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A young child with dark skin and short hair, wearing a maroon jersey with the number 15, is holding a red football with both hands. The child is looking down at the football. The background is a blurred green field.

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*The Vision*

Bakersfield Pregnancy Center  
**2014 Annual Report**



## Our Mission & 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.

... for Our Clients we

Meet many of the physical, spiritual and emotional pregnancy-related needs of women through the love of Christ.

Provide pregnancy-related services such as medical verifications and limited obstetrical ultrasounds. This assistance is supplied under all recognized standards of care and applicable laws under the direction of our Medical Director.

Offer peer counseling and accurate medical information about pregnancy. This is accomplished with the guidance of Biblically-based truth and the respect for each individual's free will.

Impart abstinence education information both on an individual basis and in small group settings.

Link women and men who are recovering from abortion, miscarriage or infertility wounds through different Biblically-based study.

... for our Community we

Uphold the sanctity of life, as well as positive Biblically-based sexual and marriage values.

Reach out to provide information about pregnancy-related and pro-life issues.

Impart accurate and timely pregnancy related information.

... these goals are met through

Funding by regular community donations, supplemental grants and fundraising events.

Extensively-trained community volunteers supported by a small paid staff.

## Meet the Team of the BPC Answering Their Call to Serve



Above, from left: Barbara Stone (Empty Arms Coord.), Kaylene Shuh (IT & Grant Specialist), Patricia Santillan (Bilingual & Carseat Services), Debbie Tidwell (Center Director), Laurie Ray (Volunteer Coord.), Mitzi Lepere (Assistant Volunteer Coord.), Linda Davis (Exec. Director), Kathie McMahon (Embraced Coord.), Teddie Scott (Nurse Manager & Abstinence Education), Margaret Kirk (Computer Operations), & Demi Hicks (Church Relations & Community Outreach)



Above (left) is volunteer Medical Director, Phil Davis, speaking to representatives from Friends of Mercy Foundation.



Board of Directors: (from left) Pastor Pete Baker, Darrin Singleton, Dana Edwards-Powell (Chair), Sheila Moore (Secretary). Not pictured: Evelyn Childress (Treasurer)



## Pam Tebow: Sharing Her Story of "Little Timmy" at the BPC's Annual Banquet



Not only did this year's annual banquet prove victorious for the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center by bringing in a record-breaking number of over 600 guests, but special keynote speaker, Pamela Tebow, mother of Heismann-trophy winner Tim Tebow, also inspired attendees with her amazing testimony, winning over more hearts for our ministry.

We praise God for helping us to raise almost \$175,000 and gain over 85 first-time givers this year. We would also like to give a special thank you to our emcee and the voice of the Renegades, Vance Palm, the Bakersfield High School Driller football team, Hodel's Catering, Bonnie's Best, our florist Kristina Baldwin, our musical string trio, video producer Kyle Lepere, and the staff of Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene.



# How Choosing Life Changes Lives



“Llegué al centro súper preocupado y confundida.”—“I came to the center super worried and confused,” she recalls over the phone. “Pero cuando dejé el centro el peso que sentía se había ido.”—“But

when I left the center, the weight I felt was lifted.”

Norma Gueta was thirty-two years old, mother of three, and pregnant with her fourth child as she drove herself to the abortion clinic about a year ago. Along the route from Arvin to Bakersfield, Norma prayed that God would send her a sign. She felt such a heavy weight as she contemplated what she should do about her unplanned pregnancy.

Norma's father, with whom she was living at the time, had threatened to take her children away from her if she became pregnant again. “I didn't want to have an abortion, but the fear of telling my parents that I was pregnant and losing my other children made me feel like I had no other choice. I prayed for God to show me what to do.” When a woman from Lifesavers, a sidewalk counseling ministry, stopped her outside of the abortion clinic, Norma knew that God had sent her the sign she needed.

That sign from God is what led Norma to visit the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, where she met with bilingual counselor, Patricia Santillan. “Cuando platique con la consejera mi sentí tranquila y con esperanza.” —“When talking with my counselor, I felt calm and hopeful.” Patricia encouraged Norma to receive an ultrasound, so that she could visualize and experience the little life growing inside of her.

During the ultrasound, Nurse Manager Teddie Scott noticed that Norma smiled and laughed as she watched the baby turn. “She was surprised by the child's development,” remarked Teddie. As she watched the tiny flicker of her baby's heartbeat, Norma was able to connect more deeply with her unborn baby. A wave of clarity and reassurance

swept over the expectant mother, and she knew exactly what decision she needed to make. She remembers, “The ultrasound confirmed to me that I wanted to make the decision to keep my baby.”

