



# High Desert Pregnancy Clinic

*"providing support from pregnancy to parenting"*

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## What would you say?

Did you know 4 out of 10 women each year who become pregnant are having abortions, numbering over 1 million babies each year? 1 out of every 4 women in the United States will have an abortion by the time they are 45. These are our sisters, daughters, and friends.

Why do these women feel they need to terminate their pregnancies and take their babies' lives? Are they feeling as if they have no other alternative; as if becoming pregnant is a curse instead of a blessing? Things we hear are, "I already have too many kids," "I am not ready to be a parent," "I cannot give up my job or school right now," "It's a bad relationship and bad timing," "I have concerns for my health." These are honest concerns for these women. What would you say? How would you handle it if someone you knew came to you with this information?

High Desert Pregnancy Clinic's mission statement is "We are dedicated to protect human life from the point of conception, as a service organization through education, counseling, and support." What does this look like? We are pro-life! All children have the right to live, no matter the parent's socio-economic status or marital status. If there is possible abuse, we help them find safety. It is not right for mankind to play God and decide who lives and who does not.

Our heart's desire is to love everyone who comes to us, to teach them truth and help them make an informed consent decision. That includes knowing that life begins at conception, no child is a mistake, there is help available for them, they have patient rights, and adoption is an option. Have you heard the saying, "It takes a church within a community to raise a child?" We are the church and we are the community of the Morongo Basin. We help these women get the resources they need, lift them up, and teach them to feel better about themselves with the love of Christ, so they can be the best parents they can possibly be.

Join us in this fight! Become a prayer partner, monthly donor or a volunteer today. Come by and take a tour to see all that we do.

Brandi Hale  
 Executive Director



## Cactus Sew-Ables Quilt Guild

For all the lovely baby items you bring our clinic every month.  
 Our families love your handmade blankets, bags, bibs, and toys so much!

**Medical Director**  
 Dr. Andre Kasko  
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***We listen...***

***We act...***

***We care!***

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

That those who are abortion minded to call us for help.

Families going through relationship problems.

Pregnant client with drug addiction considering adoption.

Ultrasound Tech looking for a new machine for our clinic.

## **PRAISE REPORTS**

One of our past clients is now a counselor for young women at her church!

Our new nurse is working out great!

We're getting a consistent influx of new clients to take our pregnancy and parenting classes!

## **HDPC NEEDS**

Baby Wipes

Diapers—Size 4

New 0-3 months size winter clothes and feet pajamas for boys and girls

Volunteers!

## **August Stats**

Clients Served: 49

New Clients: 16

Pregnancy Tests: 7

Ultrasounds: 2

Babies Born: 3

## **September Stats**

Clients Served: 38

New Clients: 14

Pregnancy Tests: 9

Ultrasounds: 1

Babies Born: 1

# A Happy Ending!

It is 1965 in France, where a young girl lived amongst the community of French Jews. She became pregnant and was unwed at the time. This being a taboo in her faith, she felt she couldn't tell anyone. She decided she needed to make an appointment to have an abortion even though this was illegal at the time.

On the day of her appointment the father of the baby decided he wanted to go with her to see the doctor, thinking it was just a regular check-up, not knowing what her true intentions were. Since abortion was illegal there and totally hush hush, once the doctor saw the father of the baby he became scared and left quickly leaving the young girl not knowing what to do next. So, she decided to tell the young man the whole truth about the appointment and what her plans were. After talking, they decided to get married and keep the baby.

This baby was a boy who grew up to become a great man and disciple of Christ. His name is Cyril Gordon, a missionary for Jews for Jesus. And now he goes all over the world teaching and sharing to the Jewish nation the truth about the Messiah and His love.

# Meet Our Volunteers!

We would like to introduce to you one of our Client Advocates, Teckla Taylor! (We call her Tecki). Tecki came to us almost 2 and a half years ago. She found out about us when Pastor Mark at First Christian Church, who regularly announces to his congregation our events and needs, made an announcement on a Sunday morning that High Desert Pregnancy Clinic needed volunteers.

Tecki's love for Jesus Christ and willingness to help helped her step out in total faith. She came to us wanting to share the love that has been given to her, "Wanting to share the love we are blessed with and give it to each princess that walks in our door." No matter what kind of day she is having she feels blessed to be able to give as much as the Lord has given her.

She was born in Taft, California and moved around to many places, from living on a boat, some years in Big Bear, and finally settling down to retire here in Yucca Valley where she and her husband Bill made this their home for over 30 years.

Tecki loves doing different crafts, helping out at church, and visiting with friends. She brings to us an extra special gift of compassion and dedication and we are proud to have her on our team.

# From the Board!

## The Value of Good Questions

Study the gospels for any length of time and you are surprised at how many questions Jesus answered or indeed asked himself. By one count there are 113 questions that Jesus answered and 52 were questions he himself asked. Some were part of his public preaching such as “Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life?” (Mt 6:27), “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeits his own soul?” (Mt 16:26), or “Why are you anxious about clothes?” (Mt 6:28). Other questions were put to his disciples including “Who do people say the Son of man is?” (Mt 16:13) and “Who do you say I am?” (Mt 16:15). Still other questions were asked to specific individuals or in specific circumstances; “Why are you so afraid?” (Mk 4:40) and “Why are you thinking such things in your heart?” (Mk 2:8).

Questions challenge our assumptions. They make us think seriously about things we simply accept as is. Questions engage our minds to clarify the important; they help us decide when and what kind of action to take.

Stephanie Grey is a Canadian Pro-Life advocate who likes to ask questions. I recently heard a talk she gave at Google Headquarters entitled “Abortion: From Controversy to Civility” which was made available to their entire staff. You can hear the entire hour plus presentation online at <https://youtu.be/DzzfSq2DEc4>

Stephanie showed herself a master at asking a series of questions to help the staff at Google examine the issue of abortion and think about assumptions held by many. *“Do you believe in human rights? An embryo or fetus is merely a generic description of age...you don’t know what species a fetus is until you ask who are the parents of that fetus; if the parents are human how can the fetus not be human? And if human, why should he/she be denied human rights?”* Questioning the claim of some that an unborn fetus is not alive, she asked *“If a fetus is not alive why do they need to be aborted?”*

She also told stories that acknowledged that circumstances make it hard for many women to do the right thing despite hardships – hardships the staff at HDPC have become all too familiar with: when they have no support from the father, when they are poor, when they are very young, when they have no one to help them.

At the end of her visit at Google, she was asked what inspired her to give talks around the world. She said that when she was in college about 15 years ago, an American speaker came to her campus and gave a pro-life message. One of the questions he asked was **“Why is it that more people are working full time to kill babies than there are people working to save those babies?”** That question changed the direction of her life. It is also a question that we all should ask of ourselves and answer. Your prayers and support enable HDPC to help save lives, help women choose life, help our team provide support, parenting classes, and provide love. Some of you also volunteer alongside us or join our board. Thank you for your continued answer to that question.

-Tom Mauer

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

# Annual NIGHT FOR LIFE Gala

Thanks to our all our sponsors, attendees, and speakers, our annual Night For Life Gala at Hawk's Landing last weekend was a huge success! The event was well attended, our speaker and singer were amazingly inspiring, and our silent auction was exciting and fun. A big THANK YOU to Hawk's Landing for hosting the event and providing the beautiful background and wonderful food for the evening!

And special THANKS to Dan from Dan's Carpet Cleaning for being our Auctioneer for the evening! He did a wonderful job!

**And another big THANK YOU to our sponsors!**

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