



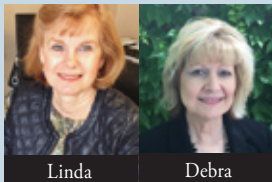
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**Bakersfield Pregnancy Center  
2015 Annual Report**

## Meet the Team!

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Barbara Stone,  
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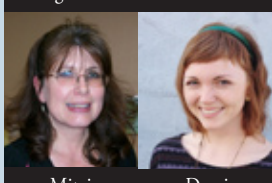
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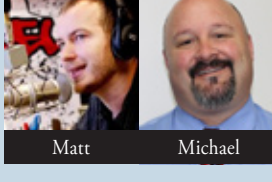
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## Our Mission

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

## Our Vision

### ... 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 respect for the free will of each individual.

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 studies.

### ... 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.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Do you want to make a difference in someone's life that could last for eternity?

Do you have a heart for those in our community who are struggling with the difficult decisions surrounding an unplanned pregnancy? If you could commit just a few hours each week to minister to families facing these challenges, please consider becoming a Bakersfield Pregnancy Center volunteer.

Women and men facing unplanned pregnancies need compassionate, caring help from people who care about them and their babies.

The center utilizes volunteer receptionists, counselors, male coaches, teachers, and nurses to serve clients

needing pregnancy testing, maternity or newborn clothing, and decision-making counsel. Currently, we have an urgent need for male volunteers to expand our men's ministry, as well as registered nurses, and any others, who would be interested in joining our mobile ultrasound project. We can find a place to fuel your passion for men and women in crisis.

Pray about signing up for training, either in our next class or on an individual basis. Cost for the training is \$40. For more information, please contact the Jeanette or Mitzi at 326-1915 or visit [www.bpcpartners.org](http://www.bpcpartners.org).

# We Will Plant Violets for You

At their 16 week ultrasound, Brock and Melissa (Missy) Wiggin's joy in their new pregnancy abruptly turned to sorrow. That day they learned that their daughter would not survive very long after birth due to a condition called anencephaly. We are honored to be able to share a glimpse into Missy's personal journey, from her blog Lemonade & Starfish:



Imogen  
We named our sweet little girl Imogen. She has already stolen many hearts and she has yet to take her first breath. Somehow, the days ahead seem more hopeful than bleak. I try to focus on the good this brings us and the amount of love people are pouring out and giving to us. We are being prayed for steadily and I have no doubt this is why I can get out of bed each morning. The reality of her diagnosis has set in and I am at peace with what lies before us. Yes, it still hurts. My heart is heavy. I will have good days and bad days and really, really, really terrible days. I will still laugh and find reasons to be joyful, even when I think about our sweet Imogen. I am still her mother and she is my daughter. She will always be our fourth child. She will always be a huge part of our lives and we will celebrate her life, even if it only lasts for a few moments.

Until We Meet Again...  
We welcomed Imogen Violet into the world on February 9th at 1:39 a.m. Her body held on for about 34 minutes before she quietly passed away on my chest. Those 34 minutes were some of the most beautiful minutes I will ever know. My prayers that she would be born alive had been answered and I will always be grateful.

She was 3 lbs. 14 ounces and almost 17 inches long. She had a few wisps of dark black hair near her neck and perfect little

hands and feet. Our family was able to hold and snuggle her and I will always feel that her life in its simplicity and briefness was breathtaking to witness. Looking back, I have so many thoughts. She impacted us in a mighty way and I will never again be the person I once was...

Imogen,  
We may not get to experience the joy of bringing you home, but your spirit will always fill it.

You have taught us what unconditional love is, what it

feels like and how to give it freely. Our ability to love has increased. We will never be who we once were. Your brief life has left an eternal mark on us.

You only knew love and loved you are. With everything in me you are loved.

Imogen taught me to love even when loss was imminent and even if disappointment was the end result. She showed me how her life mattered even if it was not lived for very long on this earth. She connected me with feelings I've never felt before. She filled in the cracks of my faith. My pregnancy was filled with both beauty and pain. And it was through this experience that I can say I understand how beautiful God's love is. I loved Imogen without condition and knowing she would never thrive in this life. Her existence was nothing short of love in its purest form and forever I will honor her life with mine.

