

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

From the Heart of the Director

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

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

“I just don’t know what to do” is a common phrase we often hear from our clients when they are faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Mark (not his real name) contacted us recently through our 24-hour helpline asking for information about abortions. His girlfriend had taken a home pregnancy test that morning which revealed a positive result and they wanted to be “steered in the right direction for an abortion.” Our client advocate told him that while we don’t refer for or recommend abortion, we would be happy to meet them at the Center to talk about abortion procedures. They agreed to come in. Mark arrived with his girlfriend, Candice (not her real name); both were nervous and anxious about what they had just learned that morning. We invited Candice upstairs while Mark waited patiently in the lobby.

Candice expressed her fears and concerns—her reasons justifying the need to abort her baby. It quickly became clear there was an internal war going on between her mind, emotions and conscience that was reflected in statements like “I just don’t know what to do,” “I just can’t have this baby,” “I don’t know how I can live with myself if I abort,” “I don’t think I can kill it,” “I just don’t see any other option,” “If I choose adoption, I’ll end up keeping the baby,” and “I want a baby, just not now.” After talking through her fears and concerns, we picked up the *Before You Decide* booklets and reviewed each page, discussing topics of pregnancy, adoption, fetal development, various forms of medical and surgical abortions, their long-term risks, and the emotional, relational, and spiritual impacts of abortion. This led to a conversation about Candice’s beliefs and ultimately sharing the Gospel and God’s love for her and her baby. After taking the pregnancy test and hearing that it was positive, our client advocate asked, “What are you thinking, Candice?” She paused...then replied, “I know I can do this. It might be hard, but I’m going to keep my baby. Thank you.” When Mark was invited upstairs, it was remarkable to see his bewildered excitement (and shock) after hearing the words “You are a Dad,” and the news that abortion was no longer an option. ***Thanksgiving*** and praise continue to fill our hearts and lips for God’s divine intervention in that counsel room. The Lord cleared the fog of confusion that gripped Candice’s mind and heart, filled her with hope, and affirmed her love and desire for her unborn.

To God be all the glory!

Kathryn Enloe, Director

A dear friend of the Center, **Glenn Stanberry**, wrote this beautiful poem, “In the Crossroads” for us. Glenn beautifully captures the essence of the life of the unborn. He wrote this for the “express purpose of reminding the readers that the life within a pregnant woman is incredibly precious and full of potential, not to be thrown away as nothing.” We couldn’t agree more. **Thank you, Glenn**, for your compassionate heart for the lives of God’s most precious gifts... the unborn.

In the Crossroads

*Deep in the dark and warm womb,
The spark of life begins to bloom.
The heart beats with a desire to live,
Yearning for all that it may give:
Pulsing heart, kicking legs, reaching hands,
Seeking the light of promised lands.
Who can hold such potential?
It can never be nonessential.*

Glenn Stanberry

We give thanks for...

...the privilege of serving the Lord at the Center each day
...the fellowship of believers who make up our staff and volunteers
...the freedom to pray and share God’s word together and with our clients
...those needy in body, mind, and spirit whom the Lord sends to us
...God the Son, the Wonderful Counselor, who guides and teaches us by His Holy Spirit; He knows the heart of every client
...our family members who champion our involvement at the Center
...all of you who take the time to read this newsletter
...all the individuals and churches who send support through their kind gifts
...our Board of Directors who faithfully pray and lead the way
...our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of Life to whom this ministry belongs



For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. Psalm 139:13-14





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"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)

With Thanksgiving: Every donation is a special gift to the Center! The Mom Store is looking festive for the Holidays! Thank you **Barbara Beauchamp** and **Pat Keverline** for making it beautiful! Fall colors, snuggly clothing, hats, and blankets adorn its space. Many thanks to those who recently gave: **Chantel Cobine, Heather Crane, Regina Hernandez, Jessica Machado, and Ella Schales.** They have blessed the Center with baby clothing, diapers, toys, bouncer, and baby food.

Center Needs: Baby Toiletries



L-R: Rebekah Stanfield, Heather Roeber, Kayla Kuehl, and Sarah Anderson

First Baptist Hanford: Mom's SOS

It was a wonderful surprise to be visited by these lovely ladies from First Baptist Hanford's *Mom's SOS* Bible study group. Not only did they bring their beautiful kids, but also came carrying items and for our Mom Store. These consisted of body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and Starbucks gift cards for Moms and Dads as well as a bundle of baby bath towels. Thank you ladies for visiting us and blessing the Center with your gracious gifts.

Friends of CPC: We are pleased to announce that we have a new Facebook and Instagram page for friends and supporters of Crossroads. Just search **Friends of CPC** on Facebook and Instagram and follow us for updates on Center events, needs, and volunteer opportunities.



Year End Giving: Some donors like to make charitable donations toward the end of the year. For your donation to be eligible for a 2018 tax-deduction, it must be received in our office or postmarked by **December 31**. Donations can be made in the form of cash or check, or online at crossroadscpc.com. And remember to find us at smile.amazon.com as another easy way to support the Center.

Correction: Last month, we mentioned that AB-320 was vetoed by Governor Brown. It should have been SB-320.