

Yampa Valley Pregnancy & Family Center News

September 2017

What's New at the Center

Answered Prayer!

We have a new volunteer, Carrie Holton, and I am excited to introduce her to you. We appreciate every volunteer we have for who they are and the skills and talents they bring to our corner of God's kingdom. Carrie recently moved back to Craig and is pretty much pre-trained to help!

She was the office manager/assistant director and then interim director at a pregnancy center in Dillon, Montana where she served for over two years. She is familiar with the *Earn While You Learn* program, has gotten grants and planned and implemented fund raising events. Whew!! Carrie and I are very aware the Lord has brought her to us (via Tracy Sheldon, who volunteers behind the scenes keeping our maternity clothes stocked and nicely displayed), and will be spending most of October exploring how she can best serve here while she also works at a part-time job and has three teen-agers to keep track of!

Winter Clothes are on the Racks

Carol Morton, June have been working hard toddler clothes out on our job but they are up for it and dad's faces when they little ones! A couple of our moms have also come when they can to help sort clothes – we are a team...well, really, we are an extended family!



Ritchie, and Mo Ridnaur to get our winter infant and racks. It's a time-consuming and enjoy seeing our mom's find what they want for their

Updates

Baby Bottle Fund Raising Drive



We received four more baby bottles the last week of September – two were in a bag with LOTS more change in it. Total received: \$240.83!! It's never too late to bring in a bottle – to your church or to the Center. Total for this campaign: \$3959.06. We now have the highest per bottle amount since 2008: \$32.99. Thank you all for partnering with us!

Fund Raising Event

The Board of Directors recently formed a Fundraising Committee to better help us plan events throughout the year. We will keep our Baby Bottle campaign and will have another Storage Wars-Craig Style, but would like a few smaller totally fun events too. If you would like to be part of the committee, or have a fundraising idea, we welcome the help. Give Vicki a call 970-824-5204 or email yvpc@rocketmail.com.



Vicki's Vantage Point



I have never been to a conference exactly like Rural Philanthropy Days! I am aware it was a series of "God moments" that gave me a lot to pray through and talk with the Board of Directors about.



Patch Adams (the real one) spoke at our lunch on Thursday. He is an amazing man – 71 years old now, if I

did the math right – and a free spirit if there ever was one. Visit his website at www.patchadams.org to learn more about him. His basic message was: anyone can choose to be a loving and caring person and that choice sets you free.

As Patch was speaking on Thursday, I realized the Lord has given us a Patch Adams type of ministry here! We are loving, caring people who "give away the store" and educate moms and dads every day. Our Board of Directors and volunteers give their time, energy and wisdom, our donors faithfully give resources that keep our doors open, people in the community donate almost all our clothes and many of our larger items, and foundations fund our programs.

I received some tools at the conference that will help us grow and better serve our community as well as our donor and volunteer base. Please pray I have the wisdom and discipline I need to process what I have learned and apply it appropriately to life at the Pregnancy & Family Center.

Our mission and vision will not change, but I see so many aspects of our ministry differently now. Rural Philanthropy Days is a one of those blessings that will keep on giving for weeks and months to come!

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Something to Think About

Two of my “forever friends”, Carol and Cindy, and I have been talking together every other week for 11 years. Carol is in California, Cindy is in Idaho, and I’m here in Colorado (3-way calling is a wonderful thing!!).

Our relationship was forged in the struggles of life we shared in the mid-1990’s as part of a kinship group at our church in California. We really *know* each other – the good, the bad, the ugly – and have been loving and supporting each other for 20+ years. I share this information for two reasons:

First, this kind of friendship – sistership, really – is a blessing from the Lord and one I’m afraid Face Book, Twitter and other social media venues steal from us.

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A deep bond like ours only physically present – seeing watching their body little about their life. It is building trust and is how

Jesus lived His life ...up close and personal; face to face, hands on, with love.

Which leads me to my second reason. We three are reading the gospel of Mark and discuss it as part of our calls. Mark makes it pretty clear that the disciples didn’t get a lot of what Jesus was telling or showing them. One commentary I read raised this question: If the disciples didn’t “get it” when they were with Jesus, what makes us think we get it any better now!

We do have a post-resurrection vantage point that the disciples did not have while they lived with Jesus, but Acts and the epistles show that they got it later, and they lived it by “doing life” together – face to face, eye to eye, heart to heart. Which led me to rephrase the previous question: if we don’t take time to develop deep, meaningful relationships with each other in the same way Jesus did, do you think we will be able to develop one with the Lord? Will we recognize His voice? See His “fingerprint” on events? Feel His love?

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know me.” (John 10:14 And, “My sheep listen to My voice, I know them and they follow Me.” (John 10:27) Knowing and being known – for who and what we really are – is a blessing from a heavenly Father who loves and cares for all His children.

I don’t remember what the product or service was, but years ago some ad agency came up with the slogan, “Reach out and touch someone.” Sounds like good idea to me!



Current Needs

(blue text = new)

- Gently used larger sized winter maternity clothes
- Winter toddler clothes up to size 6
- Regular monthly giving partners

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

“Passive” giving options

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 your used laser and ink jet cartridges to us, Community Budget Center, or Cornerstone Realty.

Online Giving Still in the Works

Savvy works with Christian non-profits and has a special focus on pregnancy centers. We will keep you posted here, on our website and on Face Book!