

June 2019 Newsletter Story



Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center

19348 N. 4th Street
PO Box 3208
Covington, La 70433
985.893.4281
www.northlakecpc.com

A Note from the Executive Director

It's rare and miraculous to see a truly selfless act of love in our fallen world. Every time I have the privilege of watching a birthmother place her baby for adoption I am witness to such an act. When I first started working at the pregnancy center almost fifteen years ago, I thought that I would see many babies placed for adoption. In my mind, if a pregnancy was unwanted, and abortion was ultimately ruled out, then adoption would be the logical choice. I was surprised after my first year at the center to see only one of almost two hundred moms make the decision to place her baby for adoption. This trend has continued over the years and is consistent with what other pregnancy centers report experiencing. I feel that as an organization, we do a great job of adoption education. We have an extensive list of adoption referrals, and we even have adoption agency representatives available to meet with our moms onsite. So why is adoption so rare?

I think that the answer is selflessness. Imagine a continuum where abortion represents the most selfish act that a mother can commit, and adoption represents the most selfless act that a mother can commit. Movement on this continuum is possible, but movement from one extreme to the other is rare. We have a great success rate at moving a mother from the act of abortion to the act of choosing life, but for her to then give that life to another... It's just too far of a swing on the continuum for so many of our mothers. The lie of abortion tells women that a simple procedure will alleviate their pain, and to completely disregard the wellbeing of their baby. The reality of adoption is that a mother willingly chooses to subject herself to the immense pain of giving her baby away because it's in the best interest of her child's wellbeing. These are truly opposite decisions.

Every time I see a mother courageously walk into this pain I stand in awe. The reason why I am inspired to write about this topic at this time is because we currently have a mother walking through this pain. The agency representative has been meeting with this mother at our center for the last several months. This situation is unique, because the adoptive parents have also been attending these meetings. We usually don't get to experience the joy of the adoptive family, only the pain of the birthmother. Getting to experience both at the same time only serves to strengthen my view that adoption is truly a rare and miraculous act of selfless love in our dark and fallen world. I pray that I will love my own children with the kind of fierce, courageous and selfless love that these birthmothers possess.