



High Desert Pregnancy Clinic

"providing support from pregnancy to parenting"

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Change = a transformation or modification; an alteration

Change is the only thing constant. Seasons change. Bringing us cooler or warmer weather, a change in scenery, newness in the spring with blooming flowers and new wildlife. Families change too, new births, loved ones passing away, marriages, or maybe we move closer to or further away from one another.

I don't know about you, but change scares me. It's the uncertainty of not knowing the outcome. Though, something I have learned here as Director these last 2 years, change is adamant. Whether we want it or not it is going to come. Once we embrace this, change can become blessings. We see it every day with our clients. They are frightened not knowing how they could handle being a mom for the first time or for the 3rd time. Having to transition from High school to motherhood, knowing that their little ones are totally dependent on them. The young lady whose boyfriend is going to leave her if she keeps her baby. Each of these facing a fork in the road and having to decide and make life altering changes one way or another.

Not to mention all the changes in government this past year. The good and the bad. New judges coming in the Supreme Court, causing quite the stir. How about the SCOTUS ruling in our favor in the NIFLA vs. Becerra case? This is monumental in the movement. Most recently there is the Health and Human Services ruling that life begins at conception. In other areas we have the Immigration issue with Senate Bill 54 claiming California a "sanctuary state." How about the marijuana legalization changes?

We have made many changes this at HDPC. We have staff coming and going. Melinda & Glenda you will be missed! There are Board of Director changes and policies too. All of us here know though that no matter what differences we have, what changes are being made, or "who moved my cheese" (Spencer Johnson), all of us are here to support our mission statement. As 2019 approaches we will expect more. The setup of our new ultrasound machine, new programs being implemented with our client intake, and new volunteers being trained. This is all very exciting and with your prayers and financial support we will continue to grow and reach more of the Morongo Basin.

*"See what you're doing wrong, laugh at it, change & do better."
 - Spencer Johnson from Who Moved My Cheese.*

Event Announcements

Board of Directors Orientation Brunch Q & A
 Saturday, January 26th
 10:00 AM- 12:00

Location to be announced.

Call the office for information, if you are interested.

Prayer & Worship Day
 At the High Desert Pregnancy Clinic
 Friday, January 4th, 2019
 10AM—4PM

Call the office for more information or to RSVP!

Medical Director
 Dr. Andre Kasko
 D.O. OB/GYN

Board Members

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Executive Director
 Brandi Hale

Nurse Manager
 Elizabeth Moore, RN

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Brandi Hale
Executive Director

Psalm 46: 2-7,10-11

We listen...

We act...

We care!

PRAISE REPORT

- Financial goals were met for 2018
- A new ultrasound machine is being purchased
- New donors on board
- Babies were saved
- New churches coming on board to help out

A CALL TO GIVE

- New newborn clothes and items for the layettes
- Size 4 diapers
- Wipes
- Gently used high chairs and play pens
- Prayer Partners—someone to help set-up a prayer chain for the abortion minded clients who come in and the highly sensitive situations that we come across
- Volunteers - Receptionist

October Stats

Clients Served: 52
New Clients: 16
Pregnancy Tests: 8
Ultrasounds: 2

November Stats

Clients Served: 44
New Clients: 10
Pregnancy Tests: 6
Ultrasounds: 6

Speakers Bureau

Are you interested in hearing about our ministry? What we do and or what we are all about?

Give us a call!

We would love to send out our Executive Director or a Board member to speak to your church or group.

Want to help out but don't have the time during the day?
Have business, management, or great people skills
and a heart for the women in our community?

Consider joining our Board of Directors.

Call Brandi our Executive Director at the clinic to find out more.

Meet Our Volunteers!

I want to start by saying how excited I am to be a part of the Hi Desert Pregnancy Clinic. When my husband and I made the decision to sell our home in Orange County and move to the desert earlier this year, we had no idea what the Lord had in mind for our future. Trusting Him to pave the way we stepped out in faith and purchased our home in Yucca Valley.

I have been a Registered Nurse for 35 years. I started my healthcare career as a Cardiology Technician when I was still in high school. In 1983 I graduated from nursing school working primarily in critical care areas, but my favorite position was working as the Nurse Manager of an Out Patient Cardiac Rehab Department, which involved educating and supporting patients who suffered a cardiac event (heart attack, open heart surgery, cardiac stent placement). Helping my patients recover and return to more healthy and productive lifestyles was very rewarding and my passion to support and teach those who are fearful of their future flourished.

Once my 3 children were older, I decided it was time to complete my nursing education and returned to school to complete my Bachelor's and then Master's Degrees in Nursing Administration at California State University, Fullerton. Once completed I moved into leadership roles, my most recent position being the Corporate Director of Nursing Services for a multifacility healthcare organization with over 40 hospitals nationwide. Although this role was extremely rewarding it was also very stressful involving a lot of travel and Corporate politics. I decided to retire from my position in order to spend more time focusing on my relationship with God and my marriage. It has been quite a significant change after working for over 40 years.

My husband and I attended Junior High and High School together but were just friends and never dated until we reunited at our 40-year high school reunion and married 5 months later. We jokingly say we spent 40 years in the wilderness and have now come to the promised land (Yucca Valley). God has truly saved the best for last.

