

Yampa Valley Pregnancy & Family Center News

October - December 2018

What's New at the Center

New Fridge!!



A very big and heartfelt thank you to **Sandra King** and **Audrey Anna Masterson** for the gift of a brand new Kenmore Compact Refrigerator! Sandra is on the HRC Allocation Committee and heard me saying one of our goals for 2018 was to find a great for a small fridge to hold the perishable food items we purchase for our families. No grant needed thanks to their generosity!

Newly Refinished Door

One of our dads is a finish carpenter and spent several hours refinishing our front door. It is indeed a thing of beauty and we appreciate the time and energy he put into this project!



Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a **Bilingual Volunteer Receptionist** for each of the days we are open (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 4 PM). Visit our website for a complete job description.

Car Seats



The Public Safety Center has lost its grant for car seats, so have given us permission to accept donated car seats but they have to meet the following criteria: Less than 8 years old, single owner, never been in a car wreck. If you have a car seat you are no longer using that meets that criteria, please bring it by when we are open, or call for an appointment. If you know anyone who needs a car seat, please tell them to come see us.

Festival of Trees



We have an entry in the Festival of Trees again this year: *Twas the Evening Before Christmas* – stop by and see it “in person”! We are on the east side of the main entrance lobby.

Holiday Hours

We will be closed the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 22) and the week between Christmas and New Year's (December 24 through December 31).

Christmas Open House

We are hosting a Christmas Open House Saturday December 8, 2018 from 1-3 PM. Come tour our new location and have some Christmas cookies, hot apple cider or cocoa before you head over to the Festival of Trees events.

Vicki's Vantage Point



October through December are always challenging months for me – and for most of us, I think. Seems like it's one holiday after the other and too many other (normal life) things to do in between each of them.

I used to be “one of those people” who had Christmas shopping done before November – because I shopped throughout the year. Not anymore! I can't even get birthday presents in the mail so they arrive on – or even close to – the person's birthday!

I also thought I had to generate a holiday letter updating close friends and family on the events of the past year, and send a Christmas card to everyone else I knew on the planet!

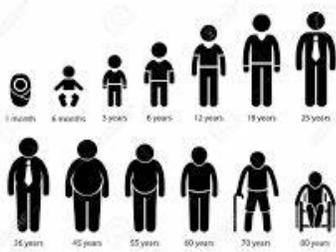


I'd still LIKE to do all that, but have realized spending time with those I am closest to – whether in person or by phone (talking...not just texting) throughout the year means more and is definitely more satisfying emotionally and spiritually than all the annual cards and letters I tried to send (and read when I received one).

Holidays can be hard, because life in a family is hard – it takes willingness to listen, commitment to love (no matter what) and courage to speak what's on your mind and heart. Praying your holidays will bring lasting good memories of love, family and friends.

The Blessings of the Seasons

I just received a holiday card from a good friend who spoke about the mountain top highs and valley lows she has experienced in her life this year. Made me think about the blessings of the seasons – spring, summer, fall, winter, and the seasons of life: infancy, toddler school years, teen years, young adult, adult, middle age, older age.



We can't avoid or ignore any of the seasons. The author of Ecclesiastes in the Bible tells us they are established by God (Eccl. 3:1-8): *For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and to die... to plant and to harvest... to kill and to heal... to tear down and build*

up...to cry and to laugh... to grieve and to dance... to embrace and to turn away... to search and to quit searching... to keep and to throw away... to tear and to mend... to be quiet and to speak... to love and to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

I'm willing to admit I'm approaching older age (not ready to be there just yet!) so I've experienced a lot of natural seasons, and most all the seasons of life. They are inevitable, and yet we seem to forget that every season is part of life for a reason.

We almost never like the times appointed to die, kill, tear down, cry, grieve, turn away, quit searching, or throw away. We tend to believe hating another person and war are wrong. We who believe Jesus is our Lord and Savior often believe He has turned against us for some reason when we are in the seasons of the low valleys; that our birthright as a child of God is for the mountain highs – planting, harvesting, healing, building up, laughing, dancing, embracing, loving, and living in peace.

But Paul in the book of Romans tells us *[W]e know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.* (Romans 8:28 NLT)

Some of the sweetest seasons of my life have been in the lowest valleys. That's where I realized depth of God's love and faithfulness – I became aware of the way He was comforting me. I learned the answers to my most persistent question: "Where is the love You speak about in THIS?"

If Paul is correct (and he is!) every season exists to help us learn more about the Lord and His great love – the love that got Him to and kept Him on the cross so He could experience the joy of our knowing our Father.

May we all embrace the fullness of each season the Lord brings us to and through for His glory.



Blessings on your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Current Needs

- Gently used winter toddler clothes sizes 2T-6T
- Larger sized diapers (4,5,6)
- Wipes (regular, not sensitive)
- Regular monthly donors

Be a Part of the Blessings

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 each on our website: 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.

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.

