

"You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy" – Psalm 16:11



WELCOME LITTLE ONES!

HOW TO CHANGE A DIAPER 101



We recently had an expecting mom ask her client advocate if we had any classes we could send to her partner. He had expressed **concern about not being prepared**, since he didn't know how to change a diaper. We connected him with our

Ultimate Fatherhood program and he was so excited and relieved that we had the resources and classes he needed. This dad is feeling more **confident** every day and can't wait to hold his little girl!

Our Ultimate Fatherhood Program continues to grow!

We now have men volunteers on-site every service hour of the day! Having someone readily **available** to meet with the dads or partners who come into the center has been a blessing. We've already received some great feedback from our male and female clients about the **positive impact** that was made having a male advocate on site.

"It is amazing to see God's hand move"

THE BLESSING OF ADOPTION

We recently received an update from one of our adoption referrals, **New Life Adoptions!** A client we referred to them last fall had given birth and placed her baby with the adoptive family she chose while working with the agency throughout her pregnancy. We were so glad to hear of her **life-**



affirming choice! Thank you all for remembering to pray and support the efforts of these moms who face unplanned pregnancies. **Our prayers are being answered** everyday! Here is a portion of the letter we received:

Dear Friends at Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center,

Recently, one of your clients was referred to us for adoption services. We believe that you receive a blessing when you know 'the rest of the story'. "Lydia" received counseling and support with us. She chose a family for her baby. She delivered a healthy baby boy and placed her baby through open adoption with a wonderful adoptive family. It is amazing to see God's hand move and His plan completed, not only for "Lydia", but for her son and the adoptive parents in the process.

You Impact Lives

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Are you struggling after a previous abortion? HCPCC has moved our **After Abortion Healing group meetings online!** They will now meet via Zoom on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This change will allow hesitant people seeking support and spiritual healing to **join anonymously** and hear from people who are there to help them. Many women, and men, who have abortion experiences have kept this secret for many years. Our After Abortion Healing program is designed to help people **reconcile their past** with their faith and families. For more information about these meetings, please visit **hcpcctexas.org/abortionhealing** or email abortionhealing@hcpcctexas.org.



Did you know? In the first 3 months after birth, baby girls have more sensitive vision and hearing than baby boys.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Shawn Morris has been appointed to our Board of Directors. Shawn brings years of expertise as a financial advisor with Captrust. Family is a priority for Shawn and he is excited to bring further awareness to the community about our clients' needs and how we support their families.



Leah Thompson, BSN, RN, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors after serving the last few years as an HCPCC nurse volunteer. Leah brings not only her neonatal intensive care nurse expertise, but also her first hand knowledge of our clients needs and concerns.



Holly Kallemyn, owner of Haute Aire Balloons, recently joined our Board of Advisors. We are thrilled to have Holly's experience and voice as a foster and adoptive parent added to our conversations and service.



Rylee Free, Director of Missions at Currey Creek Church, has been selected to serve on our **Board of Advisors**. Rylee's heart to serve others and her direct experience with the mission field and church outreach is a perfect fit.

LEARNING TOGETHER

This summer, our in-person **Group Parenting Classes resumed!** These classes are an opportunity for parents to learn from a local expert and meet other parents. Dr. Jazmin Burns provided our parents with some wonderful tools for **"Keeping Mentally Healthy in Parenthood"**. There was much learning and laughter and parents each received a free session with Dr. Burns at a time of their choosing. Thank you Dr. Burns! We are so thankful for your time with us! If you, or someone you know might be interested in providing a 45 minute presentation that will benefit parents at the center on a Saturday morning – we would love to hear from you.

Call Melinda at 830-249-9717.



You Build Community

RESOURCE RALLY FOR FAMILIES

HCPCC participated in the 4th Annual **Back to School Resource Rally** at Boerne ISD. Rosie, Kat and Kirk were there with hundreds of families preparing for the school year. They shared with parents about our **FREE parenting classes and pregnancy services** and handed out safety items.



CHURCH CONNECTIONS

HCPCC was blessed this summer by some of our church partners promoting us in their churches and engaging their congregation in our mission!



Members of **Cross Mountain Church** shopped for and assembled **layette baskets** for our clients during their serve day! The group then delivered them to Nanny's Boutique, had a tour, and talked to one of our Layette Basket volunteers.



Oak Hills Church held a Curbside Baby Shower. The Baby Shower culminated in **Serve Day** with volunteers coming to the office and completing maintenance tasks and preparing diapers for our clients!



Currey Creek Church hosted our largestyet session of **Birds & Bees + Puberty for Parents.** Sixty parents came to learn how to approach uncomfortable topics with their young children in an ageappropriate way.

If you have a parent group who could benefit from this program, we are here for you! Or if you are a church group interested in partnering with HCPCC, please contact Lulu Belz at lulu@ hcpcctexas.org.

Did you know?

It takes a newborn 5 to 10 minutes to adapt to something new in their environment.

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TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Executive Director Donna Klingaman had the privilege of talking with Cody Knowlton, President of **Baptist Health Foundation** of San Antonio, on their weekly radio show, **Together for Good**. They discussed our services and the challenges pregnancy centers face. You can **listen online** at bhfsa.org/togetherforgood or on your favorite podcast platform.



CURRENT NEEDS

- New Fall baby clothes, all sizes
- □ Toddler clothes and shoes for "back to school"
- Diapers size 5, 6, pull-ups
- Bottled water for clients

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

COMING SOON! Let your passion for life shine every month with our new **Friends for Life Club**! Learn more about the special opportunities for HCPCC Friends for Life at our Gala in September!



Journey of the Heart Walk With Us

Have you registered for our Gala yet?

Gala **registration closes on Tuesday, September 5**. This year, we're showcasing how HCPCC walks with a client on the journey of an unplanned pregnancy. There will be a lunch and a dinner session. **Visit hcpccgala.org to register.**

Did you know? 75% of babies exhibit right-hand dominance by 8 weeks gestation!



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THANK YOU, BOERNE!

We are so honored that the Boerne community chose HCPCC as **Boerne's Best Nonprofit Organization** for the 2nd consecutive year during The Boerne Star's Best of the Best contest! The winners were announced at the end of July and we're so **blessed** to have earned a place at the top. Thank you to all the community members who chose us!