

*From the Heart of the Director**One heart at a time...one life at a time*

With each newsletter, I am reminded of God's faithfulness to us through the support and encouragement that you, our readers, give us. It is both humbling and awe-inspiring to see how God uses His people in different ways to bring about His plans and purposes through Crossroads Pregnancy Center. Because of your help, prayers, and gracious support, we can share stories like "A Father's Love." Thank you.

This month we celebrate Father's Day. God, our Heavenly Father, in His divine wisdom, commanded fathers to love, lead, instruct, discipline, provide and protect their children. Fathers have significant influence on their children, not only during the first eighteen years of child raising, but also when their child is growing in the womb of the mother.

The following story is about Kelly and Kent (*not their real names*) who recently visited the Center.

"A Father's Love"

It was Friday morning. Kelly called us and asked if she could come in for a pregnancy test. She explained she did not live in the area and the place she originally contacted for a pregnancy test was closed. Kelly and Kent arrived at the Center shortly thereafter.

We first met with Kelly. Anxious and nervous about the possibility of being pregnant, she had many fears about not being able to handle another child and felt lost and confused about whether to parent, adopt or abort her baby. As we explored her options, she shared about her relationships, family support, and faith. As a Christian, Kelly was open to hear from God's Word about the sanctity of life and she admitted she had never considered God's view of abortion before. Remaining overwhelmed, she was still leaning towards abortion. When we looked at fetal development and reviewed the abortion procedures, she looked up and said, "I can't do that."

Her three options were now reduced to two: parenting or adoption. Kelly sincerely felt that adoption was the better option in their situation.

At this point, we invited Kent to join us as she administered the pregnancy test. When the test revealed a positive reading, Kelly asked if we could explain the plan of adoption to Kent. Kent told us that he wanted to parent their child and encouraged Kelly that they could do this. He also expressed his strong desire to be a father again and reassured Kelly that everything would be okay.

Kent's unwavering desire to love, protect and provide for his unborn was on display. What a blessing it was to witness the courage and compassion of this father advocating to parent his unborn baby. May God encourage and empower fathers like Kent to embrace their role of fatherhood!

When a woman receives the support and encouragement from the father of the baby, there is a much greater chance she will carry her baby to term. We are thrilled that Kent and Kelly will be celebrating this Father's Day with joy knowing that baby #3 is on the way and will soon join their growing family. To God be all the glory!

Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. [Psa 127:3]

Kathryn Enloe
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Happy Father's Day





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The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. (Prov. 23:24)

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Donations Accepted: Mon, Wed & Thurs (9:30-3:00 pm); Tues. (11-5:00 pm); Friday (9:30-12:30 pm)

Changing Babies

As our **Changing Babies Fundraiser** campaign comes to a close on Father's Day, we want to thank all of you who participated this year. As the bottles are returned and processed, we want to thank **FAST Federal Credit Union**, for graciously allowing us to use your coin counting machine at no cost. This is a blessing as it saves us many hours of coin rolling!



Client Advocate Volunteer Training ~ August



Has it been on your heart to encourage and teach younger women (*Titus 2:4-5*) through the wisdom and compassion you have received from God in your walk with Him? If you answered yes, we would love to have you! We're planning a client advocate training in August (dates TBD). If you're interested, please contact us. Volunteer applications may be printed from our website <https://www.crossroadscpc.com/volunteer/> If you prefer to have one mailed to you, give us a call at 583-1900 or email contact@crossroadscpc.com.

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