

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

## *The Rest of the Story*

"Tess" (not her real name) called the Center one afternoon intending to abort and asked if we offered the abortion pill (RU-486). We explained our services and told her we had information about abortion procedures and their risks, but we did not refer or provide the abortion pill. We invited her to come in to review information about the abortion pill. She agreed and we scheduled an appointment for the next day.

When Tess didn't show up for her appointment, our hearts sank. Although it's not unusual to have no show appointments like these, we prayed for Tess entrusting her to the Lord with the hope that she would find the information she was looking for before making a final decision.

The following day, Tess surprised us when she walked into the Center and asked for an appointment. She told us she had had an appointment the previous day but chose not to come in because she still wasn't sure of her decision. But that day, she had made up her mind and wanted information about the abortion pill because she believed abortion was her only option.

Even though she was normally against abortion, Tess had never been in this particular situation before and was overwhelmed with everything happening in her life. We listened. We reviewed information about the abortion pill, shared with her the hope of the Gospel, encouraged her that despite her circumstances, God can be trusted in all things, and prayed with her. Regardless of her decision, we told Tess that if she finds her abortion affects her more than she realizes, we were here to help her.

When we followed up with Tess a few days later, we asked her how she was doing and if she had proceeded with her abortion plan. She replied, "I didn't do it." "Tess, what was your decision?" She said, "I decided to keep my baby. I went to my appointment and when I began to hear what the doctor was saying, I just couldn't do it, so I got up and left."

Joy, thanksgiving and amazement were just a few emotions that flooded our hearts that day! We rejoiced, prayed and thanked the Lord for stirring Tess's heart for the life of her unborn baby and for the sweet blessing He gave us...a glimpse into "the rest of the story" of seeing the Lord's continued pursuit of Tess after she left the Center.

This is hope. This is encouragement. And this is why we are here.

Thank you for supporting this ministry. It's through your generosity and prayers that we are here for women like Tess.

Kathryn Enloe, Director

*"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.... Amen." Eph. 3:20-21"*



Barbara Beauchamp and Susan Bringard

## *A Surprise Visit!*

**Susan Bringard**, a long time friend and supporter of the ministry, surprised us when she dropped in during a recent trip to California. After visiting awhile, Susan and Barb went to work in *The Mom Store* while reminiscing the years when Susan's husband, Paul, served on the Board. We loved seeing you, Susan, and look forward to your next visit!

*A friend loves at all times...(Prov. 17:17)*



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for the 5K Run can go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Hanford/CPCWalkforLife>. If you have any questions, please contact us at 583-1900 or email: [contact@crossroadscpc.com](mailto:contact@crossroadscpc.com).

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**Volunteer Spotlight: Debbie Bay**

*Trustworthy, funny, caring, and beloved* are just a few words that describe Debbie Bay. Debbie has volunteered her time as a mentor mom since the summer of 2017 and has found it a "joy," not only because of the ministry's mission, but also because of the client she has been privileged to serve for the past seven months. Debbie, her husband, Kevin, and daughter, Brenna, (a senior in high school and Mom Store volunteer) recently moved to Texas to be closer to their parents.



L-R: Liz, Debbie, Sharon & Tammy

Kevin retired from the state after twenty-two years of service and their two older sons, Ethan and Connor, are working and living on their own. Debbie's father is a retired pastor and she grew up in a home where Christ was loved and honored and has continued that legacy in her own family. Debbie continually proclaims the goodness and faithfulness of Christ in her life. Her lips continually praise Him. Debbie and Brenna are missed deeply; but we rejoice with them as the Lord leads them in this new chapter of life as Texans! Debbie's favorite verse: *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Rom 8:28)* Thank you, Debbie and Brenna, for blessing the Center and our clients with your time, talent, and treasure.

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: pour into the lives of the students. Please pray for them and for opportunities for us to bring Center :  
: awareness to school campuses. :  
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