

May — August 2020
NEWSLETTER



PREGNANCY

Care Center

OF CATAWBA VALLEY

A young woman came to the Pregnancy Care Center in her third trimester with her first pregnancy. She was receiving prenatal care and interested in classes through the Center. She stated she and the father of the baby were excited and they had strong family support. This soon-to-be mom attended church and believed in God but stated she had never trusted Christ. After further discussion she asked Christ to be her Savior and Lord. What a joy and privilege to serve the Lord in this place and to share the sanctity of every life and the Good News of new life in Christ.



Recently, a client arrived at the Pregnancy Care Center upset about her positive home pregnancy test. She had taken the morning after pill twice hoping to prevent an unplanned pregnancy. She was fearful of having a baby with special needs. Agreeing to an ultrasound, she viewed her developing baby with a strong heart beat. With further discussion, this woman reiterated her decision to have an abortion. However, after reviewing information and seeing the ultrasound, she chose LIFE. The following week when her client advocate called, the client revealed that she planned to carry the pregnancy and either parent or place for adoption. She made her first prenatal appointment. We rejoice over this life and will continue to offer mom support. What a privilege to serve in this place that affirms the sanctity of life!





Watching God Move

For the last year I have heard the staff say:

"We have outgrown this building."

"Don't schedule anymore clients today, we're full."

"There isn't anywhere we can put these donated items."

My response has been, "God has the plan."



The staff and volunteers know when I see items in the hall, my words are, "Just spread it out throughout the building, put it under the stairwell, behind that sofa. It will be gone soon and the lobby needs to look nice for our clients."

Then I hear Kim say, "There is a client needing that baby cradle," or Kaye states, "I have a client who is looking for a swing, her baby has the colic," and so on... And then there is Elijah, Male Client Advocate, whose office is in our classroom; so, every time we have a class, he moves to somewhere else in the building. Yes, we need more room to carry on this vital ministry.

God has the plan and He is on the move! Trust in His timing.

1. Last fall I was awakened around 2 or 3 am for several weeks -understanding that God was saying, "I can't get you during the day so give me some time now." Remember Martha in Luke 10: 38-41? At that time, I was doing busy work but not spending time at my Savior's feet. What precious time - a quiet house with no noise (There are 6 in our household.) and just that special time for a conversation with my God, reading His Word, and time in prayer. I quickly realized something was on the horizon but what was that "something"?
2. Board Member Kim Walters stopped by one day, and I shared my experience. She was so excited! Both of us know that God has been faithful to this ministry and that whatever He was doing would be good! In the beginning of 2020, Kim shared with the Board what we had discussed and asked that they pray for the Pregnancy Care Center and that His will would be done.
3. A blessing for the ministry- a large gift/estate donation from a precious lady who loved the Pregnancy Care Center ministry is given to the PCC. What a wonderful, unexpected surprise!
4. Covid-19 hits! It never crossed my mind that I would be leading the Pregnancy Care Center during a pandemic. Are pregnant women at an increased risk? How do we reduce the risk to our families, staff and volunteers? Can we operate our medical clinic safely? Where do we get the PPE and can we see more than one client at a time? Do we cancel our fundraiser banquet? Will gifts to support the Center come in? We began to see struggling families needing diapers and other baby supplies. They were also in need of someone to listen to their fears. We immediately started seeking guidance from God and listening to other professionals to help make the right decisions for our Center. Through God's grace, we take one day at a time, trusting Him and meeting the needs of our families.



5. Fifty chairs were donated to the Center by Corinth Reformed Church in June of this year. Due to space limitations, some of the chairs were picked up and stored for us by Highways to Hedges. The Body of Christ works together!

6. Nancy Pressly, dear long-term volunteer came in on a July Tuesday morning telling us, "I had a dream recently that I and others were doing a happy dance in the hallway at the PCC, something good is going to happen but I don't know what it is." We shared with Nancy that there was a possibility we may be moving but would know more later.

Covid-19 is still here. Pregnancy Care Center is trusting God through it all!

Volunteer Nancy shared a scripture with us:

'Enlarge the site of your tent (to make room for more children);
Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not spare them;
Lengthen your tent ropes and make your pegs (stakes) firm (in the ground).
For you will spread out to the right and to the left.' Isaiah 54:2-3a (AMP)

After choosing a building for a possible move the Board discussed pro's and con's of staying or moving. It was a difficult decision because the people involved in the proposed building, were extremely kind to us. However, after discussion and prayer the Board decided to stay at our present location and look at other options.

What a year thus far. But God is not finished, and we continue with the mission He has given us. God is still moving and He is using his amazing people like you to help save lives both physically and eternally. Will we move? Will we expand this building? God knows the plan! His timing is perfect.

Many of you have been a part of the PCC since I began in December 2004 and some much longer. Thank you for your steadfast partnership in all we do. Please pray for this ministry and remember we need your continued faithful support in the Lord's work.

In His Service,

Renee Bentley

Executive Director





Donations provide a vital part of the assistance we offer to the women and families in our community. Thank you to those who have generously given baby items for our families and to provide for our Little Lambs Boutique. The **Jackson's Diaper Drive** provided needed diapers and wipes during the COVID-19 shelter at home.

