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Modesto Pregnancy Center's Newsletter

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## Trials turned to Joy

Finding out that you are pregnant can cause a considerable number of emotions to erupt. For some, it's pure joy. For others, despair.

For Danielle, feelings of nervousness and fear of how her life would change were pulsating through her mind one morning. At 18, Danielle didn't know where to turn. She decided to come to Modesto Pregnancy Center knowing that she might be pregnant, and immediately felt loved and comforted by the staff and volunteers.

Danielle decided to raise her child and immediately started coming to the incentive program classes where she could earn diapers and clothing for her soon-to-be little bundle. She looked forward to seeing Paige, her class teacher, each week and quickly formed a relationship with her. Danielle says that she has so much love and respect for Paige and that Paige has taught her not only valuable information on becoming a mom, but also that God is always on her side. Danielle now understands that she can pray wherever she is and God will be there to listen.

Danielle's little sweetheart, Sophia, is now 7 months old (pictured below with Danielle, left and Paige, right). Danielle says "Sophia has changed my life for the good in so many different ways. She has taught me how to have so much patience. She has motivated me to get back in school and strive for my high school diploma. She made me a responsible parent and she is the reason I wake up with a smile on my face each morning. My life changed forever the moment I saw those two lines on the pregnancy test. I look at my daughter and sometimes cry because I know how blessed I am to be her mother. She was the greatest gift God could have ever blessed me with."

It is such a blessing to see how God uses our trials and turns them in to joy!



So far this year,  
your support  
enabled us to do



**282**

Pregnancy  
Tests



Training  
for **23**  
volunteers



**175**

Ultrasounds

## Ultrasound Training Support

Many woman justify planning an abortion because they think, in early pregnancy, there is just a blob of tissue growing inside them. Even those who acknowledge that being pregnant means having a human life growing inside them can dismiss that fact because they have not yet seen their baby. Providing ultrasound examinations for our clients allows them to see firsthand the head, arms, legs, and heartbeat of the human life, *their baby*, growing inside them. Often this view of their baby, through ultrasound, “turns the light on” in their head and they have a change of heart about abortion, realizing it will end their baby’s life.

We currently have two nurses trained in limited first trimester ultrasound and have a few other RNs interested in obtaining that specific training. Do you feel led to sponsor some of that training? The training consists of a 4 day, hands-on training session and those of us who are already trained would receive a review as well. The minimum cost is \$5500.00 for three new RNs, plus \$750 each for a fourth or fifth nurse. Please join us in an effort through prayer, and if you feel led through financial support, to save these babies from losing their young lives to abortion; and prevent the emotional aftermath many post-abortive women experience.

Thank you,  
Charlotte Brewer, Nurse Manager

Thank you to all of those who came out and supported Modesto Pregnancy Center at our breakfast fundraiser on June 15th!

We sold 110 tickets for the early morning event and had a great time serving the drinks and food!

Pictured: Jack & Sharon Copland, who helped serve



### Our Mission Statement:

To affirm and promote the value of human life to our community through a network of care with the love of Jesus Christ.

