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Mon, Tue & Wed: 9:30-5:00 and Thur, Fri & Sat: 9:30-1:00

### Valerie's Vision

HB22-1279—Reproductive Health Equity Act was introduced at the State of Colorado General Assembly on March 9th. This Bill is designed to give individuals the fundamental right to have an abortion without denying, restricting, interfering with, or discriminating. This bill has the possibility of making what we do at pregnancy centers in Colorado illegal because we offer other options to our clients.

The Women's Health Protection Act (which was defeated) was described as a "bill to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services." This bill would enshrine an unlimited abortion 'right' in federal law and block common ground pro-life laws around the country.

The pro-abortion law makers are panicking over both bills, state and federal. They are concerned that the Supreme Court will uphold the Mississippi law, which could overturn Roe v. Wade. They are presenting bills to get abortion to become federal law so that the Supreme Court's decision would be moot. Even if Roe v. Wade is overturned, the decision making concerning abortion would go back to the individual states. Colorado has some of the most progressive laws concerning abortion and we could potentially see record number of abortions in our state. Neighboring conservative states could outlaw abortions, which would drive those seeking an abortion to our state. Let us continue to pray for God to do a miracle in Colorado and in the hearts of individuals.

Valerie Herrera

Director of Operations

### Earn While You Learn

Our Earn While You Learn (EWYL) classes give our clients the opportunity to take parenting classes, learn how to take care of themselves and their babies while earning "Baby Bucks". They earn "Baby Bucks" by completing the homework, watching videos and attending our classes. We also have a spiritual component to each class. Our clients are able to earn up to \$300 through this program, which is used to purchase new items through Amazon for their baby or their pregnancy. Would you please pray to see if God would choose you to support one of our clients financially through this program? Our clients have purchased car seats, cribs, baby monitors, humidifiers, breast pumps and baby clothes. Our clients are very appreciative that they can learn how to care for their babies and earn new items for them. They are amazed that we are able to give them these items free of charge. \$300 per client adds up quickly and can be costly for us. If you feel led to donate to EWYL, please designate on your check, through PayPal or our website [www.pregnancy-center.org/donate](http://www.pregnancy-center.org/donate) that you want it to go specifically to EWYL clients. Thank you for helping us provide much needed items to our families and babies.

### We Need You!

Did you know you can give financially to The Pregnancy Center without it costing you a cent? If you have a City Market card you can designate our Center to receive community rewards. Every time you use your City Market card, rewards build up and are sent to us. This will cost you nothing and won't affect your fuel points. Just designate The Pregnancy Center of Grand Junction on-line or call 1-800-576-4377 for us to receive your community rewards. City Market does the rest. This is a great way to support our Center without it costing you anything. City Market reward points help fund The Pregnancy Center.

Thank you.

### Comparing Numbers

Here is a breakdown of the number of clients from 2021—2022:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Pregnancy Tests:	9 (Jan)	14 (Jan)
	11 (Feb)	17 (Feb)
Supplies *:	91 (Jan)	119 (Jan)
	82 (Feb)	110 (Feb)

\* Supplies are diapers, wipes, formula, maternity and baby clothes.

### MAILING ISSUES

Many of you have encountered our preprinted envelopes being returned to you. We are aware of this problem and I am currently working with the post office to correct it. At this time they don't understand why our preprinted envelopes are being returned. We are getting a variety of return messages like: No such address, vacant and undeliverable as addressed. Obviously none of the above are true. We apologize for the inconvenience and we are working to fix the issue. Thank you for your patience.

# Volunteer Spotlight Cindy Starr

My name is Cindy Starr and I have been volunteering at the Center since April 2021. I always knew I wanted to volunteer at the Center, but with my job and activities with kids over the years it just never worked out. Once I announced my retirement from my previous career, I started the training and am so happy to be able to have the time to volunteer here.

I have been married to my husband Darren for 41 years and we have two grown children and two grandchildren, four and two years old. I enjoy outdoor activities, golf, tennis, hiking, camping, paddle boarding, and gardening. I especially enjoy spending time with my grandchildren.

It is such a privilege to be able to serve God in this ministry at The Pregnancy Center, especially when I can impact the life of an unborn baby. I help with the Earn While You Learn class and really enjoy that. I serve as vice president for Mesa County Right to Life because I am passionate about the sanctity of life.

## Donate On-Line

Please donate to us at:  
[www.pregnancy-center.org](http://www.pregnancy-center.org). You will find the donate tab on the top. Donations may also be made through texting the word "Give" to 970-251-1771; you will be prompted for next step. Thank you for your support.

## NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that our website is up and running. Please visit us at [www.pregnancy-center.org](http://www.pregnancy-center.org) to see the updates and fresh new look.

## NEWSLETTER ACCESS

We are currently working on ways for you to receive our newsletters. Would you rather receive this newsletter electronically? If so, let us know what email address we can use. Email us at:

[info@pregnancy-center.org](mailto:info@pregnancy-center.org)

## CURRENT NEEDS

New or used maternity clothes  
Size 12 months winter clothes —  
boys and girls

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Guy's Night Out was a success. We had four guys come and we already have two new guys signed up. Three of our male Board members participated and helped lead the group. We will continue to host this group every month.

## SAVE THE DATE

We are in the planning stages of our 5K walk/run fundraiser event. Reserve the date on your calendars for Saturday May 21st. More details to come.

## BOUTIQUE WORKERS NEEDED

Our *HUG OF THE HEART BOUTIQUE* is essential to our clients. This room is approximately 12 ft. by 30 ft. filled with beautiful baby and maternity clothes, toys, baby food, adult food, all sorts of baby equipment, from strollers, to bathtubs to potty chairs. We also have a special play area where children can play while parents are shopping. It is beautiful! All items are second-hand, but look new as everything is washed and scrubbed—even stuffed animals and all the baby equipment is power washed.

However, it takes lots of hard work and many hands to maintain this standard. WE NEED HELP. If you like to clean and organize and witness results of your hard work, this volunteer position may be for you. We require about 20 hours working with an experienced boutique worker and then you may continue to work with another person or pick your own shift.

If you are interested, please come by the Center and speak to Valerie or Janet or call 970-241-7474.

