

# Yampa Valley Pregnancy & Family Center News

July-August 2017

## What's New at the Center

### We Are No Longer YELLOW!

The Fuller Center Bike Team was INCREDIBLE! Three of them came to repaint our building Saturday June 24 – and they worked way above and beyond any call of duty, staying past “quitting time” until they finished the whole building! Henry was the team leader (for the whole team, not just our paint team), Grace loves to paint so did all the trim, and David is one of those people who can do whatever needs to be done...so he did!



David prepping the door



Grace – expert on trim



Henry on the spray gun



Our new look!

## Updates

### Baby Bottle Fund Raising Drive



We have gotten 77% of our bottles back and have collected \$3,668.74 averaging \$32.74 per filled bottle, our highest per bottle return ever! THANK YOU everyone who participated! And we still have 38 unreturned bottles!

### Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers for our Thursday and Saturday morning hours (10 AM – 1 PM). It would be wonderful if we could have 2 or 3 people for each time slot. Our moms keep asking if we can be open more hours, and it would be great if someone can come in and clean when we are NOT open, so if you can volunteer any time during the week, please let Vicki know 824-5204!

### First Annual Storage Wars – Craig Style

A HUGE “Thank You” to everyone who came to our first Storage Wars – Craig Style, and to Law Dawgs and the Ice Cream Lady for keeping us well fed and cool!. It was a very successful fundraiser – over \$1,600!! As a matter of fact, it was so much fun and so successful, we will have another one. Big Bar Storage has given us a small storage unit where we can keep items other than what we get at the Center – watch for more details in September’s issue.

## Vicki's Vantage Point

July and August have been two months of non-stop going for me! All the days have sort of blurred together. Storage Wars for the Center, followed by my own 2-day yard sale, and keeping my house presentable since it's for sale. I'm seriously downsizing to move a block east to live with my son and his family, so I've been packing, sorting, donating, and continuing with all the details of life at the Center.

But I'm a fan of change – I like the excitement that comes with change (even “bad” changes can bring good), but this seems like a season of more than change – it's a time of major transitions for many people I know – divorces, relocations for work, sending kids away to college, and others we love to be with the Lord.

Major stressors, all of them.

Personally, I've been adjusting to life without my husband, and I am very grateful the Lord surrounded me with so many people who have “a sense of a goose” (see next page). God's peace



that passes understanding has been my portion, and I have been able to share it with some of our moms and dads who are going through their

own life transitions – all because it was prayed into and spoken over me by the geese who are flying (and walking) with me.



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## Something to Think About

Saw this in a book – credited to Author Unknown, but I found who wrote it at [inspire21.com/stories/businessstories/Asenseofagoose](http://inspire21.com/stories/businessstories/Asenseofagoose). My prayer is that the people in our families, churches, businesses and government agencies will be willing to have the sense of a goose!

### A Sense of a Goose

By Roger Darlington

Next Autumn, when you see geese heading south for the winter, flying in a "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to way. As each bird creates an uplift immediately in a "V" formation, at least 71 percent than if each bird



why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift immediately in a "V" formation, at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

*People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily, because they are travelling on the thrust of one another.*

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

*If we have the sense of a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are heading the same way we are.*

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

*It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese flying south.*

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

*What message do we give when we honk from behind?*

Finally - and this is important - when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of the formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies; and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their own group.



*If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.*

## Current Needs

(blue text = new)

- Gently used maternity and toddler clothes
- Volunteers
- Regular monthly giving partners

For more info on any of our needs, please call Vicki at the Center 970-824-5204.

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You can be a financial partner even if funds are tight! Check out our website to learn more.



Amazon.com has a program called **Amazon Smile** –

they will donate a small portion of their profit on most items to the non-profit of your choice.

### City Market



has a similar program. **NOTE:** If you were part of City Market's program in the past **but have not signed up online**, you are no longer part of the program and whatever organization you supported has not been getting any donations based on your purchases! Once they set up their app and online program **everyone had to sign up again.**



You can also bring in your used laser and ink jet cartridges for us to recycle.

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### Online Giving Getting Closer

We have finally found an online giving resource that holds our values! Savvy works with Christian non-profits and has a special focus on pregnancy centers. We should have everything set up by October 1 – on our website, FaceBook and offer an app for phones!