Thank you, Immy, for teaching me about love.

Letter to my sweet precious daughter,

For many months I have carried your lively spirit within me. I have treasured these months with you, feeling just how alive you are. There will be no greater joy than being your mother and I have carried that joy with me as I try and prepare for the day we will ultimately say goodbye. None of this has been easy but I have been at peace for a while now. Of course some days I still silently crumble at the thought of your last breath and when I think about how you will likely never come home with us. We will have to settle for your sweet eternal spirit carried within our hearts instead. There will be no first car ride. No sweet swaddles late at night watching you sleep. So many things we will never do and that makes me so sad. I will never truly understand why all of this is happening. But I am not angry. I am still so happy you exist and even when you don't physically exist, you will be forever etched into my being, always here with me.

Losing you will be the hardest thing I will probably ever go through but I will hold on to the perfect love that has been taught and shown to me while on this journey. We will plant violets for you, hang your pictures and forever remember your impact. For someone who won't have the chance to live a long life, you will have affected so many people. This weekend we will honor you at your baby shower and donate baby items to our local Pregnancy Center. I am so happy to do this because I want only good things to come from this. I want to bless others the way your tiny life has blessed mine and show love to others the way others have shown me love during this journey. These are the beautiful parts of loss. Thank you, little girl, for trusting your life to me. You are loved.

-Mama

*To honor Melissa Wiggins, the Garden Community Church held a special baby shower; all gifts were then donated to the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center in memory of Imogen Violet Wiggins. !*

*If you have experienced a miscarriage, still birth or early infant death and would like to participate in our grief support group, Empty Arms, or help organize a group in your church, please phone Empty Arms Coordinator, Barbara Stone, at 661-326-1915 or 661-805-1896.*

### Community Partners 2014-2015

Alina Farms Corporation  
All Saints Anglican Church  
Arvin Assembly of God Church  
Bakersfield Community Church of the Brethren  
Bakersfield Christian High School  
Calvary Bible Church  
Chester Avenue Community Church  
Chevron  
Children's Advocates Resource Endowment  
Chinese Christian Church  
Christ the King Church  
Christ's Church of the Valley  
Church of the Living Savior  
Clinica Sierra Vista  
Daybreak Baptist Church  
Dignity Health  
Discovery Church  
Dominion Worship Center  
Elberon Christian Church  
Fairfax Assembly of God Church  
First 5 Kern  
First Assembly of God Church  
First Presbyterian Church  
Friends of Mercy Foundation  
Grace Reformed Church  
Greenfield H.E.L.P.S. Collaborative  
Hingeport Church  
Junior League of Bakersfield  
Kern County Network for Children  
Kern County Right to Life  
Knights of Columbus  
Laurelglen Bible Church  
Lutheran Church of Prayer  
Olive Drive Church  
Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene  
Olive Tree Messianic Fellowship  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
Oblates of St. Joseph  
Parkside Church  
Right to Life of Kern County  
Safely Surrendered Baby Coalition  
San Dimas Medical Group  
Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church  
Silent No More  
Sovereign Grace Church  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
St. Francis Catholic Church  
St. Philip the Apostle Church  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Stockdale Christian School  
The Bolthouse Foundation  
The Garden Community Church  
Trinity Anglican Church  
Valley Baptist Church  
Valley Bible Fellowship  
Wells Fargo  
Witness to Life

### Sponsor A Day

For the Sponsor-A- Day program, we've taken our annual budget and divided all of the expenses, from light bulbs to building payments, by 365. What we've found is that the cost to keep our center running free of charge to 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 call Demi at 326-1915 to learn more!

#### Thank you to this year's following day sponsors:

February 3 –Ron & Charlotte Jones  
February 21 –Mark & Leslie Garza  
February 25 –Steven & Dana Powell  
March 3 –Sam & Sue Frantz  
May 14 –Mitzi & Kyle LePere  
May 21 –Joseph & Monique Roberts  
May 25 –Doug & Laurie Ray  
June 15 –Rod & Diane Kane  
July 2 –Richard & Janna McBurnie  
October 19 –Pamela Palmer



### Easy Ways to Give

Partnering with the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center to meet the needs of so many women, men and children has never been so simple! There are so many ways to easily donate to our ministry!