As Patricia and Norma kept in contact over the next several months, Norma was able to tell her parents about her pregnancy. She also returned to the center where she received maternity clothes, baby items, and even a bible. On September 9th, 2013, Norma gave birth to her healthy and beautiful baby girl.

Norma says that she wants others to know about the love and care she received at the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. Her story is not unlike many others belonging to women who enter our doors every single day. Thoughts like “abortion is my only option” and “my life is over” plague the hearts of these women and their families as they struggle to find a solution in their crisis. Our center exists so that we might bring Light in the face of these struggles, and shed Truth on these fears and lies.

We celebrate and give thanks to God for victorious stories, such as Norma's. As an agency working under the direction of the One who chose to give us life, the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center aims to extend Christ's heart of unconditional love, grace, and hope to our clients, so that they might choose life for their unborn children.



# Community Collaborations: *United in Service*

As a para-church agency, the BPC is committed to supporting life-affirming ministries of local churches through education materials, presentations to local groups, resources for leaders, and ministry. In turn the center looks to our church partners, as well as to other local community partners, for the resources it needs to serve and grow.

We thank the following churches and business partners for helping us to provide life-saving hope, help, and healing to thousands of individuals in 2013 and 2014.

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| All Saints Anglican Church                   | Junior League of Bakersfield        |
| Arvin Assembly of God Church                 | Kern County Right to Life           |
| Bakersfield Community Church of the Brethren | Knights of Columbus                 |
| Calvary Bible Church                         | Laurelglen Bible Church             |
| Celebration Church of the Northwest          | Lutheran Church of Prayer           |
| Chester Avenue Community Church              | Olive Drive Church                  |
| Chevron                                      | Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene |
| Children's Advocates Resource                | Olive Tree Messianic Fellowship     |
| Endowment                                    | Parkside Church                     |
| Chinese Christian Church                     | Riverlakes Community Church         |
| Christ the King Church                       | Rosedale Bible Church               |
| Christ's Church of the Valley                | Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church   |
| Church of the Living Savior                  | Sovereign Grace Church              |
| Community Partners 2013-2014                 | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church      |
| Daybreak Baptist Church                      | St. Francis Catholic Church         |
| Dominion Worship Center                      | St. John's Lutheran Church          |
| Dove Creek Bible Church                      | Stockdale Christian School          |
| Elberon Christian Church                     | The Bolthouse Foundation            |
| Fairfax Assembly of God Church               | The Bridge Bible Church             |
| First 5 Kern                                 | The Garden Community Church         |
| First Assembly of God Church                 | Trinity Anglican Church             |
| First Presbyterian Church                    | Valley Baptist Church               |
| Friends of Mercy Foundation                  | Valley Bible Fellowship             |
| Grace Assembly of God Church                 | Wells Fargo                         |
| Grace Reformed Church                        | Witness to Life                     |



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## SPONSOR A DAY

For the Sponsor A Day program, we've taken our annual budget and divided all expenses, from light bulbs to building payments, by 365. The cost to keep our center running free of charge to our clients is \$960 per day. Then, we break that cost down into 12 payments of \$80 monthly. As a day sponsor, you get to choose which day of the year you'd like to sponsor. Anniversaries, birthdays, other special events--you let us know! Please give us a call at 326-1915 to learn more!

Thank you to our following day-sponsors:

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| <b>January</b><br>9 John & Lori Wenger<br>11 Bob & Anita Chamberlain | <b>August</b><br>21 Jeff & Vickie Sandoval                                                    |
| <b>May</b><br>18 Lewis & Gayle Frye<br>25 John & Sheila Lake         | <b>September</b><br>1 Ernie & Judy Love<br>9 Jon & Kala Stuebbe<br>10 Brian & Ann Littlefield |
| <b>June</b><br>2 Ron & Sue Edwards<br>10 Mark & Liz Cunningham       | <b>October</b><br>10 Dustin & Berenice Hooper                                                 |
| <b>July</b><br>9 Calvary Chapel Westbrook                            | <b>November</b><br>30 Jeff & Jennifer Palmbach                                                |
|                                                                      | <b>December</b><br>29 Steven & Dana Powell                                                    |

# Letter from the Director

As I begin my ninth year as Executive Director of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, I am in awe of the vision God has set before us!

The passion of the BPC ministry team is to see lives saved and changed by "speaking [and demonstrating] the truth, in love" (Ephesians 4:15). We are filled with thanksgiving to God by stories like the one told at our recent banquet by Chiffawn, one of our newest pregnancy services volunteers.

While still a teenager, Chiffawn found herself with an unplanned pregnancy. Unaware of the assistance and care she might have received at a pregnancy resource center like ours, Chiffawn chose abortion. For many years, Chiffawn lived with the pain and regret that often accompany that decision, until she learned about the Embraced abortion recovery program.

