

I'm in awe of the treatment
I received today. I love how
God is such a big part of
BPC. Thank you. ~ Tiffany

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2017 BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS

his year's banquet gained an unprecedented amount of support as over 500 guests gathered together for one cause: to advance the vision set before the BPC by God of providing hope for men and women in Kern County and to save lives.

Supporters were inspired by updates of the center's progress, a client testimonial, and our special keynote speaker, Dr. Tony Evans, who delivered a powerful message encouraging attendees to "be a light in the darkness".

We praise God for helping us to raise approximately \$184,000 in prebanquet underwriting, one-time gifts, and the 12-month value of pledges.





The pre-banquet reception provided pastors and community leaders an opportunity to pray for the event and meet Dr. Evans: Pastors Sam & Otilia Curiel from In Him Christian Fellowship (top right), and Pastor Antonio Alfred of St. John Missionary Baptist Church (bottom right).





2017 ANNUAL REPORT













JOIN TOGETHER

From the Director's Desk

I love the theme "Together for Life," which the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center has chosen for 2017. There are many places in scripture where God's people are encouraged to join with others in achieving a vision that He has given. Nowhere is that more necessary than in the effort to promote the value and protection of human life in a culture that has become, in many ways, a culture of death!

After a national election, people often ask me "How will the change in leadership impact your mission and strategy?" My answer is that the mission remains unchanged, but the services we offer will adapt to the changing needs of our community. Will "repeal and replace" affect the BPC? No doubt it will, since the services that are accessible to our clients will change, just as they did after the passage of the Affordable Care Act. Will changes to abortion law at the federal level provide more protection to unborn children? Probably not in California, since our Legislature seems determined to make state-funded abortion as accessible as possible, even if it means rolling back laws that protect the health and dignity of women.

In my 26 years of service at the BPC, I've witnessed a lot of changes in the landscape where we carry out our ministry. But one thing has remained the same: God comes alongside his people when they unite in seeking and serving him, achieving results that others might deem "impossible." We are honored to have you with us on that journey of faith in 2017!





Volunteer Impact and Opportunities

In 2016, over 75 volunteers contributed an estimated 9,000 hours of service to the clients of the Center. Volunteerism is one of the ways we demonstrate God's love, and it will always be one of the core foundations of the BPC's ministry. We cannot continue to serve so many clients each year without the commitment of these individuals.

Volunteers serve the center and clients in many ways. Most work 3-hour shifts, once per week, at the front lines by answering phone calls, providing peer counseling, performing ultrasound scans, teaching classes, leading recovery groups, and providing other forms of support. Others work behind the scenes as board members, clerical assistants, church liaisons, mobile unit drivers, and special event staff. Contact Volunteer Ministry Coordinator, Janna Daglish, for more information about how you can get involved at 661-326-1915.

God has called me to volunteer here because it's a place where the world's deep need meets my deep joy. Volunteering at BPC encourages my spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and professional growth. ~ Sarah

Love permeates this ministry. ~ Kala

It is a privilege to serve God here and have the opportunity to greatly impact the lives of women and their babies. ~ Laurie



wo lines on a pregnancy test stared starkly back at Jenny, offering no words of comfort or hope. *Positive*. Two little lines with the power to ignite so much fear and anxiety. Those two lines were the reason Jenny was on her computer, frantically searching for a way out, what she thought was her only option: *abortion*.

In February 2017, Jenny's Google search result led her to the BPC. After meeting with her peer counselor and discussing abortion risks and procedures, she received a free ultrasound. The ultrasound revealed not just one heartbeat, but *two*. Jenny was pregnant with twins! The nurse shared some encouragement and scripture with Jenny, who left with a bottle of prenatal vitamins, still undecided. A week later, her peer counselor found out that Jenny was choosing life for her two children.

I felt scared. I didn't know what I was going to do. This was my first pregnancy and I didn't want to pursue the relationship I was in. Abortion seemed like my only option. That is why I am so thankful for the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. They made me feel like family. They made me feel wanted. And, I found out that I was pregnant with twins! It was all too heavy. But my experience at the Center helped me to realize that everything is going to be okay. They are guiding me through this journey. They told me that every baby is special. In my case, I felt like the luckiest girl to walk in and see all the ladies react to the news that I was having twins. I loved seeing how excited they were for me and my twins.

Jenny currently attends Earn While You Learn parenting classes each week, where she has learned about the development of her babies and gained practical material assistance, support, and hope. Her twins are due in September. What a blessing it has been for the BPC team to walk together with Jenny on her life-affirming venture!

*Name and some identifying details have been changed to protect confidentiality.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK



Our Annual Fundraising Banquet event helps us to raise most of the funds necessary for providing our invaluable services to clients. It also serves to raise awareness about our ministry and unite the community of BPC supporters. Pastor Angelo Frazier (left) of Riverlakes Church connects with Pastor Phil Corr (right) of Church of the Living Savior in McFarland while meeting with guest speaker, Dr. Tony Evans.

Below are just some of the services your donations—along with our faithful volunteers—enable us to provide:

Earn While You Learn

Parenting classes are held twice a week for expecting mothers and fathers. Parents can earn points towards different items in our *Baby Boutique*, including clothing, furniture, diapers, and more.

Pregnancy Verifications

When a woman isn't sure whether she is pregnant, we are there for her with a free and confidential test, peer counseling, and even more importantly, hope and support throughout her pregnancy.

Ultrasound

Limited first-trimester ultrasound offers our clients a life-affirming window into the womb, where they experience the humanity and heartbeat of their little one.

