

HOW DOES A PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER WORK

Centers can look very different from one community to another, depending on the needs specific to them and the paid and volunteer staffing available to the center.

Goal: to become an effective Pregnancy & Parenting Resource Center that is rooted in Christian values.

Here's a glimpse at our pregnancy related work in 2019:

In 2019 we served about 8 families affected by unplanned or a difficult pregnancy.

Of those,

2 made a decision to place for adoption

2 are single parents and appreciate the emotional support & encouragement we can give at Crossroads

1 is still pregnant & planning to parent. There will be many barriers to that being easy or typical for her

3 are doing what they can to be a good parent(s), yet are challenged by the reality of inadequate paychecks to cover rent, food, daycare, food, and travel

Our Crossroads Pregnancy & Parenting Center would be prepared to serve:

- Decision-making and preparation in unplanned pregnancies
- Ongoing support, education, & mentoring to those who parent
- Healthy relationship education & discussion
- Loss & grief issues for miscarriage, abortion, & high risk pregnancies



The Point Is:

The total time we serve a family at Crossroads varies. But most helping involves reoccurring visits, over time, as their situation unfolds. Some of the barriers and challenges we help anchor them through are:

- Lack of dependable emotional support
- Lack of appropriate helpers to give parents a break
- Inadequate home or finances
- Verbal and/or physical violence in the home
- Anxiety and depression of one or both parents
- Substance abuse issues by extended family
- Religious emptiness—disconnected from God and a home church, yet searching for it

*It takes a village
-we know God works through us to offer
these parents hope & encouragement, and we
are fueled by your support in various ways.*

Meeting the more tangible, sometimes crucial needs like *housing assistance, parenting education, transportation* is always a challenge. What we can do directly correlates with the time we can offer because of the financial support we have been given to share back into **HEALTHY FAMILY & COMMUNITY**

For the Pregnancy Resource & Parent Support programs to be what these and so many more parents need, it will require:

- A team of passionate volunteer helpers & staff
- Prayer – ongoing, focused, heart-filled prayers!
- Financial gifts toward the \$30,000 MATCHING grant through Heartbeat (they will match it after we make \$30,000 before spring 2021)
- Financial gifts toward ongoing service throughout the years

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