Through a program called Amazon Smile, 0.5% of the value of your purchases will be donated to BPC every time you log on to Amazon and shop through the smile.amazon.com home page. The prices you pay and other Amazon benefits you receive will not be affected in any way by your use of the "smile" portal. The gift comes directly from the Amazon Smile Foundation. What an easy way to give back –while you shop online!

Does your job provide workplace giving? Each year, billions of dollars are donated to America's charities through workplace giving campaigns. Workplace giving is an easy and efficient way to make tax-deductible donations to BPC through payroll contributions. Together with your company, you can help add to the funds available to provide life-saving services to our clients.

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

Please take advantage of these great and easy opportunities to further the mission of the BPC!

## From the Director

Can you believe it? The Bakersfield Pregnancy Center is 30 years old!



When I was a teenager, I often heard someone of my generation shout “Don’t trust anyone over 30!” I never really believed it then, and now that I’m well past that mark, I hope no one pre-judges me that way.

At the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, age has brought maturity, wisdom, and the resources to adapt to the changing needs of our community. What started out as a phone crisis line has expanded to offer pregnancy testing, material assistance, a medical clinic with ultrasound services, grief recovery groups and community education programs. As a 25-year veteran of the ministry, I have been amazed during my tenure to see how God has provided the inspiration, staffing and resources to keep

the BPC on the cutting edge of service to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy.

### We Love Men!

When I first came to the BPC as a volunteer, I remember feeling a little uncomfortable if a man accompanied a client to her appointment. “What’s he doing here”, I would think to myself. “Doesn’t he know he’s making our other clients uncomfortable sitting there?” But as we recognize how important actively-present fathers are in the lives of their children, the BPC has looked for a role we can play in helping fathers take responsibility. In 2014, we began offering coaching and support, through male peer counselors, to expectant fathers who come along to appointments. We’ve added a subscription to ESPN magazine to our waiting room, and set aside one of our counseling rooms as the Man Cave!

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**Thank you for your faithful giving  
through these 30 years!**

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At the same time, we’ve expanded our material assistance program, now called Earn While You Learn, to include parenting classes that can be attended by expectant fathers and mothers. As an incentive for attending classes, doing homework, and participating in class, students can earn Baby Bucks, which they redeem for needed items in our Baby Boutique.

I love seeing more men around the center, because it tells me they consider this to be a safe, non-judgmental environment for them and their families. We know that the attitude and involvement of a woman’s partner has a huge impact on whether or not she will carry to term, so we give her the option of inviting him into the counseling room to view pregnancy test results or an ultrasound. His continued presence and support are also key to whether she will thrive in an unplanned parenting situation, or become trapped in poverty and dependency. So we are gratified to be able to provide practical help to men who recognize their responsibility to protect and provide for their families. I also praise God for those men who have dedicated their lives to becoming children of their Heavenly Father, followers of Christ, through their interactions with the godly men who serve here.

Is God calling you to become more involved in one of our fields of service? I’d love a conversation with you! Please call (661) 326-1915, or e-mail [director@wehelpyou.org](mailto:director@wehelpyou.org).

With thanksgiving,

*Linda Davis*

Linda Davis, Executive Director

## CLIENT TESTIMONIES

“Everyone was so nice. I became a believer today.” –  
A.R.

“Thank you for making me feel better about myself, and for helping me have faith in God again. I have a great feeling about this, and I am willing to give my life more to God!” –E.M.

“Nothing like I have ever experienced before. It was great and comfortable.” –J.L.

“My counselor is an amazing woman.” –G.G.

“I like that this center gives me hope about being a good mom and raising a baby.” –B.G.

“Everyone here is amazing. I’m glad that I found this place. I feel like I made new friends.” –S.F.

“My counselor was very nice. I felt like I could open up and talk to her. I didn’t feel embarrassed or ashamed. She made me feel comfortable and gave me hope.” –J.A.

“I liked the counselor. He was very helpful and understood me. He wants the best for me.” –M.R., male client who received Christ.

## 2013-2014 Financial Report Summary for the BPCenter

As stewards of contributions both large and small that have been dedicated to the life-saving work of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, we are committed to the highest standards of financial accountability established for non-profits. We are members of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, and the Guidestar registry of charitable organizations. Our books are audited annually by Shinault Baker and Company, CPAs. The statements are available for review at our office, and at the ECFA and Guidestar websites.

