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### Valerie's Vision

Each of us has a calling on our life. Do you know what God has called you to do on this planet? I believe that we can sometimes flounder until we find God's plan for our lives. It seemed to me that my life was a series of unconnected jobs, events and people coming in and out of my life. Nothing made sense and I could not see how it could come together to make any type of difference. Of course, I was not seeing things from God's perspective. Everything in my life was for a greater purpose, even those seemingly bad choices have come to play in the light of God's plan. It amazes me that God wastes nothing and uses everything. Even when I thought my life was out of control, God's plan was being set in motion.

All of the things in my life (those bad decisions, me hurting others, others hurting me, sins, devastation and bottoming out) have led me to seek God in ways I may never have in any other way. It's truly in these times that I was motivated to change. Change is not easy and most of us are not motivated to want to do it on our own. Being put in a place that is uncomfortable and difficult makes us more pliable in the hands of our God. This process is not our first choice and it's not easy but if we give in to what God wants to do, the outcome will be well worth it.

God's grace is more than what we could ever imagine it to be. God sees us in His fullness, while we usually see ourselves in all the ways we fall short. When God was looking for a king in ancient Israel, He turned down all the brothers who looked like leaders to finally choose a shepherd boy who was the youngest son. Nobody would have chosen David to be king, that is, except God. God looked at a young boy and saw a king, He looked at a man who had committed murder (Moses) and saw a deliverer of the people of Israel. He looked at an orphan girl (Esther) and made her a queen who rescued her people. If God can use people like that to do miraculous things, He can use us to do similar things. Our world looks like it's falling apart, but God still has a plan.

Who does God say you are? Are you available to be used by God? I would be foolish to say that I have God all figured out and that I know exactly everything He has planned for me, but I do know one thing... I am exactly where he wants me to be right now. It's taken a long time and tough situations that I've endured, but I am where He wants me. Knowing this has added meaning to my life that I didn't know I needed or was even available to me. Ask God who He says you are.... Ask Him to open doors He wants you to walk through. I guarantee He will answer those prayers.

Let's rise up to be the people of God "for such a time as this". Esther 4:14

Valerie Herrera  
Executive Director

### 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)
	15 (Mar)	12 (Mar)
	12 (Apr)	16 (Apr)
	11 (May)	14 (May)
	24 (June)	12 (June)
	13 (July)	16 (July)
	<u>6 (Aug)</u>	<u>18 (Aug)</u>
Total	101	119
Supplies *:		
	91 (Jan)	119 (Jan)
	82 (Feb)	110 (Feb)
	93 (Mar)	114 (Mar)
	71 (Apr)	118 (Apr)
	70 (May)	131 (May)
	86 (June)	154 (June)
	72 (July)	130 (July)
	<u>67 (Aug)</u>	<u>164 (Aug)</u>
Total	632	1040

- Supplies are diapers, wipes, formula, maternity and baby clothes.

Total number of clients seen in 2021: 733

2022: 1159

## CARE NET 2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We had the awesome privilege of attending the Care Net 2022 National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in August. Care Net is a national organization and is considered to be a pregnancy center expert. This was the largest conference for Care Net with 1600 people attending. We had the privilege of having seven people attend. There were guest speakers, vendors, breakout sessions, a multitude of classes offered and on the last night we were treated to a concert from Mac Powell (formerly of Third Day). This was the first conference in a post-Roe era. Each state has different laws relating to abortion. It was interesting to hear these varying laws. Unfortunately, in Colorado nothing has changed. We know that the most life changing work is still ahead of us. Even though times are difficult, we have an opportunity to make a huge difference in the lives of our clients and eventually, our community. We are in the process of implementing what we have learned.



From left to right: Kristy Lague, Bryan Lague, Valerie Herrera-Hanner, Mac Powell and Christy King



From left to right: Valerie Herrera-Hanner, Bryan Lague, Kristy Lague, Christy King, Cindy Starr and Megan Powell. Not pictured Jaime Gallob.

### NEWSLETTER ACCESS

We are 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)

### 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.

### WAYS TO SERVE

We understand people are busy and schedules are tight. Committing to four hours a week as a volunteer might be too much, but you would like to help somehow. Would you be able to donate a few hours a month on a committee? The committees we currently need volunteers on are: Community Outreach, Marketing/Branding, Prayer, Medical, Men's Ministry and Fundraising. Please contact the appropriate committee head if you are interested and for dates and times of meetings.

Community Outreach: Megan Powell 303-501-3111  
Marketing/branding: Jaime Gallob 970-216-3416  
Prayer: Stephanie Boda 970-222-5039  
Medical: Valerie Herrera 970-773-2451  
Men's Ministry: Bryan Lague 970-241-7474  
Fundraising: Valerie Herrera 970-773-2451

### CURRENT NEEDS

New or used maternity clothes

12 month old sleepers—fall/winter—  
boys and girls

6-9 month girls onesies

3T-5T girls & boys clothes

Baby bottles

Baby socks

### MEN'S MINISTRY

Our next Guy's Night Out is Monday September 19th at 6:00 PM. If you are a man and feel God leading you to serve young men/fathers in our community, please call Valerie Herrera to learn more about where you might fit in.