

September 2015 Newsletter



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A Note from the Executive Director

A few weeks ago I was asked to speak to a Sunday school class about the Sanctity of Human Life. Statistics show that 1 in every 3 women over the age of 40 have experienced abortion. With this in mind, I try to be sensitive to the fact that there will probably be a post-abortive woman in my audience. As a Christian, how do you speak the truth about abortion while at the same time caring for the heart of those who have made that choice? The answer is this. **Abortion Exploits Women.** In my time here at the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center I have talked to hundreds of women considering abortion. I can tell you with all certainty that there is no greater place of vulnerability than that of a woman who is filled with so much fear and desperation that she would take the life of her own child to escape her situation. Regardless of her demeanor, when a woman walks through our doors seeking an abortion, she is experiencing one of the darkest times of her life. The abortion industry preys upon her during this time and they do it for financial gain. It is a BILLION dollar industry! It speaks lies to her like "It's your right", "It will be quick and easy", "No one will ever know" and "There will be no consequences or aftermath." The lie that "It's not really a baby" isn't even used anymore because science and ultrasound technology have exposed it. So now that science has advanced, and we know that life inside of the womb is in fact life, why is this country still allowing abortion to be practiced? The answer is MONEY! The abortion industry has NEVER been about helping women. Women have been exploited, victimized, preyed upon, and lied to by this industry for financial gain. We have now learned that the exploitation doesn't even stop with abortion. The industry has found a way to further exploit these vulnerable women by selling the body parts of their dead babies on the black market. I can think of no greater level of exploitation. If the pro-life movement can wake up post abortive women to this truth instead of shaming them, they will become a force to be reckoned with. So many pro-choice advocates are post abortive women who are using the platform to justify their decision and medicate their pain. I am not saying that women who choose abortion have no culpability. The decision is theirs and theirs alone. However, I also know that whether they realize it or not, they are already paying dearly for their decision, and will do so until they embrace the transformative forgiveness of Jesus Christ. The pro-life movement should be an advocate for them instead of a source of shame. This advocacy must occur not only in the media, but also in our everyday conversations. Always remember that abortion is the enemy, not the women who choose it. Adopting this perspective could play a vital role in setting someone free from years of silence, which can in turn help save lives.

Our Stats

We have seen 412 new individuals in 2015 and had 1325 appointments. We have performed 182 free pregnancy tests. We have counseled 80 women considering abortion. We have provided 244 parents with food, diapers, clothing, formula etc. We have helped 152 women find pre-natal care. We have shared the gospel with 253 individuals and prayed with 388. We have cried with these women, laughed with them, and shared in their joys and sorrows. All of it has been a privilege.

New Building Update

At the beginning of the year, we purchased a new building in our desired location! This new building has exceeded our expectations in so many ways and has broadened our vision for the future of the ministry. We are very eager to make 19348 North 4th Street our new home, but we need your help. The building needs to be renovated and furnished before we can move in. Our plan is to renovate the bottom floor and leave the second level untouched until future expansion. We have determined that it will cost around \$220,000.00 to make the transition into our new building. This amount includes our contractor's bid, a contingency fund for unexpected renovation costs, insurance costs, moving costs and furnishings. If you would like to help, you can do so online at northlakecpc.com or via mail with the enclosed envelope.

Specific Prayer Requests

We are praying for additional Spanish Speaking volunteers. We are also praying for the Lord to provide Enfamil Infant Formula, diapers, wipes and baby care products.

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Our Medical Advisor

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But Jesus said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

-Matthew 19:26