Gear Up

Our support program for men equips fathers with practical information and guidance as they prepare for their new role in a safe and supportive environment.

Embraced

Our post-abortion care and education Bible study is designed to minister to women who have been wounded by abortion by addressing the emotional and spiritual aspects of abortion, while creating a space to heal.

Empty Arms

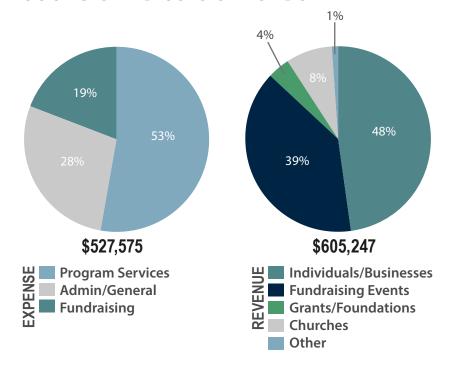
Our grief recovery Bible study and support group provides comfort and hope to parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

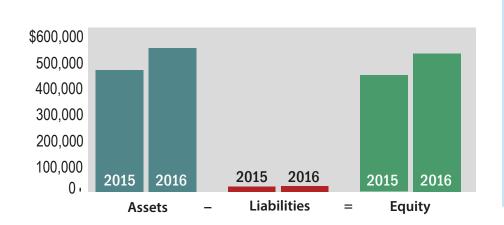


LIFE INVESTMENTS

Believing that God expects and rewards careful stewardship of the funds entrusted to the BPC, the Board of Directors is committed to meeting the highest standards of financial accountability established for non-profit organizations. We are members of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, and the Guidestar registry of charitable organizations. Our books are audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant. The information below is for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2016, calculated on an accrual basis.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS





To view more detailed financial statements, please visit www.guidestar.org, www.bpcpartners.org, or call the BPC office at 661-326-1915 for an appointment.

2015-2016

1,629

women and men visited the center

1,555

Earn While You Learn parenting class appointments were made

920

discussed spiritual issues with their peer counselor

46

clients accepted Jesus and professed their faith

1,312

pregnancy tests were given

1,048

of those tests were positive

640

ultrasounds were performed

95%

of abortion-vulnerable clients chose to continue their pregnancies after viewing an ultrasound

475

little lives were saved

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Community & Business Partners

Alina Farms Corporation Alliance Against Family Violence AmazonSmile Bakersfield Christian High School Bakersfield College Black Infant Health Program Blue Adobe Wells Foundation Chevron Clinica Sierra Vista Community Action Partnership of Kern Dignity Health East Bakersfield Community Collaborative First 5 Kern Friends of Mercy Foundation Greecian Pools, Inc. Greenfield H.E.L.P.S. Collaborative High Desert Medical College Image Clear Ultrasound Mobile Junior League of Bakersfield KAXL 88.3 Life FM Kern County Department of **Human Services** Kern County Network for Children Knights of Columbus LiFT Bakersfield Nurse Family Partnership P.A.S Associates Perinatal Outreach Program Right to Life of Kern County Safely Surrendered Baby Coalition San Dimas Medical Group Silent No More Spiritual Care Ministry Stockdale Christian School WIC Witness to Life Ministry Woodland Furniture

United Way

Church Partners

All Saints Anglican Church Arvin Assembly of God Church Bakersfield Church of the Brethren Calvary Bible Church Chester Avenue Community Church Parkside Church Christ the King Church Church of the Living Savior Daybreak Baptist Church Discovery Church **Dominion Worship Center** Elberon Christian Church Fairfax Assembly of God Church First Assembly of God Church First Presbyterian Church Garden Community Church Grace Reformed Church Hingepoint Church In Him Christian Fellowship Laurelglen Bible Church Lutheran Church of Prayer

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Valley Bible Fellowship

Simple Ways to Donate

Text the word "CENTER" to 41444 to begin donating through MobileCause. We can also keep you up-to-date on news about the center, prayer requests, events and more on your mobile device.

Every time you shop on Amazon's smile.amazon.com homepage, 0.5% of the value of your purchases will be donated to Bakersfield Pregnancy Center through the Amazon Smile Foundation.

Workplace giving is an easy way to make tax-deductible donations through payroll contributions. Just check with your employer.

Lastly, our E-giving option allows ministry supporters to donate online through a secure webpage, similar to MobileCause. To set up a recurring or one-time gift, please visit bpcpartners.org.

Client Testimonials

I feel blessed that there is an agency with faith based beliefs to service me during this time, especially without the feeling of rejection or judgment. ~ Rachel

I loved being able to express my feelings knowing I wouldn't be judged. Everything about this center is great. ~ Jesus

I have never been to a place that has made me feel this comfortable. I will definitely stay in touch! ~ Karen

I absolutely love the support that I was given by every person I spoke to here. Best experience I've had! ~ Naomi

Your team is amazing and I am so glad I came here for my pregnancy confirmation. ~ Kellsea

I'm thankful for how understanding and open-minded my peer counselor was. God sure puts the right people in your life and this is exactly how I feel with her. ~ Ilse

I had a lot of confusion and was really stressed before coming, but this visit has made me feel much better about my situation. ~ Marissa

I am truly amazed by the amount of support I got in this crucial moment in my life. BPC went above and beyond to help me. God truly wanted me to come here, because he has good people working for him. Thank you so much! ~ Alison









WHO WE ARE

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Our Mission and Vision

The Bakersfield Pregnancy Center exists as an extension of the local church for women and their families, to serve Kern County by empowering individuals to make healthy, life-affirming choices regarding pregnancy and sexual health.