

## What's New at the Center

### We Will be Moving!



We've outgrown our building on Victory Way! Don't have an exact date for the move – will be signing the lease soon, but here are the some details: 538 Breeze Street, 400 square feet larger than we have now, lots of parking spaces on the street and in the back! We are *so grateful* to **Diane Douglass**

and **Jay Wexler of Montrose Vista Corporation** for giving us the opportunity to have such a prime location on Victory Way at a price we could afford.

### 2018 Fundraising Events

#### Baby Bottle Fundraiser

This event seems to be foundational for almost all pregnancy centers in America! Ours starts on *Mother's Day* when we give baby bottles to several churches in the community. People take one home, fill it with cash, coins or a check, and return it to the church on *Father's Day*. It's a beautiful opportunity to partner with us in affirming the Lord's value of mothers, fathers and the family in a worldly system that is doing all it can to tear them apart.

#### July 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Storage Wars - Craig Style

**Mark the date – you won't want to miss this!!!** We already have some wonderful items so special we are going to offer them in a silent auction: A hand crafted denim quilt, a collection of porcelain dolls (some first editions with certificates), and a collection of gnomes created at Cairn Studio, some are signed by their creator.

Big Bar Storage has generously donated a larger (10x10) storage unit to the Center (we originally had a 5x10!) so we can store even more **gently used donated items** (furniture, bicycles, toys, etc.) for this year's Storage Wars. **Now we have room for more items! Call Vicki if you have anything you'd like to donate to partner with us in our ministry, 970-824-5204!** Watch for more info as the date gets closer!

### Welcome New Volunteers

Before we had a chance to get the word out about our volunteer needs, the Lord brought two women to our door in answer to our prayers! Kenia (pronounced Kenya, like the country) will be our Receptionist starting next month. Some of you have met her as she worked a few days before going on an extended vacation with her family. She is bilingual and will be the first one to greet you whenever we are open!

You probably won't see Debbie, though! She will take all our donated clothing items to her home and sort and wash them, then bring them back folded and ready to go on display.

We are so grateful for both these wonderful women and welcome them to our family.

## Vicki's Vantage Point



I never considered myself "missionary material." I'm not really keen on traveling, have a hard time grasping other languages, and am basically a very shy person. So, Jesus' command to "go and make disciples of *all the nations*" was, honestly, frightening.

I never considered myself a leader, either – not at church and certainly not in a community. I always saw myself as a Barnabas sort of person – supporting someone else in his or her vision, ministry, and mission.

Yet here I am, starting my fourth year as Executive Director of the Pregnancy & Family Center, with a vision, ministry and mission of my own. Well, it's not my own; it's a vision, ministry and mission I got from the Lord one Sunday in church three years ago!

We were ready to close the Center in early 2015. Financial and human resources were too low to support the work any longer. Yet the NEED for what we do was still in the community, and there was no other agency that exclusively offered all we have and all we do.

That Sunday my pastor said, "Jesus is our hope." I didn't hear the rest of the sermon. Jesus is our hope. HOPE...**Help, Opportunity, Practical Needs, Education!** Everything we do and offer at the Center.

That phrase was the catalyst for renewed vision, ministry and mission for the board, our volunteers and me! Jesus is our hope, and we want everyone to know Him! It's why we do what we do the way we do it (see page 2!)

## Why We Do What We Do The Way We Do It

### Why We Do...

Well, mostly because Jesus told us to when He was here on earth. “Make disciples” (Matthew 28:19) ... “love one another just as I have loved you” (John 15:12) ... “freely you received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:8), and finally, because “[The Lord] doesn’t want anyone lost. He’s giving everyone a chance to repent” (2 Peter 3:9).

### What We Do...

So, we love others like Jesus loves us: unconditionally and too much to leave anyone the way they are without Him. We just can’t help it – we want to model Jesus’ love so everyone in Craig can come to know what it means to be forgiven of every sin, accepted, loved and valued...just as you are. It’s the belief system undergirding our offer of **HOPE**:

- **Help** – whatever anyone raising infants and toddlers needs to care for their little ones. It’s meeting them where they are with what they need; given freely and without any strings attached. It’s the open door to building a relationship so we can share our faith and God’s love with people who don’t know anything about God and His great love.
- **Opportunity** – we encourage our moms and dads to grow, learn, and get the help they need by taking classes with us and take advantage of the many programs other community agencies offer.
- **Practical Needs** – the backbone of our ministry is our Practical Needs Store and Loan Item Program. Funded primarily by grant money, we are able to provide almost anything a family will need for their little ones.
- **Education** – our *Earn While You Learn* lessons provide a solid foundation of parenting and life skills as well as the stages of pregnancy and early infant care – all from a biblical perspective

### The Way We Do It

We will help anyone who comes to us. I’ve been told that we are foolish because it so easy for people to take advantage of us, or that we aren’t being “good stewards” of what we have unless we make sure the people we serve aren’t abusing the system and us.

Here’s our take on that: *Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.*” (Luke 6:38) That’s the first Bible verse that came to mind after HOPE.

We practice magnanimous giving because the Lord is our Provider and our Provision, and He has been absolutely faithful to make sure we have everything we need when we need it – to give away or to use for our own needs. Many years ago, one of my pastors said, “Our purpose in life is to give to get to give more to get more to continually give...we cannot out-give the Lord.” That has consistently proven to be true here at the Center!

## Current Needs

***Because of our upcoming move, we are not accepting donations until we are settled in at Breeze Street.***

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### ***Be a Part of the Blessings***

We are SO blessed to have SO MUCH to give away at the Center. If you’d like to be part of our mission and ministry here, but don’t have time to volunteer or resources to donate, please consider these options:



Amazon.com will donate a small portion of their profit on most items to us via the **Amazon Smile Program**.

**City Market** has a similar program called City Market Community Rewards.



Both require online sign-ups. We’ve posted instructions for both on our website: [yvpfcenter.org](http://yvpfcenter.org), click on Financial Giving Options.



You can also bring your used laser and ink jet cartridges to us. You can leave them at the front or back door if we aren’t open.

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### **Online Giving**

We also have an online giving option on our website. It’s easy and completely secure. To get started, simply “Click **HERE** to make a donation” in the turquoise box in the sidebar on our home page.