Through an Embraced class offered at her church, Chiffawn found healing, courage and deeper relationship with God. Now, she has heard God's call to minister to others facing difficult pregnancy situations. Her hope is to help them avoid the pain, and loss of a child's life, that she experienced. What Satan meant for evil and destruction, God has redeemed!



Chiffawn's testimony is a reminder to me that God is in the business of doing life-saving miracles! If we are obedient to him with our time, talents and financial resources, he will give us the privilege of taking part in the miracle-working business. Your partnership with the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center means that you, too, are a miracle worker.

I hope you have caught the vision God has given the BPC ministry team, the vision of a community where no woman chooses abortion, because she knows and takes advantage of the life-saving alternatives the center makes available to her. This vision is contagious, so I hope you will spread it to others who love God, and love the life-in-its-fullness that he offers to all who draw near to him through Jesus Christ.



God bless you!

Linda Davis

Executive Director



Sweet baby Steven (the third) is the son of one of our clients, Cheyenne. Cheyenne enjoys stopping by the center to visit with staff and volunteers.

## From Those We Serve

**"The counselor made me feel very comfortable and loved by God. I feel very proud to have this facility helping me with my pregnancy."** -N.W. client of staff member, Patricia.

**"The women were accepting, kind, caring, and understanding. I really like the spiritual backing I received, like being offered to be put in prayers. I hardly had to wait at all. Everything ran smooth and efficient."** - A.D., client of volunteer counselor, Delynn.

**"As a Juvenile Court Judge who presided over thousands of cases where Child Protective Services had**



**removed children from unsafe homes, it is apparent to me that the idea of 'throw-away children' does not end in the womb. We must combat that idea from conception to the end of life. I have seen the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center affect women and men by showing them there is a God-centered meaning to their decision to keep and nurture their child right from the start. That decision can only result in seeing their child as a gift - a gift that will continue to be cherished as they grow older."** - Jon Stuebbe, retired Superior Court Judge

# Investing in the Vision for Life

## Financial Report for the Fiscal Year: 2013-2014

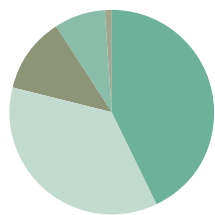
Thanks to the faithfulness of God, and the generosity of hundreds of donors large and small who have “caught the vision,” the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center ended the 2012-2013 fiscal year in a sound financial position. Giving to the general fund exceeded day to day operating expenses, and several special project grants were received as well.

As a result, the center was able to remodel and redecorate key workspaces and client services areas throughout the office. The ultrasound clinic was also upgraded for the comfort and convenience of the nursing staff and their patients. A new church and community outreach coordinator was added to the staff to help expand our communication with our donors and collaborative partners.

The Board of Directors is grateful for the support of those who share their vision for addressing current and future pregnancy-related needs of our community through strategic planning, budgeting, spending and saving.

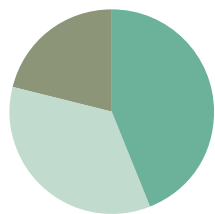
### 2012-2013 Income Statement At-a-Glance (cash basis)

Income	\$464,560
Expenses	\$399,138
Retained income*	\$65,422



#### Percentage of income by category

Individuals and businesses	43%
Events	36%
Grants and Foundations	12%
Churches	8%
Other	1%

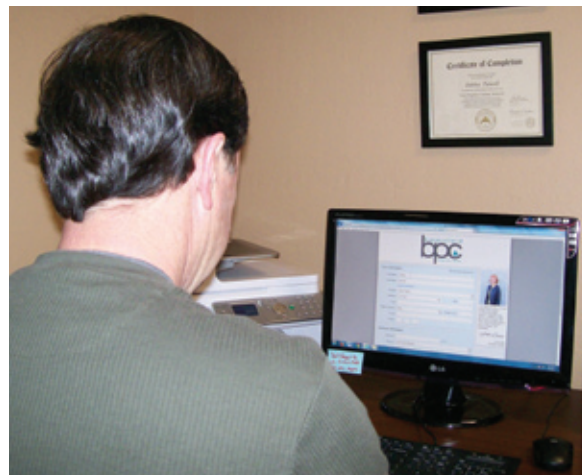


#### Percentage of expenses by category

Program Services	44%
Administrative and General Expenses	35%
Fundraising and Related Expenses	21%

\*Retained income includes funds transferred to strategic reserves, capital purchase reserves, and restricted gifts not fully expended before the end of the fiscal year.

