



Yampa Valley

## **PREGNANCY & FAMILY CENTER**

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### **2017 Annual Report**

We have had another incredible year at the Pregnancy & Family Center! Here's a recap of all our blessings:

#### **Blessings of growth or change**

- The yellow building is now tan with blue trim. We aren't as obvious, but our neighbors are happier! And it does look nice! Three members of the Fuller House bike team did a wonderful job, and the board helped get the building ready for its new colors.
- Presence on Face Book, Instagram and Twitter – I am SO not into this stuff! But the Lord send Morgan Cobb who is our marvelous social media guru! She has great ideas and I don't have to know how to do any of it!
- Storage Wars – Craig Style – this was an incredibly easy and very fun thing to do. Thanks to Bud & Penny Nelson, owners of Big Bar Storage. They donated 3 units for us to auction off. One was done *Storage Wars* style, and two were just opened up for people to make donations on what they wanted. The Nelsons have generously given us a storage unit of our own that we can fill with donated “gently used” items (not clothing unless it's really special).
- Basket of Love – One of our volunteers, Maureen “Mo” Ridnauer, came up with this idea. She has placed a very large basket at her church with a list of items members can bring each month (i.e., January diapers; February wipes, etc.) It is going so well we are talking about asking other churches to host a basket!
- Job search lessons for GOAL students – we've been trying to get our *Earn While You Learn* life skills lessons into GOAL for about 5 years now and it finally happened! We are doing an 8-lesson module adapted from a new *EWYL* job search module we got this year. Five to seven students are participating. I hope to find funding before May to buy those who complete the module a set of new work clothes.
- Online giving – We are off to a slow start, but I am hopeful this year will see our online giving option come into its own. It is a very easy process (even I could do it!!) that will appeal to the younger people in our community. We mention it periodically on our website and Face Book page.
- Christmas decorations to give away – one of our moms brought in several boxes of beautiful and unique Christmas decorations she no longer wanted. Several of our families were blessed to have them this year.
- Rural Philanthropy Days – This conference has helped me more than I could ever have imagined. I received training on grant writing, how to better care for our volunteers, and strategic planning; and met grant funders who also gave all of us good tips on what to do and how to present our grant requests. I will be preparing grant applications throughout the year to see what kind of financial blessings the Lord might bring from these wonderful people.

#### **Blessings that continue**

- Hands On Quilters, Mennonite quilters – these two groups of ladies make beautiful quilts that fly out our doors. The Mennonite ladies make quilt bundles with items for newborn boys or girls folded into each quilt and tied with a ribbon. It blesses us to see how excited our moms are when they find a quilt in the “perfect” color or design.
- Love INC *Faith and Finance* life skills lessons. This and the GOAL Academy life skills lesson enable us to bring our *EWYL* life skills lessons to a broader range of people which helps people in the community be more aware of who we are and what we can offer.
- Current moms and dads tell others they know about us. See statistics on page 2.
- Regular monthly giving by individuals, businesses and churches. This has been, and will continue to be, the heart of our ministry. We so appreciate everyone who has partnered with us to provide for families with little ones.

## 2017 Annual Report Statistics

Year	Unduplicated Family Units	Total # Children 0-12 Served	Pregnancy Tests	Practical Needs Visits	# EWYL Clients	EWYL Lessons	Diapers Given	# Volunteer Work Hours	# New Clients
2008	117	144	43	291	13	107	2371	378	--
2009	163	220	44	403	15	169	3574	249	83
2010	145	173	22	408	16	153	4543	234	83
2011	110	35	15	251	13	112	3253	585	41
2012	88	99	9	189	16	142	3171	951	32
2013	69	86	11	115	9	131	3807	723	37
2014	68	90	10	77	13	101	2049	654	37
2015	70	86	2	124	14	95	2270	699	55
2016	93	372	7	308	40	315	4094	685	61
2017	93	363	3	352	33	342	6430	519	71

Other interesting statistics for 2017

- 104 – the number of lessons one of our moms completed in 2017. She faithfully came weekly, often twice a week, in all kinds of weather, and had to walk quite a way to get to the Center.
- 5 – the number of dads who signed up at the Center; another 10 came with their wives as often as they could for lessons or just to help get whatever they needed.
- Married and single moms came to the Center about equally: 121 single mom visits vs. 130 married mom visits.
- Of our 71 new clients, 24 were referred by family or friends, 19 by other agencies, 19 by Love INC, 7 are from GOAL Academy, and 2 from Face Book.

Our year-end financial statements will be posted on our website.

Here's a list of what we are working toward in 2018:

- Establishing closer contact with our churches. The problems of teen pregnancy and abortion are part of Craig life. Our board and I will be having conversations with church leadership on ways we can partner to more proactively help pregnant teens and women, and men or women who have been affected by abortion.
- Finding a way to be open more hours with adequate volunteer coverage.
- Identifying grant makers in Colorado (and perhaps other states) whose funding priorities will allow them to give operating funds to the Center.
- Finding one or two more board members.
- Devising a new fundraising strategy
- Attending more community-wide events where we can get the word out about who we are, what we do, and what we need.

For God's glory,

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