

heartbeat

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of the center 

Director's Corner:

Exactly one year ago I felt called by God to visit the pregnancy care center (PCC) in Brigham City. Little did I know that they had been praying specifically for a PCC in Logan to be started within the next year! During the next week Valerie Byrnes, who had also been approached by Brigham City's PCC, received a memo announcing the closing of a Salt Lake City hospital and all of their furniture was available for non-profit organizations. A week later, we had a truck leaving that hospital for Logan loaded with chairs, desks, pictures, and miscellaneous items that only God could have provided.

After looking around for a place to rent for a PCC in Logan, and feeling quite discouraged with the costs involved, we heard of a Christian in town who owns the "old library" building. He had purchased it four years earlier, sensing God's leading, but unsure what it was going to be used for. When we asked if we could use some of the space, he knew that this was indeed in God's plan!

Although it may seem a long time since we started on our journey last year, behind the scenes many things have taken place. We are

all novices but much training, learning, growing and stretching has taken place. Twenty-two women have taken the required 22-hour volunteer training and there are several more that are anxiously waiting for the next training. We are now really looking forward for *The Center* opening on January 22. Our desire is to follow God's leading and share His message of salvation. While we will be providing resources that honor life, and education that offers hope, thus equipping women to make informed decisions, our prayer is that many women will also find our Lord as we show them Christ through *The Center* in the spirit of Titus 3:3-7.

Please consider becoming a prayer partner with us. Pray for *The Center*, all the volunteers, their families, the Board, and for God to supply all our needs. •



building update:

In April 2008 we began to consider where we should locate *The Center*. As various options were considered, the Historic Logan Library (90 North 100 East) quickly became a favored location. The owner of the building agreed to not only allow us to use the building, but offered the cost of the rent as a gift to *The Center*. In June we then began to work at remodeling the building.

We had originally planned for relatively minor changes, but as we began to examine the building with the director of the Pregnancy Care Center of Brigham City, we learned that in order to bring the facility up to the requirements of Care Net we would need to add our own private bathroom.

Because the building did not have any provisions for those with disabilities, we then needed to add a bathroom meeting ADA standards.

We encountered broken water pipes that slowed our progress, and then in September we decided to also remodel the eastern part of the building to provide a director's office and a store space for clients.

We are extremely grateful for the many hours of donated time and the generous support of contractors, especially Barr Construction who donated \$1000 worth of labor and materials, Shaye Starks with Happy Homes for framing our bathroom. Thank you to Dave Curtis with Royal Electric for their donation of our light fixtures, and to Cache Valley Home Builders Association for recruiting contractors. Thanks to Lynn Hulme, our General Contractor, and Tom Holms (Holms Plumbing), our plumbing contractor, and to Dan Avila who did much of our electrical work.

And thanks to the many others who gave selflessly of their time – space does not allow the mentioning of all who helped, but please know that we would not have been able to open without your help! •

Sanctity of Life Birthday Party

Please mark your calendars for our annual fundraising event. The Sanctity of Life Birthday Party will give you an opportunity to celebrate life with others in our community and also gives you a chance to provide *The Center* with a generous birthday present.

The event will be held on our buildings main meeting area and tours of *The Center* will be provided. We will have speakers from the Ogden Pregnancy Care Center telling us of their personal experiences with a crisis pregnancy care center and how it changed their lives.

The event is free but RSVP's will be helpful. Please let us know if you have any questions, you may call *The Center* at (435) 752-1222.

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community outreach

In August 2008, *The Center for Pregnancy Choices* had a chance to introduce itself to the community through an informational fair booth at the Cache County Fair. At the booth we had many brochures and pamphlets detailing information about pregnancy, fetal development, and what services *The Center* would have available once opened. The biggest interests at the booth were the fetal development models which showed in 3-D accuracy the growth of a baby from week 7 to week 12. It was an opportunity to speak to many families who were enjoying the Fair as well as the younger population that came to the Fair at night. Also popular were the free writing pens that detailed our contact information, and over 500 of those along with 170 Center brochures were given out.

We had a similar booth at the 2008 Novemberfest Craft Fair after Thanksgiving.

This yearly event draws many women, children and families from all over the valley. We had the 20, 24 and 28 week fetal models which were the real attraction to the booth. These gave us the chance to educate many families about fetal development while they were holding the premie size baby models. Through the hand-crafted donations, the booth as a fundraiser was successful. We are grateful that many people donated time and energy, especially Holly Sue who made 500 Christmas cards, Debbie who created beaded bookmarks, and items made by children from Cache Valley Bible Fellowship.

Please continue to pray not only for those brief encounters the booths produced, but for the ongoing relationships that *The Center* can encourage. We look forward with delight at what other occasions God will open up to share our Center and its great message with the community. •

OUR MISSION:

The Mission of the Center for Pregnancy Choices is simple: to offer direction, growth, freedom and care.

This succinct statement captures our hope of fulfilling our motto of "To save the mother is to save the child." Our hope is to therefore influence women that find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy by providing them the information, support and encouragement they will need to make a decision to keep their child.

Trained client advocates will help women find the support and **direction** they need.

We will offer women **growth** by providing resources that honor life and offer hope, thus equipping them to make informed decisions.

We will educate men, women and youth to help them discover **freedom** in facing issues of sexual integrity and unintended pregnancy. They will also learn about sexually transmitted diseases and how to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Our client advocates will provide accurate information and offer compassionate and confidential **care** to guide women who are facing an uncertain future. •

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