



# CBR Victory at Phoenix Area Community Colleges

**O**ur goal to “reinvent the pro-life movement” continues to be realized. A recent victory for our regional office in Phoenix offers evidence that we are succeeding.

CBR-Arizona Director Jason Walsh recognized the vast number of community college students CBR could educate with the visual truth about abortion when he discovered there are ten Maricopa Community Colleges in the greater Phoenix area. Accordingly, on April 1, 2011, Jason and a crew of three volunteers were quietly distributing pro-life

**“I have got to share this. I’ve got to do something more than just think about it.”**

*(29-year-old woman, Tucson, AZ, December 11, 2011 visitor to CBR’s AbortionNO.org)*

literature on the campus of Phoenix College when a security guard told them they had to get permission from the Dean of Students. Jason was directed to Assistant Dean of Students Ms. Genesis Toole, who took a look at our literature, saw that it was anti-abortion, and denied our team permission to be on campus. She told Jason that our message would not “benefit” the students as some students and faculty have had abortions.

Jason quickly alerted CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham, who then enlisted our attorney friend Robert Muise of the Thomas More Law Center. Mr. Muise sent the college a May 9, 2011 letter which educated the administration about the First Amendment. His letter was a virtual treatise on Constitutional law. The college realized its free speech policies were problematic but failed to give us a satisfactory reply.

Jason then set November 10, 2011 as the date to come back to Phoenix College with pro-life literature, “permission” or no. He wrote the college legal counsel about the planned visit and asked for “needed clarification regarding my organization’s desire to distribute pro-life literature on the Phoenix College campus.” Jason

added: “Please know that we will abide by every law, but cannot submit to ad hoc restrictions and content-based discrimination that infringe upon our Constitutional right to freely visit an open campus.”

Phoenix College’s legal counsel replied that the college district was still working on policy changes, but advised: “In the interim, the college has agreed that you may distribute your literature on the sidewalk without charge so long as you

coordinate your visit in advance with the campus student life office.”

Jason and the volunteers went back to Phoenix College on November 10 and distributed pro-life literature. They captured video footage of students who agreed to give feedback. One freshman male told Jason, “I have mixed feelings. I think it’s a woman’s right, but then again, seeing that picture [abortion victim] kind of opened it up to me. I’ve never seen anything like that. It made me think a little more about it.” View the video interviews here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpMR38TX37k>

**CBR has taught Constitutional law to more university administrators, faculty and security personnel than anyone**

*Protestors from Emerson College held pro-abortion signs in an attempt to cover up our Genocide Awareness Project. CBR-Maine and CBR-Maryland teamed up to conduct GAP in the Boston Common, right across the street from liberal Emerson College. This is education about abortion outside the classroom! Many students engaged in discussions and took our brochures.*



*CBR-Arizona volunteers share the truth about abortion with students at Phoenix College on Nov. 10.*

**else in America. We have developed a model legal memo that we share with other pro-life activists who conduct free speech projects.** They give it to their lawyers to assist in defending their rights. Canadian and English barristers find the memo particularly helpful because of the similarities among our legal systems. Even in countries which claim to extend expressive rights to their citizens, the law is not consistently applied from community to community and there exists a never-ending need to educate local officials and take them to court when necessary.

We plan to continue to “test” the Phoenix area Maricopa Community Colleges by bringing “Choice” signs to campuses and before long, our entire Genocide Awareness Project. More victories are anticipated as we pave the way to access these campuses and many others in Arizona.

