



High Desert Pregnancy Clinic

"providing support from pregnancy to parenting"

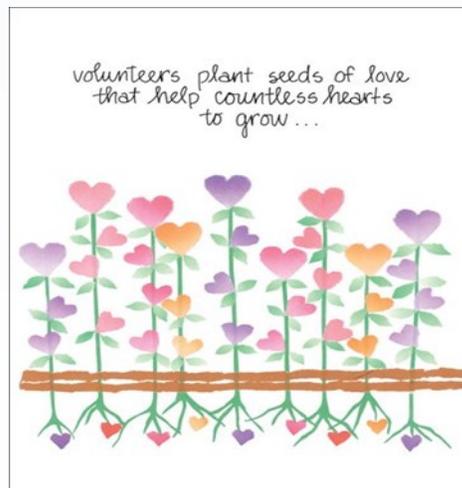
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Volunteering

The High Desert Pregnancy Clinic is run by volunteers and we couldn't exist if it were not for the faithful ones who said yes to standing in the trenches and help keep our doors open. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. I am extremely grateful for our volunteers who serve countless hours. Maybe it's spending an afternoon folding baby clothes, or maybe it's cleaning floors and making repairs. It could be answering phones and greeting our clients when they come in the door. Perhaps it's attending Board Meetings and being a part of the yearly planning or setting the budget. There is no job too small that goes unnoticed. Let's hear it for our volunteers here at High Desert Pregnancy Clinic. In my opinion they are all heroes!

Did you know there are benefits to volunteering? Sure, we know that it makes us feel good. But did you know that when you volunteer you are improving your own life and maybe even your health? The benefits are countless. Just to name a few:

- Builds Bonds & Creates Friends
- Creates Blessings
- Builds Community
- Ends Loneliness
- Increases Socializing
- Develops Emotional Stability
- Improves Self-Esteem
- Reduces Stress
- Promotes Longevity
- Reduces the risk of Alzheimer's
- Leads to Graceful Aging
- Burns That Stubborn Belly Fat
- Improves Experience
- Creates New Job Skills



Interested in joining us? Drop by the clinic or give us a call. We can use your gifts and talents on our team.

-Brandi Hale
Executive Director

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We listen...

We act...

We care!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Abortion minded clients
- Young couple working on getting their baby back
- A Premature birth
- Client who recently miscarried
- Young couple fostering a newborn baby
- Our young mommies (16 & 17 years old)
- Upcoming semester for *Embrace Grace & Embrace Life*
- Upcoming *Night for Life Gala*

We haven't seen her in a few years but we get a phone call from an agency, "A young woman with two little kids is in need of help." They are helping her to get a restraining order to get away from an abusive situation and she is about to be homeless. Could we help her? What could we do for this young lady? We got all the information and history about the client and realized she was with us a few years back. We helped her with her last pregnancy, taught her breastfeeding basics, labor & delivery, and she was able to earn butterfly bucks from attending classes to get the things she needed for her children. When she remembered who we were, she was quite excited to see we were there for her again.

You see, with your donations and support we were able to help Penny with her deposit so she could get away from a dangerous situation and have a place for her and her two children. Working together with other agencies we are often able to pull our resources together and cover layers of assistance for people in our community.

Penny is not the only one who has been brought back to us. Different situations, different life experiences may draw them back. When they leave us it doesn't mean our relationship has ended, nor does it mean it is a sad thing. We sometimes see them in the community and they may express their gratitude through a warm hug and update us on their family. Richly they bless us with the love and gratitude we see in them.

HDPC NEEDS

- Baby wipes
- Newborn diapers
- Paper towels
- Reception volunteers
- Donations for silent auction
- Cases of water

June Stats

- 148 Parenting Classes
- 46 Clients Seen
- 10 Pregnancy Tests
- 19 New Clients
- 1 Ultrasound

July Stats

- 139 Parenting Classes
- 52 Clients Seen
- 11 Pregnancy Tests
- 16 New Clients
- 4 Ultrasounds

What does it mean to be "pro-life"?

Does it mean you have to be a Republican, Christian, Conservative? Can you be a Democrat, a Libertarian, an atheist, or a liberal and still be "pro-life"? When we come from one perspective it takes a little effort to see over the top to another side of the same issue, especially in today's political climate. We tend to assume everyone that isn't like us is probably not on our side. A quick search of the internet with the words "pro-life" and "science", "democrat", "atheist", or "feminist" can open a whole new world. It did for me! I even found pro-life "LGBT" groups out there. Apparently, we as Christians are not alone in the idea that abortion is not the answer to an unplanned pregnancy.

Advanced science has shown us what goes on inside the uterus earlier and earlier, which leads us away from that old "it's just a clump of cells" argument. You can read more about that at The Atlantic's article "Science is Giving the Pro-Life Movement a Boost".

Some Libertarians argue that a fetus is life in the womb and has the same right to that life as the mother that carries him or her. Some Feminists believe abortion was invented by men to control them and "take care of their mistakes" when they get women pregnant. Some Democrats write about the poor and minority babies being aborted instead of supported. And even homosexual people believe abortion can be used to get rid of them as well.