After moving to Yucca Valley, I started praying for God to lead me to whatever ministry He wanted for me and heard from a church friend that the Pregnancy Clinic may need help. I sent an email to the clinic and heard back from Brandi the next day. Their nurse, Liz, was going on vacation and could I cover for her for the 6 weeks she would be gone. I found out later that Brandi had been praying for several months for a nurse and Liz was leaving the following week. God's timing is perfect, seldom early but never late. I have loved every minute of my time at the clinic over the past 3 months and will be staying on permanently as Liz has decided to retire.

The young women and men that come to the clinic for support and education have become like family to me and each one has a special place in my heart. I know, without a shadow of doubt, this is where I am supposed to be, and I pray God will continue to use me for years to come.

Teresa—Volunteer Nurse

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

From the Board!

“The High Desert Pregnancy Clinic is dedicated to protecting human life from the point of conception, as a service organization through education, counseling and support.”

This is our mission statement at the pregnancy clinic. Coming up with this statement took some work and debate among the board of directors, the executive director and our volunteers. The reason it takes work to come up with a mission statement is because you have to focus on what is important. The clinic’s board of directors is a group of people who are very different from one another. We are a teacher, a real estate professional, a pastor’s wife and mother, a business man, and a medical professional. With the help of the executive director, we all had to take a long look at all of the great things that the clinic has to offer our community i.e.: Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasounds, Parenting Classes, Earn While You Learn, Grief Counseling, Single Moms Groups, Community Resources and the Baby Boutique, and try to sum it all up in a catchy phrase. In doing this we had to really think and pray about what is it that drives us to volunteer here. Why do we spend countless hours planning different ways of asking our community for money? We have three main fundraising events. The Walk for Life (Spring) The Golf for Life (Summer) The Night for Life (Fall). But...again... why? Why is it so important? Because of eight words in our Mission Statement ***“...protecting human life from the point of conception.”*** As board members we all agree and are dedicated to the protection of human life and we have asked our community (countless times) to agree with us and support us.

Now I wish to say, ***“Thank you!”*** Our community has come along side of us like never before. There are individuals who give to the clinic on a regular basis and there are churches and local businesses who also support us financially. Because of this, we met all our fundraising goals for the year and have added many new volunteers to our staff. There is more good news: we will soon have a much newer ultrasound machine. The newer machines and the clarity it will offer will help our clients to better see their unborn babies and their tiny hearts beating.

Our continued goal and direction for the coming year is to keep giving all of the same wonderful services we offer at no charge to our clients as we did this year. In addition, we are also saving and praying for the ability to open or partner with other pregnancy crisis centers to open a mobile clinic. This would take what we do in this building and offer to other area where there are no clinics. This is a bold (and expensive) step. We must raise more money as well as awareness of the great need for this kind of service. However, as the mission statement says, “we are dedicated to protecting human life” so, we will work (and pray) tirelessly at achieving this goal.

On a personal note, I lead the Embrace Life single mom’s group and I would love to see us pave the way for a single dad’s group. There are many men who are raising their kids by themselves. They need our love and support every bit as much as the ladies do. So, I am praying for that.

To all of you reading this: *We appreciate your prayers and support. We could not keep our doors open without you.*

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

Baby Bottles & Spare Change

You know that few cents you get back in change each time you buy a fast food lunch or cup of coffee? It collects in your pockets, on your dresser, or at the bottom of your purse, weighing you down.

We have a fun way to help the HDPC with that cumbersome change!

Baby Bottles!

Stop by the clinic during office hours and pick up a special *Baby Bottle Bank* to make it easy to collect change and donate it every time it fills up!
Don’t worry about counting it out or taking it to the coin counter, just drop it by the office and we’ll take care of the rest!

***Kathy Boetger
Vice President***

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Forgiven and Set Free Ministry

Have you or someone you know experienced some degree of remorse or regret for choosing to have an abortion in the past? Often the scars of abortion are so deep that women have difficulty sharing their pain with others. They grieve just like anyone else who has had a loss. The difference is these women feel guilty because they know the role they played in their child's death. Here at the HDPC we can help. We offer a 9-week class one on one with an advocate who understands the hurt and what it means to be *Set Free* from that bondage.

Please call the clinic if you would like more information.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

Thanksgiving Wonders at Hosanna City Church

We all want to say a special thank you to Hosanna City Church for hosting a beautiful Thanksgiving luncheon for all our clients! Pastor Kyle and Michelle with the Ladies Ministry went above and beyond the call of duty. Not only was a lovely lunch provided, but crafts for the ladies, baby bonnets for the little ones, and arts and crafts for the kids. It was a lovely afternoon for all of us!

Hosanna City Church is also organizing a work day with plenty of help to get some much needed repairs and repainting done at our clinic!

God Bless them for all the love they've shared with us!



Thankfulness

A special thank you to all the churches who have faithfully supported us this year!

Lighthouse, Gateway, St. Mary's, Evangelical Free Church, Calvary Christian Fellowship, Joshua Springs, First Christian Church, Palms Baptist Church, Valley Community Church, United Methodist Women's Ministry of 29 Palms, At the Cross Christian Fellowship.

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

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