



High Desert Pregnancy Clinic

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“GENERATION Z”

As I sit here in my office pondering what to share with you this month, I get a phone call from a young lady upset why her google search trying to find Planned Parenthood would lead her to us. She knows of them because they have a large advertising platform but landed on us because we are in the immediate area. Then another phone call from earlier in the week comes to mind. A young couple lost and not knowing what to do. Pregnant, searching, they are wanting answers. They need support. Who are these people? How do we help them? What is our goal? Are we doing it right and are we doing it well?

We have heard about the “Millennial Generation”, but do we know who “Generation Z” is? Born between 1996-2010, also known as the “i” generation or, as Pew Research calls them, the “Post-Millennials.” As a group they are larger than the millennials with 65 million people, nearly 25% of the population. They are labeled as pragmatic realists, cautious, and practical. A “post-9/11 culture”. They are confident in themselves but less about the world they live in. Very few of them were raised in traditional nuclear families, believing in a gender-neutral society.

They are the “on demand” generation and view life through smartphones or small tablet sized screens. They don’t know a world without instant information and they are experts of online research and shopping. They are multi-taskers and quick thinking.

Seeking social justice and a true impact for the greater good, these are the ones we want to reach out to with our services, not only to serve but to help us in the movement of pro-life. Women between the ages of 18 and 29 account for 70% of all abortions in the United States. We need to bridge that generation gap. So, how do we do this and do it well? How do we compete against Planned Parenthood’s massive marketing budget?

We start in prayer. I’m asking all of you to join us in constant prayer for these young women and men most of all. Second, we begin getting up to date on this social media trend by sending out advertisements online directing them away from abortion services. This is a word of mouth world we live in, where everyone has an online voice. We need to use ours. We need to let the Morongo Basin know we are here, let them know the wide range of services that we offer and that we are not an abortion clinic or just about pregnancy. The people that need our services most are on Facebook, Instagram, Yelp, and Google. We need to be there too. We need to join them in their world.

Brandi Hale, Executive Director

We listen...

We act...

We care!



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◇ PAR CLIENT
- ◇ CLIENT GOING TO COURT OVER CUSTODY
- ◇ 2 CLIENTS WITH HIGH RISK PREGNANCIES
- ◇ JUDGES TO RULE IN FAVOR OF PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS AGAINST AB775
- ◇ A NEW EMBRACE GRACE CLASS

HDPC NEEDS

- * Golfers!
- * Cases of Bottled Water
- * Baby Wipes
- * Prizes for Golf Tournament Raffle
- * Reception Volunteers

MARCH STATISTICS

CLIENT VISITS – 130
PREGNANCY TESTS – 10
NEW CLIENTS – 28
TURNAROUNDS – 1
ULTRASOUNDS – 1

Making A Difference

A year ago, referred to us by Unity Home (a shelter for battered women), a single mom. She moved from family and friends and had no support system. We were able to help her get the resources she needed find a mentor. Today, she is living in transitional housing, taking care of her beautiful children, and extremely happy as she continues to take parenting skills classes and earn the things she needs for her children.

Another young lady with very similar circumstances, client “T” has gone from Unity Home to transitional housing and is now living on her own supporting her kids and studying to get her G.E.D. She has also found a loving church where she attends regularly and has found close friends and a support system.

This is why we are here. Making A Difference One Life at A Time!

Intimate Partner Violence Workshop

Some of our staff braved the wildlands of the 210 freeway all the way to Pasadena last month to attend the Right to Life League’s workshop on “Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)” presented by Dr. Martha Shuping. From www.healingafterabortion.org, “Dr. Shuping is a co-author of published research on abortion and women’s mental health, and co-author of the self-help book, *The Four Steps to Healing* (available in paperback through Amazon). She authored three chapters in the book *Peace Psychology Perspectives on Abortion* (2016), also available on Amazon.”

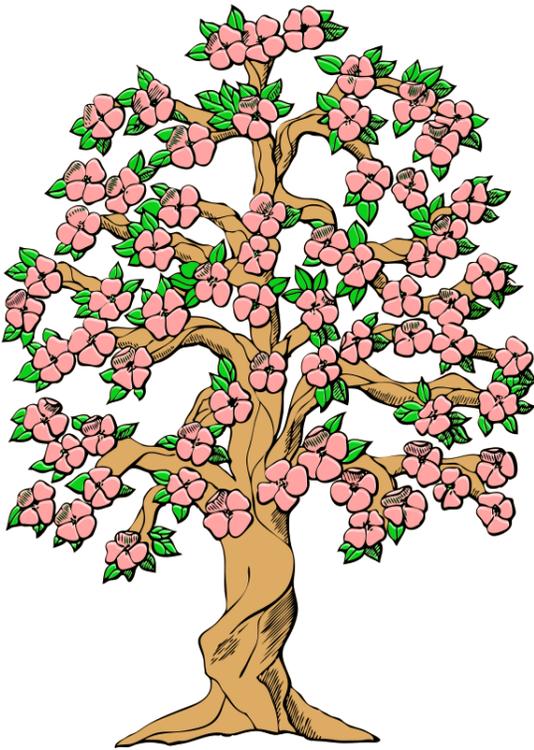
The workshop was extremely informative and opened our eyes to things we should be looking for when our clients come through the doors. In many ways, we are an answer to prayer for many young women who may be being abused by their partners or parents and are searching for a way out.

