

What's New at the Center

This is a shorter newsletter this month – we are entering a season of transition that will probably last until September when my personal life gets a little more settled. Here are the “God things” that are part of this season of transition:

Personally – I’ve been living with my son and daughter-in-love since last September to facilitate a transition this September when they leave for 3 years in England so my son can pursue his PhD in Victorian Studies. It’s an opportunity of a lifetime for him and my daughter-in-love. My developmentally delayed grandson will be here and in my care until things get settled for his parents in England. Please pray for my family as we navigate these major life changes.

At the Center - Volunteers are moving on to other “God things” for them. The board and I are excited for the opportunities He is giving them. The Lord has already brought us someone who is willing to work 2 evenings a week giving *Earn While You Learn* lessons starting next month.

We are building relationships with so many of our parents, which means we have more and more opportunities to be mentors, and sow God’s love into them and their children. We will be looking for volunteers to be Peer Advisors for individuals or couples. I will give more details about this next month.

And we realize we really need another part-time person, so will be getting the word out through the churches for this position in May.

We also are praying for 2-3 more board members who share our vision and can help us reach the youth in our community with a message of abstinence as a way of life, affirming each teen’s value in God’s eyes.

We may have found a larger building. Several of our moms have frequently mentioned that we really need more room! The board agrees it would be a great place for us. We will be talking with the owner’s agent over the next couple of weeks to see if we can finalize a deal. I will tell you the “God story” of how we found the building and the details when we know it is ours.

Opportunities for greater connections within the community has me very excited. We are in our third session of offering life skills lessons at Love INC’s *Faith & Finance* classes and have been asked to offer life skills to United Way’s *Bridges Out of Poverty* graduates. Our first set of lessons with them was very successful. We will offer another set in July.

We also want to work with the churches to find a way to reach men and women who have been affected by abortion. We have lessons for women, and a resource for men, so please be praying for wisdom for all of us in this process.

Finally, I am believing we will find a way to be open more hours, hopefully by fall – that is another request from our moms and dads!

Vicki’s Vantage Point



About three weeks ago my pastor’s sermon Scripture was on Luke 6:38, which reminded me of the Lord’s promise to us in 2015 and has led to some reflective thinking.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use will be the measure you receive.”

When we discussed that verse at one of our first board meetings with me as Director, the board affirmed that we cannot out-give the Lord. That decision has undergirded every other decision we make.

The volunteers and I are aware that we may be the only “Jesus” many of our moms and dads come in contact with and we have purposed to love each one as we have been loved by Him.

Next month I will begin my 4th year as Director – and it is a joy and privilege to be here and be able to give moms and dads what they need for their little ones. We are indeed an agent of HOPE for people in Craig, and because of our life skills lessons at Love INC and United Way, we are reaching a segment of the community we would not have access to otherwise.

I believe the word for this next season of Pregnancy & Family Center life is “expansion” – an extension of “pressed down, shaken together, running over.” I’m not sure what it will look like, or work out to be, but I’m certain it will be wonderful!