



Meeting Challenges Offering Hope



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Pregnancy
HELP CENTER



From the Executive Director and Board Chair

Dear Friend of the Center,

This Bible verse reminds us of the past year and the new or continuing challenges we encountered.

Faced with overcrowded space at the Center for many years, moving the Administrative staff to new offices in May of 2017 freed up space to meet with, serve, and offer hope to more clients at the Clinic.

The Reproductive FACT Act, which became law as of January 2016, presents challenges and violates the free speech of over 200 pregnancy medical and non-medical clinics in California by requiring them to advise clients where they can obtain free abortions. We are grateful that the United States Supreme Court heard arguments to strike down the law in the case of NIFLA v. Becerra, and on June 26, 2018 SCOTUS voted 5-4 in favor of pregnancy help centers.

While there's still work to be done, we have hope that this outcome is a win not only for pro-life pregnancy centers but also for every American who values freedom. We praise God that we can continue to offer women the resources to help them choose life without being forced to post a state-sponsored message promoting abortion.

Of course, our biggest battlefield continues to be the daily fight for sanctity of human life. The number of abortions in the South Bay has declined from an estimated 3,400 to 2,900. This 15% decrease gives us great hope that

through the work of the Center in providing a voice for the unborn, abortion is becoming unthinkable.



With all our challenges, we remain hopeful and steadfast in fulfilling our mission to help every woman in a crisis pregnancy eliminate the crisis in her pregnancy and choose life for her baby. We are encouraged that 84% of our clients choose life after seeing their babies in an ultrasound!

Thank you for your partnership and for your commitment to uphold the dignity of life! Your prayers have enabled us to meet the challenges of this past year.

Please join us in prayer, "Lord, please use the Pregnancy Help Center to make Yourself known to women facing crisis

pregnancies in the South Bay. May our clients recognize that their unborn children are gifts from the Lord, and that abortion-vulnerable women find hope in Jesus Christ and turn away from abortion. For those who have been directly affected by abortion, we pray that they would seek and find grace, healing and hope. Finally, we ask for continued protection as we forge a culture of life in the South Bay."

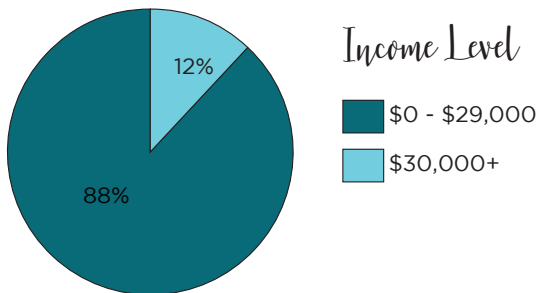
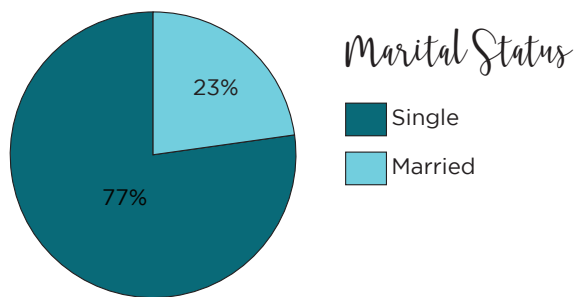
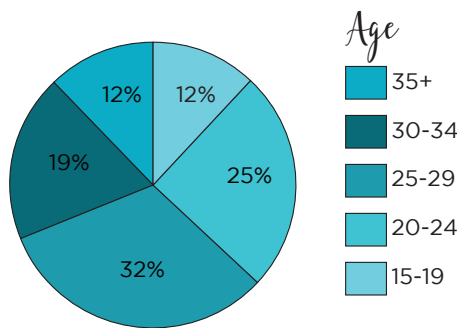
In His Service,

Adrienne & Brenda

Adrienne Gross, Executive Director
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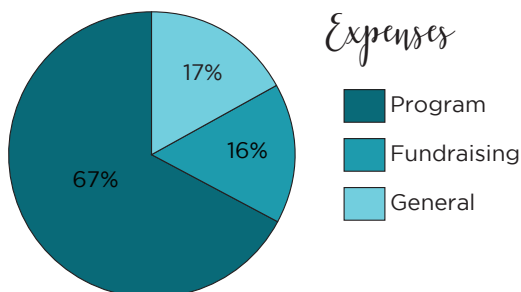
In 2017

Client Visits:	1,112
Unique Clients:	752
Pregnancy Tests:	673
Positive Tests:	534
Ultrasounds:	353
Ultrasound Clients Choosing Life:	84%



Finances

Income: \$476,2019 • Expenses: \$430,751



What We Offer

All our services are free of charge:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Limited Obstetric Ultrasound Exam
- STI Risk Assessment and Treatment
- Evidence-Based Education About Abortion Procedures
- Post-Abortion Support
- Prenatal Nutrition and Breastfeeding Education
- Assistance with Medi-Cal Application
- Sexual Integrity Program for Schools
- Community Resource Referrals (Adoption, Housing, and Professional Counseling)
- 24-Hour Helpline



Helping Clients Meet Challenges

The Center is a licensed medical clinic offering accurate, evidence-based medical information, and in Jessalyn's case that made all the difference when she came to us in mid-2017. Jessalyn says, "You gave me better medical care than an actual M.D. I visited, who did an ultrasound and said he didn't see a baby, that I most likely had a tubal pregnancy, and would lose it. At six or seven weeks and with no other resources, I was panicked."



