

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

From the Heart of the Director

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



EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

PARENTING CLASSES HAVE RESUMED!

Due to the state lifting its restrictions and implementing Phase 3 of reopening businesses (praise the Lord!), we have resumed our parenting classes. We thank the Lord for His sustaining grace and the blessing of seeing our clients and client advocates again! Since we have recommenced the parenting program, I thought this would be a good opportunity to talk about the program and how it works since it has been a vital part of the ministry since 2004. Many of you may already be familiar with it (and this information might be a refresher), but to those who are not as familiar, I hope you will find this newsletter informative and inspiring.

WHAT IS *EARN WHILE YOU LEARN*? Earn While You Learn (EWYL) is a video-based parenting curriculum created by *Heritage House '76, Inc.*, that consists of lessons covering an array of topics such as pregnancy to infancy, toddler to teen years, life skills, fatherhood and single/co-parenting. The program is based on the belief that providing useful knowledge and aid to women in crisis pregnancies would be a crucial part of a pregnancy resource center ministry. By teaching the skills a woman needs, along with supplying items that can help her in her new role as a mother, EWYL empowers us to offer practical and meaningful assistance to those who choose life. Not only does the program build relationships and teach helpful skills, but it also creates opportunities for the client advocate to talk about her faith and share Christ.

EARNING WHILE LEARNING: EWYL was designed for the client to “earn” items she needs while learning how to parent her child. This double-pronged method not only gives value to items she earns, but also builds confidence as she learns to raise her child.

HOW IT WORKS: The concept is simple. A client meets with her client advocate one hour per week. When a client completes her lesson, she is rewarded with “Mommy Money.” A client is welcome to bring her husband or boyfriend to class which earns him “Daddy Money” for his participation. She is then able to “shop” in our onsite Mom Store for diapers, baby clothes (Sizes NB to 4T), baby equipment, and more.

WHY IT WORKS: EWYL works because it empowers both the clients and the client advocates. Client advocates have an opportunity to form relationships, impart wisdom, teach, and encourage their clients which can make a lifelong impact in their clients’ lives. (Titus 2:3-5)

EWYL works with clients because it gives them support, hope, instruction, and a sense of accomplishment. EWYL is not only a program for clients; it is an important tool and an opportunity to spend time with someone who cares for them. The skills they learn and the relationships they develop make the time spent both valuable and meaningful.



WHY IS EWYL IMPORTANT? Because it provides an opportunity to keep promises made while a client is deciding between abortion and life. Many women see a scary road ahead if they keep the child. As I mentioned last month, women share many doubts, fears, threats, and worries of inadequacy when faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Their fears need to be addressed and EWYL can alleviate some of those fears. The “I can’t be a mother” can be answered with, “We can help you learn how” and the “I can’t make it alone” can lead to a response of, “We will be here to help you.” ***EWYL provides the tools and resources that clients know they need - and it helps them choose life because they are given hope to see a possible road ahead.***

WHO IS IT FOR? Anyone who is pregnant and/or has children who wants help or encouragement in their parenting journey.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Financial gifts enable us to keep the EWYL materials updated. Material donations for the Mom Store are always welcomed. If you have an hour a week, there’s opportunity to help with keeping the Mom Store beautifully stocked. If you’re interested to volunteer as a client advocate, we would love to talk with you! Please call us anytime at 583-1900 or email Melissa at melissan@crossroadscpc.com about this volunteer opportunity. If you’re in the area, please stop in and say “hi!” It’s always a joy to see our supporters and give tours of the Center. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this ministry. We couldn’t do this without you.

In closing, as the civil unrest continues throughout the country, may we keep our eyes on the sovereign Christ, our Rock, Redeemer, and Prince of Peace in whom we trust. ***“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.”*** (Is. 26:3-4)

“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)



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Center Donations: "June is the gateway to summer." (*J. Hersey*) Summer is here as well as the heat! A special thank you to **Mikki Bettencourt, Carol Blank, Karen Clancy, Naida Gomes, Lemoore Senior Center, Margaret Oliveira, Celine Rutter, and Piper Tejada**, for their generous donations of diapers, wipes, baby clothing, stroller, pack & play, baby equipment and crocheted blankets.

Donations are accepted daily: Mon, Wed & Thurs (9:30-3:00 pm); Tues. (11-5:00 pm) and Friday (9:30-12:30 pm).

Mom Store Needs: Clothing for boys (18 months) and girls (3T).

Changing Babies Virtual Campaign: Your Change can Change Lives!

Changing Babies Virtual Campaign fundraiser was launched by participating churches on Mother's Day, May 10. We trust you have received information about this from your church. If you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.crossroadscpc.com/changing-babies to choose a giving method that works best for you. Your financial support helps the ministry continue serving women and families in the community. Thank you for your consideration!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to **FAST Federal Credit Union** for partnering with us during our Changing Babies Fundraiser. They graciously allow us to use their coin counting machine as needed at no cost. They are a blessing to us!



*The LORD is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear
him. (Ps. 103:13)*

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