The workshop also included a look into human trafficking, what it is in legal terms, and how we can better notice it at our pregnancy center. She told true stories of women who could have been helped sooner if the pregnancy centers and emergency rooms they had come to had just looked a little closer and had protocols in place to follow up. This was an amazing talk that touched all of us and encouraged us to do a better job of watching some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

Two things we learned that have changed the way we look at our clients the first time they come through those doors. “*Women with unintended pregnancies were four times more likely to experience IPV than women whose pregnancies were intended,*” (ACOG, 2013, citing Gazmararian et al., 1995). And, “*The prevalence of IPV was nearly three times greater for women seeking an abortion compared with women who were continuing their pregnancies,*” (ACOG, 2013, citing Bourassa & Berube, 2001). These are most of the women that come into our clinic and with a few simple questions and a protocol in place to help them, we can do a world of good for them.

Our clinic is developing a few new procedures that include an evidence-based screening tool with direct questions that we ask all our new clients, whether we suspect something may be wrong or not. Screening all our clients privately with a counselor the first time they come in puts people at ease and we are more likely to get honest answers that can lead us to offering the help these girls need right then.

It was a long day of driving and very emotional for all of us, given the topic, but all of us believe it was time well spent. We can’t wait to attend another of these workshops in the hopes of being better able to serve our community.



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hi my name is Audrey Farmer. I have volunteered with the HDPC for about three years now. I started out by fundraising for the different events. For the last two years, I have continued to fundraise but I also volunteer in the baby boutique, overseeing the organization of the store. I truly enjoy my volunteer service there. I have enjoyed the clients coming in, helping them with their needs, seeing their beautiful newborns, and watching them grow.

I have recently joined the Board of Directors and had the opportunity to meet the ladies ministry from Palms Baptist Church in 29 Palms. They put on a baby fashion show featuring our boutique clothing with a silent auction of beautiful hand crafted

items donated by their ladies! And just this last month, they had a Karaoke Purse Auction. What a fun time that was! And a very big blessing for us here at HDPC.

We are always looking for new volunteers and new fundraising ideas. If you, your church, or women's ministry would like to put on any of these ideas, or any other great idea you may have please contact us. We are grateful to all who generously support our efforts to save babies, educate parents, and provide for those in need free of charge.

Feeling Blessed as a Volunteer,

*Audrey Farmer
Board Member*

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MEET OUR GRIEF DIRECTOR, GLENDA MACHADO!

Glenda came to the Morongo Basin eight years ago from Palm Desert where she and her husband owned a golf retail, custom club, and repair shop for 27 years. She asked the Lord where she could serve Him to help recover from the aftermath of abortion and miscarriage and her prayers brought her to the High Desert Pregnancy Clinic. She's been here for over seven years!

Glenda is a wonderful person to be around. When you meet her, you feel her love and attention the minute you speak with her. She's a sensitive soul and truly has a gift for empathy and compassion.

Glenda's favorite part of her work here is doing the healing ceremony for women

who have had an abortion or a miscarriage. "There is freedom in the Holy Spirit here at the HDPC to truly encourage women to grow closer to the Lord through their children. It's such a blessing watching all the women who come through the doors of the clinic, knowing that when they leave they have become a better mother through the Earn While You Learn Program and are equipped to handle the situation they are in. Watching how the Lord heals the post-abortive women or women who have lost a child through miscarriage or stillbirth and equips them to deal with their grief, it's very rewarding to be a part of "God's healing hand upon them."



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS From Our WALK FOR LIFE

MISSION STATEMENT

HDPC is dedicated to protect human life from conception, as a service organization through education, counseling and support.

What a spectacular turnout we had despite the cold weather! It warms the heart to see the support of so many kind people!

We want to thank *Crown Contracting, Valley Community Chapel, PERL Mortgage, Joshua Spring Calvary Chapel, and Wood's Auto Repair*, as well as *Christian Art For Life, Everything's Negotiable, Bill Copeland Gallery, Farmers Insurance - Charles Willis, Saint Mary's, Sue's Health Foods, and Costello Real Estate.*

To everyone who showed up to walk on a blustery Spring morning—*Thank You!*

And special thanks to the *Knights of Columbus* for the wonderful food, and the entertainment brought to us by *First Christian Church, Church on the Hill, Calvary Christian Fellowship* and *Evangelical Free Church of Yucca Valley, Valley Community Chapel* as well as the *Miss Yucca Valley Court.*

Thank you All for the blessings you have brought us. We wouldn't be here without your support!

GOLF FOR LIFE TOURNAMENT

Saturday June 2nd, 7:00 AM

Hawk's Landing Golf Course 55100 Martinez Trail, YV

Breakfast, lunch, goody bag and cart provided.

Come for FUN prizes and a RAFFLE!

Entry Fee is \$80 per person or \$75 per person if registering a team of



CAR INTERIOR STARTING TO HEAT UP?

WE HAVE NEW AUTO SUNSHADES AVAILABLE FOR A \$20 DONATION TO HELP KEEP YOUR CAR COOL AND SHOW OFF SOME KEY INFO POINTS !

ALSO AVAILABLE - LIGHT WEIGHT SHOPPING BAGS FOR A DONATION OF \$5 EACH.

DROP BY THE CLINIC AND GET YOURS!

HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY—THURSDAY
10:00 AM—5:00 PM

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