

# *Joining the Heart of the Mission*



"I felt so incredibly alone when I found out I was pregnant.

It was a growing secret that would be responded to as condemning to me by some and treated as no big deal by others. Once I did tell others, there were so many opinions about what I should do. I just needed someone to walk with me through the decisions, I was so emotional."

*"If it's not life, how can it grow daily, have a heartbeat  
and move before most know they are pregnant?"*

- asked by a shocked parent-to-be

 **SHOP!**

**SPARROW'S NEST** The baby zone at Sparrows Nest is located at the Crossroads office and includes blankets, clothing, baby basics, and even chemical free organic laundry soap and baby bath! You can shop for a special baby gift in addition to the **JUMPY MONKEY** whole bean & ground coffee and coffee themed gifts/décor!



**AMAZON SMILE** has a growing baby registry under the name Crossroads. Even when you shop for yourself, Amazon donates a percentage of the sale of items in the registry to Crossroads! If you shop Amazon or Amazon Prime, simply switch over to Amazon Smile and select Crossroads as your charity of choice and they will calculate, donating to Crossroads when that accumulative total reaches a certain amount!

**OTHER ONLINE REGISTRIES** will be set up as we have a person able to manage them (yes, that is a volunteer opportunity—let us know if you would like to manage one for us!)

 **SEW!**

**IF YOU LOVE TO SEW** and have scraps to use up, we welcome handsewn burp towels, blankets, toy animals, etc. Please check with us.

 **DRINK COFFEE!**

**EVERY JUMPY MONKEY** whole bean or ground coffee purchase at Crossroads works toward the direct time we spend with the moms and dads we help through our program.

 **1:1!**

**BEHIND EVERY GOOD PARENT** is a good support person, or 2, or 10! Build an encouraging relationship with parents to walk alongside them through the pregnancy and their years as a parent! All mentor/volunteers are screened, matched with parents, and supported through Crossroads' program.



## DONATE!

**GIFT CARDS** are an easy, economical, and practical way to give to our program, so we can be ready when the time arises, regardless of the specific need. (Walmart, Amazon, Target, Fareway, and HyVee are all welcomed examples)

**BABY ITEMS** (new & gently used) are always welcome! Our parents will be able to shop with earned Baby Bucks for new items and clothing, and used items will be similarly shared with those engaged in our program.

**FINANCIAL GIFTS** will be applied to trained and effective professional staffing who are always ready to encourage and support parents.



## STAY INFORMED & JOIN US

**WE ASK FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS** to stay informed and to get involved in this community project. The extent to which we can help relies on the amount of involvement and support from the community. We would love to add you to our mail list for events and newsletter updates—please reach out with your contact information. IF you are experiencing problems after already doing so, please contact us again and let us know!



## SPREAD the WORD!

**ONE OF THE SIMPLEST** yet highly effective ways of helping is to tell someone else about our work! At work, church, and to family and friends, both near and far, simply let them know! We talk with folks oftentimes who contacted us for more information after learning of us through someone else. And their help can be from a million miles away just as well as in the same community!



## PRAYER POWER

**THE INTENTIONAL AND CONSISTENT PRAYERS** from individuals, groups, churches, and families will be necessary in anchoring this program in our community. **Please pray for:** *Healthy babies, Real support for tough decisions, Reconsideration of abortion, Healing from pregnancy loss & difficulty, Equipping parents to be the best they can be for their child!*

- **PREGNANCY & PARENTING  
RESOURCE CENTER**



- **CHRISTIAN FAMILY RESOURCING  
& REFERRAL ASSISTANCE**

- **CO CARES - CREATIVE HELPING  
FOR ELDERLY & CAREGIVERS**

