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“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to tear down and a time to build.”

Ecc. 3:1&3



Community Education

“Thanks for coming out this week! We learned so much and I appreciate the truth you brought to the lives of my students!”

This is the Facebook response we got from Cory Simpson, a teacher at one of our newest program additions, Dan Savage Middle School. We had such a great time in his classes and were so encouraged by his active support. After our presentation, Cory offered his students extra credit if they would take our “Exposed” booklet home, share the information with their parents, and return the packet with a parent’s signature. As speakers, we interact with many teachers and rarely do we receive any negative feedback or hesitation about our message; however, it is also rare to have a teacher so proactive, enthusiastic, and equally as passionate about what we share in the classroom. It was such a treat for Julie and I and we are definitely looking forward to going back next year!

Along with our great experience at Savage, in total we had the opportunity to give 35 presentations, (nine more than we gave last April), and to speak to 1,083 students, (305 more than we spoke to last April)! So exciting! To make it even more exciting, four of these locations were brand new for us: Dan Savage Middle School, Ustach Middle School, River Oak Grace Junior High Youth Group, and River Oak Grace High School Youth Group.

I remember the sense of overwhelm and anxiety I felt at the beginning of spring semester, wondering how in the world we would be able to accommodate all the schools, organizations, and churches requesting presentations. In comparison to last year, our number of volunteer speakers has stayed the same, there are no additional hours in the day, or days in the week and yet in the past four months we have been able to give 140 presentations and speak to over 3,474 students! That’s a 27% increase in presentations and a 52% increase in students from last year!

Although it can be difficult for me to comprehend, I found my answer when looking at Revelation 3:8, “I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.” What a great reminder that when we are working for the Lord, He finds a way! God has opened these doors and in His faithfulness, has given us the strength, the energy, and the time to walk through each of them! Praise be to God and glory to His name for His provisions and favor on our program!

*Katie Den Brave
Community Education Director*



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Delores Wolterstorff
Executive Director

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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Customer Service – a part of “Building Bridges” in ministry

The words “customer service” certainly apply to the business sector; and all of us look for excellence in customer service wherever we shop or do business.

As a ministry, “customer service” may be even more vital. Here we do not represent a company or even an organization. We represent the Lord. We’ve heard the phrase that “our lives may be the only Bible some people ever read,” and there is some truth to that. Even truer however, is that many receive their first introduction to true Christianity when they are greeted after walking in our door.

Perhaps they have never been to church and never been around a group of Christians. In today’s world, this is more common than ever. And unfortunately, many churches have watered down Christianity to the point that one can sit in the pew for years and never hear of the hope of Jesus Christ.

To us then, customer service is not only important-it is a vital bridge where a smile means the world to a nervous client. Friendly conversation is an ice breaker that opens hearts and builds relationships that lead to changed lives. This is why we are always looking for those with a heart for the Lord and a joy that radiates to others. A smile, a kind word, a desire to lift others up-those are the characteristics that make the difference in this ministry.

This is what clients of the Center are saying: *“I have recommended this Center to my friend. I absolutely love this Center.” “All the staff is very nice and Debi was very helpful and understanding. Really provided a great experience.”*

Interesting, isn’t it? We can make serving here quite complicated, when in truth it comes down to loving God, a willing heart, and a desire to serve.

*Delores Wolterstorff
Executive Director*

Changing minds, changing hearts...

Recently, we had the opportunity to counsel with two women who were headed for an abortion but instead were sent here by a sidewalk counselor in front of Family Planning. Family Planning performs abortions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is located six blocks south of us. We administered the pregnancy test, counseled them, gave them information on their options, and performed an ultrasound. Both of them are now choosing to give life to their precious unborn babies!! Praise God!

The younger couple was 18 years old and both were shocked to find out that the young woman was almost 20 weeks pregnant! What an awesome ultrasound that was! We could see the rib cage, the spine, the hands pushing against the uterine wall - it was amazing! They are now considering an adoption plan. Please keep them in your prayers, as they prepare to share their situation with their parents. Although they are a very mature couple, they expressed concern over this upcoming conversation.

*Rose Jurado
Client Services Director*

“But I could never . . .” is all right with us

Heartbeat
June 2012

Perhaps you have considered volunteering with us but are a bit concerned. You may have thought, *but I would never have the words to say to someone in that situation!*

If you are nervous, that’s all right with us. We need the nervous, even the fearful. Even if you are not at the point of considering becoming a peer counselor, we need you. We need office help, we need community education assistance and if you simply want to lend a helping hand where needed, give us a call. You can make a difference here, in any one of a variety of capacities.

Our ministry is not for everyone, but it *is* for those with a heart to love and a heart to serve. If this is you, join us on **Wednesday, June 6 at 7 p.m.** at our **Volunteer Information Night for men and women.** We’ve got a place for you to be a part of touching hearts and saving lives. Call 526-1734 to reserve your spot.

Walk/5K Run for Life update

It was a cool breezy morning and over 35 volunteers arrived on May 5, just after 6 a.m. to help set up for this year’s Walk/5K Run for Life. Orange cones were placed along the race course. Signs promoting the value of human life lined the course. These signs were made by the Impact Team from Big Valley Christian School. We are grateful for these young people’s desire to help with the event.

Tables were covered with lavender tablecloths. Balloons were filled with helium and placed at strategic places along the road in the park. Beverages and food were set up for the participants: the registration table was manned and ready to go.

Walkers and runners slowly trickled in. The welcome and prayer of blessing was given by Rod Renicker and the race began. We had 103 walkers and 98 runners who donned our eye-catching deep purple t-shirts with our Building Bridges logo on the front. It was a beautiful wave of purple that swept through the park.

Donations continue to come in and we are close to raising \$15,000. Congratulations to our top fundraisers; Kate Sink, Janet Van Vliet and Nancy Grant. At the “young” age of 92, Lorraine Hodges went beyond the mile walk with great determination. She also received a little recognition award.

We want to thank everyone who helped, especially the committee, who spent a year coordinating this event: Loren Thompson, chairman, Amy Foster, Arleen Peters, Chad Renicker, Darin Beachler, Jody Benedict, and Ramona Slagel. Mark your calendar for next year’s Walk/5K Run for Life on May 4!

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22nd Annual Fundraising Banquet
Thursday November 8, 2012
Crosspoint Community Church, Modesto

Watch for our next newsletter where we will reveal the speaker and share more details!