The information below is for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2014, calculated on an accrual basis:

Income	\$475,579	Net assets July 1, 2013	\$378,331
Expenses	\$485,632	Net assets June 30, 2014	\$368,278
Change in net assets	-\$10,053		

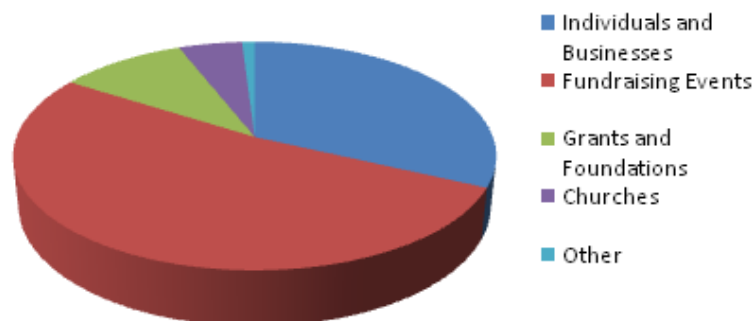
### PERCENTAGE OF INCOME BY CATEGORY:

Individuals and businesses	32%
Events	52%
Grants and Foundations	10%
Churches	5%
Other	1%

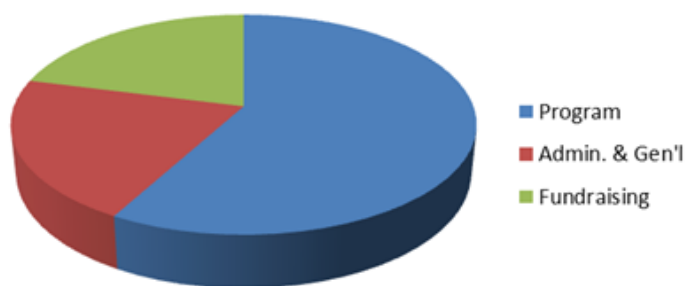
### PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

Program expenses	58%
Administrative and General Expenses	21%
Fundraising and related expenses	21%

### Portion of Income



### Portion of Expenses



## By the Numbers

2690 women and men visited the center in 2014

1,500 discussed spiritual issues with their counselor

15,700 appointments were made

2,231 pregnancy tests were given

663 clients attended Earn While You Learn lessons

1,775 of those tests were positive

In 2014, more than 73% of the 318 abortion-vulnerable clients chose to parent their child after viewing an ultrasound. That is 232 little lives saved.

## Donor Bill of Rights

- To be informed of the organization's mission, its intent for using donated resources, and its capacity to effectively use donations for those purposes.

- To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

- To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.

- To be assured that gifts will be used only for the purposes for which they are given.

- To receive appropriate individual acknowledgement and recognition.

- To be assured that information about their gift is handled with confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.

- To be informed of the status of those seeking donations, whether employees, volunteers or paid solicitors.

- To have the opportunity to have their names deleted from any mailing list that the organization may intend to share.

- To receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers to any questions asked when making a donation.

## Takin' It to the Streets



At the February 3 Benefit Banquet, the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center announced the launch of its most significant new initiative since the opening of the medical clinic over a decade ago. During 2015, the center will begin raising funds and laying the ground work for deployment of an Image Clear Ultrasound (ICU) Mobile Unit. The mobile clinic should “hit the streets” in early 2016.

The vehicle, custom-built on a 31-foot motor home body, will allow the center to take ultrasound and pregnancy verification services across Kern County, where access to these services is lacking. By moving the mobile clinic to a different location each day, the BPC will be able to serve clients who might otherwise be unable to receive high-quality medical services early in their pregnancies.

“We recognize that in a county this size, potential clients may find it difficult to make it to our downtown center”, explains Nurse Manager Teddie Scott. “As the demand for medical services grows, it makes sense to add a clinic that can go to where the clients are, instead of being limited to one location.”

Bakersfield’s ICU Mobile Clinic will join over 40 similar units associated with pregnancy centers across the United States. Image Clear Ultrasound is a non-profit organization that helps centers design, order, license, train staff, and raise funds to launch mobile clinic ministries. They also use their experience interpreting demographic information to help pregnancy centers choose locations that are most likely to attract abortion-vulnerable women.