My point is that some of us come to this "pro-life" idea, this thing inside us that says that ending a life because it is not convenient or wanted is wrong, from very different places sometimes but we're all after the same thing. We all want to end "abortion on demand." We all want to support families. We all want to love and protect babies of all ages. In my opinion, it's one of the reasons the laws regarding abortion are beginning to change again.

We hear "a house divided cannot stand" fairly often. In this instance the "house" we support is the pro-life one. Each door, window, wall, and room in that house is a different demographic. As Christians, can we show Christ's love and stand with others in protecting human life? I believe the first step is to know they are there and what they are adding to conversation. I find it a difficult task at times to listen to another person's point of view. Sometimes it's so different than mine that I feel myself saying "But that's not the point!" in my mind. It has been eye-opening and very much worth my time to do the research. I've begun to see people in a different light. I've started to realize we are not alone in this battle for life. And it all starts with the love of Jesus.

-Michelle Huelle

From the Board!

Loving life, loving families, loving our neighbors...

The High Desert Pregnancy Clinic may sound like a doctor's office to you, or just a place for pregnant women to go for a test or ultrasound, but the name is not what this amazing place is all about.

The HDPC is so much more! It is a haven for ALL who come in for lots of reasons! Think you are pregnant? Know you are pregnant and need confirmation or advice? Do you need parenting classes, child birth classes, and nursing information? How about just finding someone to listen as you may be overwhelmed with life and kids and maybe an unplanned pregnancy? How about grieving over a lost child or you had an abortion in your past and you feel you can't put that behind you, needing a place to heal? ALL these things and more are why we are here to serve the entire Morongo Basin!

For over 3 decades this small, not for profit, run by almost all volunteers has served our families with love, dignity and hope. We don't pressure you; we love you and give you a hand up, a shoulder to cry on and great skills and ideas to help you during those frightening times of life. We survive with no government handouts and we operate on donations, fundraisers and the support of great people who recognize the work we do.

So maybe we should be called "HDPC - the LOVE CLINIC"! Did you know we have amazing video classes, private consultations, a nurse on staff, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds (if you qualify), as well as a special fatherhood series. All of these services are at NO CHARGE to our clients. We are open Monday through Thursday at the Ideal Mall, Yucca Valley, CA. You can call, visit our website at hdpc.me or just stop by. Come meet our director Brandi and her phenomenal staff of loving and supportive people who have been through many of the same situations! We have the resources to help you and even give you names of other organizations in the area with more resources should you need it.

So remember us, we are Pro-Life and we are Pro-Love! Come meet us! Come to our events! We have our annual NIGHT FOR LIFE on Saturday, September 29th, 2018 and we will be sending out information soon! A great night under the stars with food, music, and getting to know us, as well as letting us thank you! We would love and hope to see you there!

For me this work has become my passion. Saving and loving babies and families for all generations.

Cynthia Kraemer
High Desert Pregnancy Clinic
Board Treasurer



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I cannot recall a single woman who declared that terminating a pregnancy is a life-fulfilling event.

FAYE WATTLETON
Former President, Planned Parenthood

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Facebook.com/CareNet

HDPC wants everyone to know we have excellent teaching DVD's. Starting at conception and explaining what the unborn baby experiences invitro to explaining and teaching about caring for the baby.

We also have classes on parenting through the age of 3. Appointments are individualized, in a caring and encouraging environment with a client advocate.

Fighting for Freedom of Speech while Standing for Life

From National Institute for Life

For anyone who has been following these last two years with us on AB775

MISSION STATEMENT

As a service organization, the HDPC is dedicated to the protection of human life from conception, through education, counseling, and support.

The state of California attempted to pass a law targeting NIFLA's pregnancy centers to advertise for the abortion industry in their very own clinics. This bill AB775 went into affect in 2015.

On March 20th, 2018, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) stood with Alliance Defending Freedom before the United States Supreme Court to argue on behalf of our affiliated pregnancy centers in California.

"NIFLA vs. Becerra is not just about whether or not to hand out abortion information on a piece of paper or post it on the walls of our pro-life centers. It is about the right belonging to all American citizens to be free from government-compelled speech and from being coerced into promoting a message that contradicts their values," said NIFLA Vice President Anne O'Conner, who co-counseled the lawsuit .

On June 26th, the U.S Supreme Court ruled in favor of pro-life pregnancy centers and free speech with a 5-4 vote. This is a victory for all pro life clinics through out California but it's not the end.

Continue to pray.

Save the Date!

Saturday

September 29th, 2018

Gala
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High Desert Pregnancy Clinic

Invites you to our

Annual NIGHT FOR LIFE Gala

Please join us at Hawk's Landing in Yucca Valley

September 29, 2018

Welcome and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30PM,
followed by music, silent auction, and a special guest speaker.

\$25 per person

Call 760-369-8512 to RSVP today!

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY—THURSDAY

10:00 AM—5:00 PM

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