

KRISTINA TWITTY'S STORY . . .



As a 23-year-old with only 1.5 years in Washington, D.C., I was hired by Phyllis Schlafly to lead the charge on Education Policy for Eagle Forum during the 2000 Presidential Campaign. Additionally, I served as the Director of Eagle Forum Collegians and was responsible for managing the organization's D.C. Internship Program, the college newsletter and the Eagle Forum Collegians Leadership Summit on the Hill. I also traveled with Phyllis when she spoke on college campuses.

Phyllis left a lasting impression on my political life just as she did for many others in my generation. Working for Eagle Forum in Washington, D.C. gave me an opportunity at a very young age to be involved in critical pieces of legislation and policy discussions as well as engage with hundreds of college students across the country, some of whom I am still in touch with.

Eagle Forum's commitment to conservative principles across all political spectrums gave me much more than just a surface understanding of so many policy issues which affect the culture of our country. The State Leaders I got to know continued to impact my life in deeply positive ways long after I left Washington. The Eagle Forum women who built their state organizations, stayed informed, active and engaged in the process are my heroes.

Living in St. Louis from 2005-2009 gave me an opportunity to stay connected with many of my "2nd mothers" through Eagle Council and the Education Policy Conference. We all learned a lot from Phyllis. Most importantly, I learned to be the best I could be, by reading policy for myself and establishing a broad network of relationships with like-minded people and organizations.

Now as the Founder of my own pro-life organization, I'm realizing more and more that Eagle Forum played a huge role in shaping my leadership and strategic planning skills. To be entrusted with such a huge responsibility in my early 20's has helped me hand that same kind of responsibility and trust to my own staff, almost 20 years later, involving them in the details and processes of growing something new.

Phyllis was insistent on excellence, and preparation. She challenged me to speak with boldness, humility, and confidence - and for that I am eternally grateful.

Kristina Twitty is the Founder of Alliance of Life Advocates, Inc and Lobbyists for Life, LLC. One of the leading advocates for Life in Georgia, Kristina believes that each life is a precious gift and that each of us has a sphere of influence to promote life together. She served as Eagle Forum's Education Policy Analyst and Director of Eagle Forum Collegians from May 2001-August of 2003.