

# PREGNANCY CARE CENTER LIFE CARE NEWSLETTER

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## SPIRITUAL HEALING

BY CATHERINE SKEBA, PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT

The patient sat before me, once again feeling used and mistreated by her past boyfriend. Only now, she may be pregnant. “I can’t believe this is happening again!” she stated. She had professed her love for God at her previous appointment and the reality was setting in that she may have compromised her beliefs by her actions.

Something within me reached into her world, and a love for her followed. She was broken, afraid, and abortion-vulnerable. I knew I needed to do more

than just support her during her ultrasound appointment. So, I offered her ongoing mentoring for the spiritual and emotional side of her life. She accepted and I will soon be meeting with her. I look forward to what the Lord will do in her life. **She needs to fully know the love and forgiveness of Jesus and receive restoration.** I am thankful that ministry to the total person is encouraged and suggested here at Pregnancy Care Center. Thank you, supporters, for making this happen.

# FINDING HER COURAGE - SEEING HER WORTH

A PATIENT STORY BY JOANNA RINESS,  
PATIENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

The night \*Olivia saw her pregnancy test show positive; her heart sank. Her love-life had been a string of toxic relationships where physical and verbal abuse were the norm, and most of the friendships she had formed were laced in manipulation and selfishness. Parties and heavy drinking had become her only escape and one such party ended in a one-night stand with a man she never intended to form a relationship with.

When she contacted the father, he demanded she get an abortion – never even asking what she wanted for herself. To her own surprise, she found herself hesitating and decided to get all the information she could before making her final decision. She knew that once her decision was made, she could not turn back.

**The moment she saw her baby moving and squirming on the ultrasound, a fierce love came over her** and she began to feel something both foreign and beautiful... hope.

On that day, something within her changed. For the first time in her life, Olivia found herself wanting more. She wanted more out of life, more from her so-called friends, and more from men who had never valued her. It occurred to her that her daughter would be watching her, and mimicking what she saw. How could she expect her daughter to have healthy relationships, and friendships in which she was valued and treated with respect, if she never modeled that in her own life? This reality hit like a freight train, and slowly she began to change everything. **“I am trying to become the woman I want my daughter to be, and have only relationships that I would be proud for her to have.”**

When Olivia came to Pregnancy Care Center, we spoke to her of her own value and potential. We reminded her that she is enough – she is strong and smart enough to not only survive motherhood, but to succeed and thrive. She could still get an education and chase her dreams. She could show her daughter that women are courageous and capable, and with God’s help, they can achieve whatever they set their minds to.



**When she left our clinic, Olivia felt a purpose and worth that she had never felt before.** She felt confidence, knowing that she would not be on this journey alone – we were able to inform her of the tremendous amount of resources and support she had from us and so many amazing organizations in our community.

It is stories like this, that make us extra grateful for our amazing givers, who sacrifice so much so that we can meet the needs of patients like Olivia.

**We hope to inspire our patients to make all of their decisions with courage and confidence, rather than out of fear or desperation.** The transformation that we see our patients go through is truly astounding. Women and men who walk through our doors feeling trapped and hopeless, leave feeling empowered and capable of greatness, through the power of our great God.

**“The Patient Care Assistant was very helpful and kind. Very encouraging and understanding. She made me feel very comfortable and empowered. She gave me a lot of resources that I was not aware of.” - \*Olivia**

# PREGNANCY CARE CENTER OUT IN THE COMMUNITY:

## ➔ Baby Bottle Boomerang



We have had an overwhelming response to our BBB fundraiser this year! We are thanking God for you, our faithful supporters, for raising, as of October

first, well over \$40,000 with bottles continuing to trickle in! Your participation in this fundraiser will and has already directly impacted moms and dads in our community to make life-affirming decisions for their unborn. Thank you for being so faithful to our ministry!