After doing some online research, Jessalyn came to the Center where she received the compassionate care she was seeking as well as helpful information and education. During her ultrasound, the sonographer clearly identified her baby growing in the uterus. Jessalyn says, "She was so thorough and showed me what I needed to see to feel reassured."

Center staff also helped her find a new physician whom she loves, and Jessalyn remarks with appreciation, "Each person I dealt with at the Center was very responsive, supportive, knowledgeable and caring." She continues, "I also liked that I wasn't pressured or obligated to make a decision about my pregnancy on the spot."

A healthy baby Jack was born in February 2018, and Jessalyn, Jack and partner Jeffrey are doing well and are grateful for their healthy little boy.

Yesenia knew she was pregnant, and because she was in school and working full-time she felt it wasn't the right time to have a baby.

What made her come to the Center on the day she had scheduled an abortion? She shares, "I realized it wasn't fair to the baby; he didn't ask to be born. I wanted to be responsible."

When she came to the Center, she was greeted with warmth and care, and after her initial consultation and ultrasound exam she adds, "It was so positive and loving; you gave me such support and hope that I knew I could do this on my own if I had to. Everyone genuinely cared about me."

Yesenia and her partner welcomed baby Isaac in March 2018. She continues, "I thought having a baby would be too hard, but it's not. I love him so much that it doesn't really matter if I'm up half the night. It's worth it."



Recently a friend found herself in an unexpected pregnancy and Yesenia told her, "Even though you don't feel like you're ready, it's not the baby's fault. It's such a beautiful feeling holding your baby that I can't believe I ever considered not being a mother."

Hope that Changes Lives

96% OF CLIENTS DESCRIBE THEIR EXPERIENCE AT THE CENTER AS “GREAT” OR “GOOD” BASED ON THEIR COMPLETED EXIT SURVEYS.

“Amazing place and resource.”

“Made me less worried and I felt glad I had options and support.”

“You helped me to see my blessing.”

“What an amazing service you are giving!”

“I felt I had the best support from you, complete strangers! I appreciate all your help and kind words.”

“I was able to make an informed decision about my situation. You provided me with answers and addressed every concern.”

“I feel much more at ease with my pregnancy.”

Average Client Advocate and
Registered Nurse Hours Per Week:66

Average Pregnancy Tests and
Ultrasound Exams Per Week:20

Active Volunteers:.....40

INFORMATION OFTEN SHARED WITH CLIENTS: abortion procedures, abstinence, abuse, adoption, childbirth, depression, maternity homes, options, physical and sexual abuse, post-abortion recovery, pregnancy symptoms, prenatal nutrition, relationship, self-esteem, substance abuse

Raising Awareness and Support

Our two branded events in 2017, the 30th Annual Walk for Life South Bay (May 20th) and the 5th Annual Evening of Hope Fundraising Banquet (October 26th), establish traditions for the Center and raise awareness and funds so we can continue the legacy of saving lives. Volunteer and Donor Appreciation events were also held.





Wholehearted Support

If you've visited the Center, chances are you've met Diane Ishii, a faithful weekly volunteer Client Advocate. Diane does it all having also served as team captain for Walk for Life South Bay and as a table host for the Evening of Hope.

"I've always loved babies and feel compassion for women in crisis pregnancies. Over the years, I've had the desire to use my time, talents and treasure to help women choose life," says Diane, pictured above right with her grandson.

When a friend shared her rewarding Center volunteer experience, Diane's heart was stirred, and she gradually became involved. With more free time when her daughter left for college, Diane began volunteering as a Receptionist and later trained as a Client Advocate, her current volunteer position.

Diane shares, "It may be challenging at times, but it's also very exciting and rewarding to see women come in feeling helpless and leave feeling hopeful. When a client allows me to pray with them, I can see peace and confidence replace her fear and anxiety," she adds.

Husband Bob, pictured above left, shares the same passion for helping women choose life. Bob and Diane are Circle of Hope monthly pledge donors and have sponsored the Evening of Hope.

"My hope is that our Center's influence would grow and that all women would know we're here to provide the hope and help they need to overcome challenges and choose life!"

Volunteers Face Challenges



Luz Aceves-Fierro
CLIENT ADVOCATE

Having been a teen mom, I see myself in many of my clients, so my biggest challenge is to remember that in the brief interaction I have as her Client Advocate, it's all about her and her concerns and needs in making a personal decision about pregnancy. My faith in God got me through my challenges, and I want her to see that she also can have hope for the future.

Jeanine Gallagher
RECEPTIONIST

My challenge is to convey to the sometimes worried young women who come in the confidence and hope I have because of my faith in God so they can be hopeful, too. In addition to a sympathetic ear, we offer practical assistance so the client can see that there is real help for her out there.



Chris LeBlanc
SONOGRAPHER

Because so many of our clients have experienced abortion in the past, time after time during the ultrasound I see a woman's instantaneous surprise at the reality of a life growing inside her. We want her to consider the ultrasound as a strong factor to weigh when making a decision about pregnancy.

Sherry Rafters, R.N.
BREASTFEEDING
CLASS INSTRUCTOR

I remember my experience with breastfeeding as a new mom was very challenging, and I didn't have a lot of support. This is why I love being able to offer our clients the education and resources they need to be prepared to breastfeed their newborns. I want every client to have the support and encouragement she needs.





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Our Mission

To provide a safe, caring environment where every woman facing a crisis pregnancy can receive information, education, and practical assistance in order to eliminate the crisis and choose life for her baby; and to inspire others to embrace sexual health and integrity.



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