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# Life Net

Sharing the Life...that gives life!

## CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

From the Heart of the Director

One heart at a time...one life at a time

### VICTORY! Free Speech for All Americans!

In a narrow 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled **IN FAVOR** of the National Institute of Family Life Advocates (NIFLA) in the case "*NIFLA, et al., vs. Becerra, Attorney General of California, et al.*," protecting freedom of speech for pregnancy care centers. This case addressed the implications and constitutionality of The California Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act (FACT Act), which was enacted to regulate crisis pregnancy centers—pro-life centers that offer pregnancy-related services. The FACT Act required clinics that primarily serve pregnant women to provide certain notices of where to obtain an abortion. The High Court sided with NIFLA who argued that government-compelled speech specifically targeting pregnancy care centers was unconstitutional. As a result, NIFLA reported that "this matter will be sent back to the federal district court for the issuance of an injunction." You can read The Supreme Court's opinion here: [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/16-1140\\_5368.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/16-1140_5368.pdf)



Justice Kennedy wrote in his concurring opinion, in part: "*It does appear that viewpoint discrimination is inherent in the design and structure of this Act. This law is a paradigmatic example of the serious threat presented when government seeks to impose its own message in the place of individual speech, thought, and expression. For here the State requires primarily pro-life pregnancy centers to promote the State's own preferred message advertising abortions. This compels individuals to contradict their most deeply held beliefs, beliefs grounded in basic philosophical, ethical, or religious precepts, or all of these. And the history of the Act's passage and its underinclusive application suggest a real possibility that these individuals were targeted because of their beliefs. The California Legislature included in its official history the congratulatory statement that the Act was part of California's legacy of 'forward thinking.'...But it is not forward thinking to force individuals to 'be an instrument for fostering public adherence to an ideological point of view [they] find unacceptable.'* *Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 U. S. 705, 715 (1977). It is forward thinking to begin by reading the First Amendment as ratified in 1791; to understand the history of authoritarian government as the Founders then knew it; to confirm that history since then shows how relentless authoritarian regimes are in their attempts to stifle free speech; and to carry those lessons onward as we seek to preserve and teach the necessity of freedom of speech for the generations to come. Governments must not be allowed to force persons to express a message contrary to their deepest convictions. Freedom of speech secures freedom of thought and belief. This law imperils those liberties."

Succinctly brilliant!

We join hundreds of pregnancy care centers in thanking God for the favor of the Supreme Court. By His grace, He upholds us as we continue to serve our clients with life-affirming options regarding pregnancy decisions.

*"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41:10

To God be all the glory!

Kathryn Enloe, Director

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER  
*Walk & 5k Run*  
SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

**Walk/Run for Life 2018** at Freedom Park in Hanford. Please plan to join us as we walk or run under the banner of "*Life, Liberty & Happiness!*"—and how appropriate is our theme in light of the Supreme Court decision! Walk Pledge forms will be available at churches and here at the Center soon, so start thinking about who you will ask to sponsor you this year!

Preparations have begun and we will be needing many volunteers. Would you: Be a liaison for your church? Help sell t-shirts? Blow up balloons? Man a water station? No job is too small!

If you can help in any way, please contact us at 583-1900 or email: [contact@crossroadscpc.com](mailto:contact@crossroadscpc.com).



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**Center Life:** *"not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;" (Rom. 12:11)*

**Main Street Hanford Market:** Despite the record-breaking streak of July heat, (and a few cancelled events) we remain eager to participate and join vendors at *Main Street Hanford* on Thursday nights. Our bi-weekly attendance is a great way to meet people and talk with those who stop by our table. If you're out and about the Market Place and would like to join us, bring a lawn chair or stop by and say "Hi!" We'd love to see you!

**Center Donations:** *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)*

A special thank you to **Scott Barstow and Gina Hernandez** for your donations of clothing, diapers, and various baby items for *The Mom Store*. A few additional items that we could use are **Diapers (Sizes 4 and 6) and 3T girls summer clothing**.

**Center Campaign:** *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." Psalm 127:3*

**Changing Babies:** Total giving for 2018 was over \$10,000.00! Many thanks to YOU and the following churches for participating in the Changing Babies baby bottle fundraiser this year: **Amazing Grace Fellowship, Calvary Chapel, Calvary Christian Center, First Baptist Hanford, First Christian Reformed, First Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Glad Tidings, Grace Baptist Lemoore, Grace Bible Church, Koinonia Church, Lakeside Community, Lemoore Nazarene, Lifeway Church Lemoore, Seventh Day Adventist, South Valley Community, and St. Brigid/St. Rose McCarthy**. We also wish to thank **Renewed Thrift Store, Kings Christian Thrift Store, Hofmans Nursery** for their special contributions, and **FAST Credit Union** for allowing us to use their coin counter.



*Deliver those who are being taken away to death,  
And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh  
hold them back. If you say, "See, we did not know  
this," Does He not consider it who weighs the  
hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your  
soul? And will He not render to man according to  
his work? (Proverbs 24:11-12)*

