

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

From the Heart of the Director

One heart at a time...one life at a time

Volunteer Spotlight: Brandee Zettel

Brandee began volunteering as a Client Advocate in February and we are so glad she did! Her professional training and experience in counselling have made her a great resource to us. However, it is her love for the Lord and His Word that shines through her. Brandee looks at all she has learned in life through the lens of scripture. Her commitment to the Lord inspires her to use her gifts and abilities for Him daily and her gentle and quiet spirit are marked qualities of her character. She is a Navy wife and mom to three whose bravery and strength are required to endure many years of moving and deployments. We rejoice with Brandee and her family that her upcoming move will be the last, and their family will remain together until retirement. She lives her life serving the Lord, her family, and her friends, among whom we are grateful to be counted. Thank you, Brandee, for your time, service, encouragement and example you set at the Center. God bless you and your family as you embark on a new season of life in Washington D.C!



Tammy Weimer, Client Services Manager

Brandee, please tell our readers a little about yourself: I am married to a fighter pilot in the Navy (Peter) and we have three children: Simon (10), John (9), and Bella (6). I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, but haven't lived there since getting married fourteen years ago. Our family has moved six times in the last fourteen years, about to be seven times in a few weeks! I love traveling, meeting new people and learning about different cultures. I am currently a stay-at-home mom, but I am also a counselor with a degree in marriage and family therapy; I love helping people.

How did you become involved with CPC ministry? Over ten years ago, while being stationed in Meridian, Mississippi, I learned about their crisis pregnancy center and began volunteering with them. I helped in the mommy store, and I also helped bring their abstinence program into some of the local middle schools. When moving to Lemoore I found that there was a similar ministry in Hanford (which came to my attention because of the baby bottle fundraiser that our church, Koinonia, was a part of).

What is it that you do at Crossroads? I am a mentor mom and I am currently leading a couple through some parenting videos and curriculum. Since I love getting to know people, I've enjoyed encouraging this couple on their parenting journey, and it's been exciting for me to see them learn new concepts that they want to apply: it's always encouraging to see people do what they can so that their children can have better lives.

Do you have a favorite portion of scripture? Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways submit to him and He will direct your paths. I have to always remember that I won't always understand everything and that I won't always be able to control things in life, but I can always trust that God understands and that He's always in control.

If there's one thing you'd like to say to the upcoming generation, what would it be? Always trust God. No matter what is going on in your life, consult God first. Read His word regularly and allow it to direct you. And stick to His greatest command: love others. Do everything out of love.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance on you and give you peace. Num. 6:24-26

Center News: Mark your Calendars!

Walk/Run for Life 2018 will be held Saturday, **September 22, 2018**, at Freedom Park in Hanford. The theme for this year's walk is "*Life, Liberty & Happiness.*" Stay tuned for more information!

Volunteer Training in July: We're on schedule to begin our summer client advocate training. We are thankful for these volunteers and are looking forward to our time together. This is just one opportunity of serving at the Center. If you are interested in this training or would like to serve in other ways, please give us a call.

In Remembrance...

*Many gifts were given to the Center in loving memory of
Kathy Mundy*



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Center Life: *"not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;" (Rom. 12:11)*

Main Street Hanford Market: We are happy to join vendors at the *Main Street Hanford* event on Thursday evenings. Our bi-weekly participation began **June 7**. This is a great way to promote our services and talk with those who stop by our table. It's a blessing to see eyes light up at the fetal models, especially when they learn that at seven weeks, the baby has a heart-beat and is a recognizable human being. If you're out and about at the Market Place, please stop by our table. We'd love to see you!



Bottled Up Thank You! Since our *Changing Babies Fundraiser* finished up on Father's Day, we have been blessed with hundreds of FULL baby bottles! We send a very heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you and our participating church families. Again, we want to publicly thank **FAST Credit Union** for allowing us to use their coin counter. We are VERY grateful for their kindness.



Summer is here and our Mom Store is stunning and stocked with summery fashion thanks to **Barbara Beauchamp!** A special thank you to **Evy Alvarez, Debbie Bay, Micki Bettencourt, Janet Cabral, Sheila Curtis, Rachel McFarren, Kailey Montoya, Kathy Pacheco, Linda Stanberry, Kim Tritz, Annie Wrigley, Jessica Valenzuela and Joe Vela** for your donations of clothing, furniture, toys, diapers, and gifts. We are blessed by your gracious giving.

Mom Store Needs: Diapers (Sizes 4 & 6); 2T-4T girls summer clothing

Lobby Remodel and Carpet: We're done! Over the course of three weekends, we moved...and moved...and moved again! We want to thank everyone who came to help us as we readied each room for new flooring, and to Mike Robinson of *Robinson's Interiors* for their partial contribution to our beautiful flooring. We were blessed with our "many hands make light work" team that consisted of **Lance Bridgford, Christopher Enloe, Pat Keeverline, Pat Mundy, Sam, Joe and Julie Weimer, and Brandee Zettel.**

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