- **Gateway Baptist Women's Group**
- **Sherrills Ford Lion's Club**
- **Gutter Pro**
- **BB&T Main Hickory**
- **Carole Reising**
- **Harmony Baptist Church**
- **Viewmont Baptist Church**
- **The Chapel Church**
- **His Kids Consignment**
- **First United Methodist Church/MOPS of Hickory**

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you ..." Philippians 1:3



All Client Visits: **954**
 New Client Visits: **277**
 Male Client Visits: **18**
 Ultrasounds: **50**
 Layettes Given: **27**
 Material & Emergency Assistance: **593**

11 BABIE'S LIVES
SAVED

8 DECISIONS FOR
CHRIST

"Whether it is an unplanned pregnancy, the pain of a past decision, or the hurt of a relationship gone wrong, there is an answer in the hope of Jesus Christ. That is why we are here and why we serve."

"Prayer does not fit us for the Greater Work : Prayer is the Greater Work." Oswald Chambers

The Pregnancy Care Center appreciates the prayers of God's people.

A special Thank You to the Dorcas Ladies of Christ Alive Church for dropping off handmade afghans and for praying on-site for the Center. Continue to pray that the Lord keeps a hedge of protection around the Center and for the safety and health for our families. Please come anytime, whether during Center hours or not, and pray for the women and families in our community, the work of the

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16 NKJV



Estrella Walker heard about the Pregnancy Care Center at a ladies event at her church several years ago. She is married and has 2 daughters, ages 32 and 21. Estrella is fluent in Spanish, having been born in Columbia, South America and came to the United States twelve years ago. With a heart and passion for women and children, especially single mothers, she knew about the work of the Center but was unsure how to be involved

"I know God has a purpose for me. I love all the Pregnancy Care Center does for women and the support they give to mothers, including single mothers. I want to be a part of the caring done here to fulfill my purpose and calling as a Christ follower."

This precious volunteer was willing to do anything to support the work. Estrella has filed, labeled, sorted clothing, and assisted in so many ways with a loving heart. With understanding more about the Center, the Lord gave her a desire to help the Spanish speaking women and families we serve. She began training as a Hispanic Client Advocate in January. This training was interrupted by COVID-19 and has now been completed. Estrella is excited to continue to learn to serve the Lord and the Hispanic community. We are so blessed to have her and the other volunteers called by God to share the Sanctity of Every Life and the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the work of the PCC. To God be the Glory . . .



We are thankful to have remained open during the pandemic because of the generous donations of the churches and supporters in our community. We continued our services during COVID-19 which included:

Pregnancy Testing, Counseling, Ultrasound, Education, Support, and Material Assistance of diapers, wipes, baby clothing, maternity clothing, and baby equipment. This support includes emotional support, referrals for counseling and housing, material support, and financial support. Through you, God opened the door for us to assist families in many ways including rent and utilities. Thank you for making this possible by your prayers and gifts.

MORE BLESSINGS...



Kim Starnes, Client Services Director, recently met with a mommy-to-be “graduate” of the Monday classes at the Center for a follow-up visit. This lady’s heart was overflowing with gratitude to the staff for the love, time, teaching, and care she had received as a client of the PCC. She stated she was especially thankful for all of the prayers. As she encountered most of the staff through her time here, she said she strongly felt the Presence and Love of Jesus through each one. What a privilege we have as His hands and feet to serve and to share the love of Christ through His story in our lives with anyone who comes through our door.



A Few Things We Need:

Diapers size 3, 4, & 5
Diaper Rash Cream
Disposable Gloves

Receiving Blankets
New Car Seats
13 Gallon Trash Bags



A significant way to support the mission of the Pregnancy Care Center is to leave a bequest in your will, living trust, or with a codicil (an addition or supplement that explains, modifies, or revokes a will or part of one). A bequest is a continuation of a supporter’s values and aspirations. This gift leaves a legacy that is long-lasting and life-affirming. Are you interested in making a bequest? This can be done in several ways:

- A specific dollar amount of assets can be gifted.
- A percentage of an estate or the balance or residue of an estate can be gifted.
- An individual could also choose to make a beneficiary designation of certain assets.

With the help of your attorney or estate planning adviser, language can be included in an individual’s will or trust specifying that a gift be made to the Pregnancy Care center as part of an existing estate plan. It is a honor to recognize the many lives that will be changed as a result of living and giving with great intention. Thank you for your consideration of a legacy gift.

PLANTING SHADE TREES FOR LIFE EVENT

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Featuring Dr. Dennis Swanberg
Author, Pastor, & Comedian

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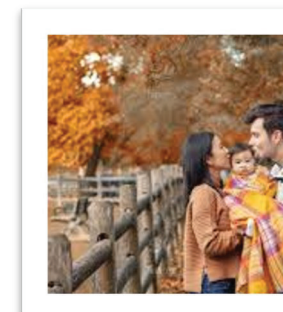
PLEASE BE ADVISED

Due to COVID-19, the Pregnancy Care Center did not host a fundraiser in 2020. The upcoming Planting Shade Trees for Life Event is important for this work to continue and to thrive. Please be looking for upcoming details.

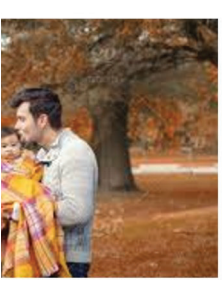



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