

Warm Welcome for Truth Booth in Wood County

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The Truth Booth traveled to the Wood County Fair for the first time this August. Over the week, thirty-four volunteers manned the booth.

Several volunteers related inspirational stories. There was the young woman who got pregnant at 16 and decided to carry and parent her child despite a grandmother's advice to abort. She told us she was now going back to college. She introduced us to her lovely six year old who would be starting kindergarten this year. She acknowledged there were difficulties, but that she was so glad that she didn't abort. She bought

two "Choose Life" T-shirts, one for herself and for her child.

Then there was a woman who talked to a volunteer about her abortion years ago, which she regretted. She told how she still cries when she thinks of it. The volunteer listened and told of the programs available to women who are grieving after their abortions.

It was heartwarming to see families stop by the booth and explain to their children that the video showed how they grew in mommy's tummy.

We were pleasantly surprised by the number of teenagers, especially young women, who stopped at the

booth. Several asked if we take the booth to schools. Comments heard included, "The girls at school need to see this". We talked with parents and a few youth ministers about the SEAL program and gave them information on how to register for the SEAL Team Boot Camp. We almost emptied out the booth. We gave away all the hand-out packets by Saturday night.

A few volunteers were a bit concerned before the Fair that they might encounter conflict and not be prepared to respond. However, they found just the opposite. They were invigorated and encouraged by the pro-life conversations. On leaving



after her shift, one of these cautious volunteers waved and said, "I'll do it again next year."