Mobile medical clinics rival traditional clinics in effectiveness, equipping women with the

information and resources that help them make a decision not to abort. ICU reports that almost 90% of mobile clinic clients who are initially abortion-vulnerable choose life for their babies. “That adds up to thousands of children being born each year whose lives might otherwise have ended before birth,” observes Scott.

“The development of the mobile clinic model is something we’ve been following over the past decade at other pregnancy centers both outside and within California,” notes Executive Director Linda Davis. “The regulatory atmosphere and pro-abortion culture in Sacramento make any expansion of life-affirming pregnancy services difficult in our state. But the BPC board and staff believe the time has come to expand our scope of services in obedience to God, with the resources he has provided, and will continue to provide.”

Adding the ICU Mobile Unit to the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center will require a major capital fundraising campaign in 2015, and additional revenue in the future to cover operating costs.

“First year costs for purchasing the unit, transporting it to Bakersfield, licensing, equipment, staff training and other startup costs will be about \$165,000. That’s a lot of money, but we believe a mobile ultrasound unit is the most cost-effective way to reach more of the clients who need our services most,” concludes Davis. “We trust that God is going to call out prayer warriors, financial partners and skilled medical professionals from every neighborhood to help us take His life saving work to the streets!”

## What Lies Ahead?

What services will the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center need to offer in the future, to be the first choice of those facing unplanned pregnancies? Our board of directors and staff consider that question at every turn.

Five years ago, the board adopted strategic goals for 2010-2014 that expanded the availability of in-demand services, increased the ethnic and language diversity of our staff, and strengthened our partnerships with churches and community services. We also wanted to train staff to be more proficient in sharing the gospel with clients in bold-but-sensitive ways during their appointments. We have seen many gains in these areas.

“One of the successes I’m most proud of is the increase in the total number of clients served, and in the number of clients who are what we consider ‘abortion-vulnerable,’ ‘abortion-minded,’ or even ‘abortion-determined’ women who come through our doors.” explains Center Director Debra Tidwell. While we will happily serve anyone in need of our services, the “bull’s eye” for our ministry is to care for those who may think that abortion is their only real option. We know that this is never really the case, and we rejoice when we see a woman take the courageous step to choose life for her child in the face of adversity.

To stay on the frontlines of pregnancy help services, we must increase our visibility in the virtual world, without sacrificing the personal care that is a trademark of our ministry. Ten years ago, we had no budget for Internet advertising. Now we couldn’t imagine our ministry without multiple channels of online outreach. And as changes in our nation’s medical infrastructure impact access to high-quality care for the most needy, we maintain our commitment to serve those whom Jesus called “the least among us.”

The BPC’s commitment to partnership with individuals, churches, businesses and foundations that share our vision will remain unchanged. For every person on the “front lines” of service here, we will depend on many more who pray, give, tell their friends, refer potential clients and otherwise support our ministry. I pray that I can count on you to be a part of this life-saving network!

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### Banquet Recap

This year the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center celebrated its 30th anniversary of ministry at their 2015 Annual Banquet and delivered an unforgettable evening with keynote speaker Rick Santorum's incredible message of hope and encouragement. The former Pennsylvania Senator inspired attendees with the amazing testimony of his daughter, Bella, who was born with a condition known as Trisomy 18. With over 600 guests, we are confident that many hearts were touched and won over for the ministry.

Executive Director, Linda Davis, also announced some exciting news about the center's vision to start up a mobile ultrasound ministry in the near future! Plans are currently being made to fundraise for the purchase of the mobile unit, as well as

maintenance and operating costs. We are eager to see how God will provide for and sustain this new feature that will be made available for those clients who live in the outlying communities of Kern County.

We praise God for helping us raise approximately \$236,000 in pre-banquet underwriting, one-time gifts, and the 12-month value of pledges, and gain over 75 first-time givers. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our emcee and Christian comedian, Amberly Neese, Hodel's Catering, our florist Kristina Baldwin, our pianist Warren Dobson, video producer Kyle LePere, door-prize gift donors Kala Stuebbe, Janie Hicks, and Bonnie's Best, and the staff of Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene.

