upcoming events to give you a sense of what's happening, but please see the calendar link below for a complete list with more specifics. Let's keep praying that God would use these events to change hearts and save lives!" - Steve Wagner, Executive Director

- Jan. 27-29 (South Dakota): Workshop & Outreach Events SDSU Paul Kulas
- Feb. 13-16 (Louisiana): Various Workshop & Outreach Events Grace Fontenot
- Feb. 23 (Wichita, KS): Outreach Event Wichita State Univ.
- Mar. 3-5 (Houston, TX): Seminar & Outreach Events Univ. of Houston
- Mar. 8-13 (Atlanta Area, GA): Seminars & Outreach near/at Kennesaw State Univ.
- Mar. 17-19 (Durango, CO): Seminar & Outreach Events with Master Plan Ministries
- Mar. 23-26 (Albuquerque, NM): Seminars & Outreach Events near/at UNM
- Mar. 31-Apr. 2 (Lawrence, KS): Seminar & Outreach Events near/at KU
- April (TBD): Seminars & Outreach Events in Colorado and Arizona
- February/March/April (KS, NE, OK, TX, NM, VA): More Individual Events Led by Tammy Cook, Rebecca Hotovy, Jon Wagner, Jeremy Gorr, and Steve Wagner

See More Recent and Upcoming Events, and Register to Attend: www.jfaweb.org/calendar

PREPARE FOR CONVERSATIONS

START CONVERSATIONS CO

Featured Resource for Equipping Yourself: JFA trainer Rebecca Hotovy talks with a student named Julia at Colorado State University (not the same student featured in our February Impact Report) in a video JFA just posted. Prepare for your own conversations by watching Rebecca share the Equal Rights Argument (Part 1), graciously challenge the idea that legalized abortion aligns with feminism (Part 2), ask key clarification questions related to women's rights and bodily autonomy (Part 3), and offer evidence for the biological humanity of the unborn (Part 4).

Watch the Full Conversation: www.jfaweb.org/csu-conversation

Featured Conversation Starter: Use the outreach video recently posted at the JFA blog ("Watch this Conversation") in order to start your own conversation in a natural way. (See the description of the video in the "Featured Resource" section above. The four video clips containing the dialogue play automatically via a playlist.) Why not share this footage with a friend and ask, "Have you ever been a part of a conversation about unintended pregnancy and abortion like this one?"

Share: <a href="www.twitter.com/7conversations">www.jfaweb.org/start-the-conversation</a>

What can I do to love every human involved in unwanted pregnancy?

#### About the *Loving Every Human Being with JFA* Resource Bulletin

Friends of JFA ask, "What can I do to love every human involved in unwanted pregnancy?" This resource bulletin offers some answers. Supporting JFA financially enables JFA's trainers and volunteers to create conversations that kindle affection for unborn children and their parents, but beyond that, you can PRAY for conversations the JFA community is creating, PREPARE for conversations, and START conversations.

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