## ➔ Praising God for Knights of Columbus Council 13958



We are praising God for the amazing men that are the Knights of Columbus. They have faithfully supported us, prayed for us and encouraged us. They are generous, kind,

and passionate for God and His ministries. Many people live today, due to the generosity of these men. The Knights held a golfing event to raise funding for PCC and we were so blessed to be presented with a precious gift of \$1,655 in August. Thank you so much for your continued support, Knights! You are world changers!

## ➔ Bible Baptist Ministry Fair



We were excited to be graciously invited to Bible Baptist's "Fun Fest"! Families in the community had a blast, while individuals were able to learn

about us at our PCC table. Thank you to Bible Baptist for hosting this wonderful event!



## MEN BEING SERVED AND ENCOURAGED THROUGH PCC

**This year, January through October, more than 80 men came to PCC** with the mother of their unborn child, or alone, needing services for children in their care. This is a direct result of our clinic purposefully reaching out to men as we promote abundant life through the fatherhood initiative. Watch for new and exciting advances in our men's ministry coming soon. Below is a true story about one of the men who received unconditional love and support through PCC: A young father came into our center after unexpectedly receiving custody of his young child. We had the opportunity to meet with him one-on-one and point out

to him his strengths and capabilities - reminding him of all the things he was doing right.

When we brought out the bags with supplies for his child, he burst into tears as he said, "thank you" over and over. He left with his head held high and feeling confident in his ability to be a strong leader and parent.

God bestows both Motherhood AND Fatherhood. We seek to help these Fathers find their courage. Here is an actual quote from his exit interview:

**"You guys are a Godsend; I was scared I wasn't ready or prepared."**

## VERY ABORTION-MINDED

BY SANDY MOON RDMS  
CLINIC DIRECTOR & SONOGRAPHER

Recently, a woman came into our office who was strongly considering abortion. She had been sexually active with several men and felt that if the father of the baby was a particular partner, she would carry to term. But, if the other man had fathered the child, she would choose abortion. I am unsure if the patient had completely processed the reality that, in her way of thinking, the timing of conception determined whether the child lived or died.

When we performed the ultrasound, the mom was faced with the reality that she was carrying a small person inside of her womb. She also had to come to terms with the gravity of her decision and its effect on her life and that of her unborn child. By the time we finished her sonogram she was wanting to see more of her child. Since she was only 4 or 5 weeks along we could only see limited features on the monitor. So, we scheduled a follow-up appointment at which she was able to see her 7 week old baby in much more detail. When she saw her baby's heart beating she said, "oh my gosh, that's in me?" She became excited and said, "no matter who the father is, I'm going to keep this baby." She went on to give the baby an endearing nickname. The details of this patient's life-style may seem foreign to some of our readers. I can only imagine what has transpired in the woman's life to bring her to such a place for her to choose to be sexually active with multiple partners...

Please continue this incredible story on the back cover →



"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE

ENDURES FOREVER."

1 Chronicles 16:34

## DO YOU FEEL LED TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY?

Through the love of Christ, and through your generous donations, we are able to reach out and serve the women and men like those in the true stories laid out in this newsletter. We believe that every good and perfect gift comes from above and therefore promise to uphold your prayerfully considered gift with the utmost respect.

Please visit [FRIENDSOFPC.ORG/TAKE-ACTION](https://www.friendsfpc.org/take-action) to donate now and actively make a change in the lives of those in our community.

### Continued from "Very Abortion-Minded" story..

Pregnancy Care Center does not condone these choices, but neither do we condemn our patients! Our approach is one of "providing the truth with love, professional care and the Word of God" in order to offer hope to at risk people. The entire Pregnancy Care Center team prays for every single person that comes through our front door. If we didn't have God, His Son and Holy Spirit on our side it would seem hopeless. By standing with PCC you are participating with us right here on the front lines. Please continue to lift us and our patients up in prayer. Pray for the restoration of the family, a revival in our culture and for those caught in the incredible situations that put them in unplanned pregnancy situations.

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