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Annual Report for the Yampa Valley Pregnancy Center – 2011

Thank you for supporting us as we continue to help families in need here in Craig, CO.

2011 was a time of transition and training. We brought in a consultant from our national affiliate Care-Net for a week-long training of staff, board members, and volunteers. It was a challenging and informative time that showed us many things we did well and things we needed to update.

Basic Statistics for 2011:

Number of clients requesting pregnancy tests: 14

Number of client visits for practical needs: 312

The pregnancy test numbers continue to decline as there are inexpensive tests easily available. Of the 14 tests administered in 2010, six were positive. Four mothers decided to parent, one asked us about adoption and took some information, and one remained undecided. The age range for our testing clients still remains quite wide as we visited with women ranging in age from 15 to 39.

Our practical needs ministry helps families with items such as clothing, furniture, and diapers. Women and men came into the center to ask for assistance with baby clothing and footwear, and we helped with 190 requests. The request for diapers was the second most frequent request at 96 to which we dispensed 3,253 diapers. We were able to assist clients with 67 requests for larger furniture items. We met 47 requests for food and formula, while the rest of the needs we met filled a variety of needs from books and information to a simple part for a breast pump.

Our Earn While You Learn program continues to thrive. In 2011, we provided 120 individual classes to interested moms and dads. Clients enroll in our classes on pregnancy, birth preparation, child care, parenting skills, and even some basic life skills. This program coordinates with Love INC to provide budget and parenting classes, and the partnership has been beneficial to quite a few parents. Clients attend class and complete homework to earn “baby bucks” with which they can buy new items to keep for their baby. We are looking to expand this program to include classes just for fathers.

Our office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1-4 pm and by appointment. We have some great volunteers who helped 196 times this past year, and things would simply not happen without their generous help.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this report. Thank you again for your generous support of this ministry!

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Grobe, Director