Our E-giving option allows ministry partners to donate online through a secure webpage. To set up your recurring gift, or make a one-time donation, visit our website, [www.bpcpartners.org](http://www.bpcpartners.org).



## How the BPC Operates

The Bakersfield Crisis Pregnancy Center Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, so gifts to the center are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

The center receives no federal or state assistance. All services are confidential to the extent allowed by law, and offered free of charge without regard to a client's race, religion, income, family status or nation of origin.

The BPC is an affiliate of Care Net, an association of over 1100 pregnancy resource centers across the USA and Canada. The center is also an affiliate of the National Institute of Family and Life Associates (NIFLA), and the Medical Institute, two nationwide, pro-life, educational organizations.

The BPC is a member of GuideStar and the Evangelical Council for Fiscal Accountability, and has established policies and procedures for financial and organizational management in accordance with ECFA guidelines. To view the organization's most recent tax returns and other financial data, go to [www.bpcpartners.org](http://www.bpcpartners.org) or [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).

Financial records are audited and statements are prepared annually by Shinault Baker and Co., Certified Public Accountants.



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A higher purpose.

# It's About Faith and Trust

## Meeting the Center's Strategic Goals Through God's Provision

In 2010, the Board of Directors of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center adopted the First Choice Initiative, a five year strategic plan to guide the center into the second decade of the 21st Century. The initiative included the goal of making the BPC the first choice of women facing unplanned pregnancies.

In the previous decade, the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center had grown and adapted in significant ways to the changing



needs of women in Kern County. In 2008, to accommodate expanding programs and increasing client numbers, the center moved to its present location, increasing square footage by 35 percent. Since then, a higher volume of ultrasound patients, expanded grief recovery programs and the addition of more services in Spanish have required us to become more and more efficient in the use of the wonderful facility God has provided. In addition, careful use of Internet technology has helped the center reach and minister to those in need, beyond the walls of our clinic building.

God has brought an incredibly gifted team of professional staff, volunteers and board members to the center. Along with them have come stronger ties to churches, community agencies, schools and the business community. Financial support to meet the needs brought through our doors has been faithfully supplied.

The numbers reported in the right column show the results of progress made under the First Choice Initiative. Client numbers overall have increased 22% since 2010, and the number of ultrasounds performed on women considering abortions is up 210%. In 2010, 92 of those women chose life for their babies instead of abortion. In 2013, 208 young lives were saved!

In light of the gains made in recent years, the BPC ministry team has updated its goal to embrace God's vision more fully: We want to help create a community where no woman chooses abortion as the solution to an unplanned pregnancy, because the needs of mothers, fathers and babies are met in dignified, life-affirming ways.

## Our Vision for the Future

During 2014, the Earn While You Learn program, and a growing staff of male counselors, will enable the center to support and educate more men who are involved in pregnancy and parenting decisions. Longer hours, more nurses on sight and more resources for Spanish-speaking clients will also increase our capacity to reach those in need of life-affirming care and support.

Strategically designed billboards, radio, and television ads, new to the BPC's outreach strategy in 2013, will continue to be utilized for maximum impact. Secretary of the Board of Directors, Sheila Moore says, "We want potential clients and their support people to know who we are and where we are, so that when the time comes, they will look towards the BPC first!"

Whatever God has in store through 2014 and beyond, the BPC will rise to the challenge. We are partners in his life-saving mission. The future is as bright as the promises of God, and his promises can take us beyond any goals we set, into a place where faith and hope become reality!



1,863 clients visited the center in 2013

703 discussed spiritual issues with their counselor

573 ultrasounds were performed

960 pregnancy tests were given

760 of those tests were positive

In 2013, more than 75% of abortion-vulnerable clients chose to parent their child after viewing an ultrasound. That is 208 young lives saved.

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# Earn While You Learn

## Empowering Our Clients, One Relationship at a Time



Although the primary goal of the BPC is to create a community in which no woman chooses abortion as a solution to an unplanned pregnancy, the center has also served as a ministry to cultivate relationships with the women—and men—who enter its doors. One of the most exciting developments has been the Earn While You Learn program headed by Volunteer Coordinator, Laurie Ray. “The program allows us to provide for the practical and physical needs of our clients while requiring that they ‘earn’ these items through learning”, says Laurie. The Earn While You Learn program encourages clients to educate themselves on parenting while earning Baby Bucks that can be used to purchase new or gently used items for their baby. Curriculum covers subjects from baby care, drug abuse, life skills and much more. Every center that has put this program in place has experienced growth, both in numbers and in relationships. Opportunities to support this program include volunteering to counsel, teach parenting classes, and help with material assistance, and donating financially. Call 326-1915 for more information.