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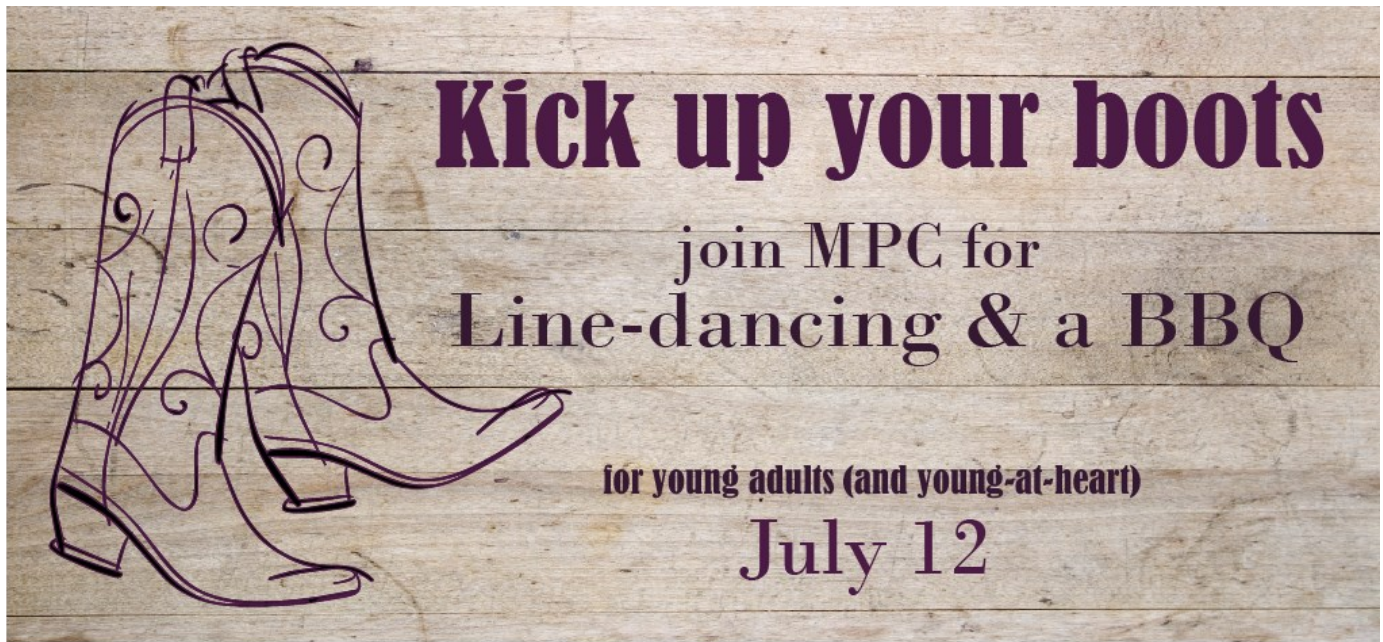
Janice Freeman

# Blessed by Families

May 4th was a beautiful day and our Walk/5K Run for Life fundraiser was a huge success. We had 90 Runners and 98 Walkers register, and numerous volunteers helping in a variety of ways. Some helped at the registration and water tables, some monitored the course, blowing up balloons, organizing the food & hanging signs, and we deeply appreciate everyone's help. This year we added a team incentive of a \$100 restaurant gift card to any team raising \$2000+. Rachel Dykxhoorn's team won the prize! Vonda Van Vliet's family won the \$50 Fuddrucker's family prize, which all families were entered into if they signed up before April 5th.

The individual 1<sup>st</sup> place fundraiser winner went to Clayton Sink. Our 2nd place winner was Mary Brown and our 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Colson Miller. Zach Copland and Jessica Wersky were our race winners. It was truly a family-friendly event with a clown, bounce house, and face painting which brought lots of smiles to the children. If you would like to be a part of this fabulous event next year, put May 3rd, 2014 on your calendar!





**Tickets \$20      Call 526-1734 by July 5 to purchase your tickets**

**Raffle prizes and tickets available**

**Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.**

**Event address is Alger's Ranch 4064 Dodds Rd.**

**If you are interested in raising extra funds for MPC, for every \$100 sponsorship raised, you will earn a \$10 Yogurt Mill or Starbucks gift card!**

### **Community Education Director leaves MPC**

Katie Den Brave, Community Education Director, decided to leave MPC to stay home with her baby, Rhett, who was born on May 4th, 2013.

Since joining the MPC staff, Katie has made 1007 presentations to 20,690 students and was able to start presenting in 12 new schools. Looking back, you can see how God has used Katie in a huge way. If you have heard her present, you understand what a natural she is in front of a group. She has been blessed with a voice that can reach young adults, a skill that few of us have.

Though we were sad to see her leave MPC, we wish Katie, Mitch and Rhett much love and pray that God will bless them in countless ways!

Carisah Lee is our new CED and will be highlighted in the next newsletter.

