

Lifelines

Pregnancy Help Center of San Gabriel Valley

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HOURS

Monday–Thursday
12:00 noon–6:00 pm
See website or call for
current schedule

MISSION STATEMENT

The Pregnancy Help Center of the San Gabriel Valley, Inc. provides support to those experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

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Emily Avila



Emily Avila

On behalf of the entire team of the Pregnancy Help Center, we congratulate Emily Avila on her retirement (for the second time in her nursing career). Emily announced she will retire from her position of Nurse and Client Advocate for the Pregnancy Help Center at the end of January 2017.

For over 50 years you have been a dedicated Nurse, first in the Public Health Sector, carrying for families from the Neighborhood of your family's roots in Boyle Heights. It was a special afternoon when you shared one story of how you had the opportunity to return to the original home of your

grandparents to check on the family living in the house. Sharing the story of how you used to climb the lemon tree, then years later asking the new children of the home if they also had such adventures, provided a glimpse of the “daring and fearless” person you have been throughout your life.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to extend best wishes on your retirement from the PHC. It is a special honor to commend you for your service as a Nurse, administering pregnancy tests and counseling services for the many clients of the Center. It is your outstanding dedication to care for each client that will be sorely missed. The evening you came into my office after a client's case that challenged you deeply is one of the many heartfelt moments we have shared while carrying out the mission of the Center. Turned into one of the special moments when we could give such burdens up to the Holy Spirit, you acted with a warm heart for those facing their most challenging choices leaving them blessed.

Emily, you have been a vital part of the mission and work of the Center, to provide a safe welcoming environment where grace and honesty are administered in hopes that the most precious gift, the life of the unborn, will be.

We will miss you greatly, however we are excited for the personal opportunities that lie ahead for you and your family. Our best wishes to you for a happy, healthy, and blissful retirement. ♥

EXECUTIVE NOTES

Moments of Kindness



Recently, in the Los Angeles Times' Parade Section there was the headline "Throw kindness around like confetti." Many New Year's resolutions were suggested, "making 2017 the year of being kind" was the main message.

I am proud to share that we have always embodied the message found in the Los Angeles Times "kindness" is and has always been the motto of the Pregnancy Help Center. I would like to share how honored and humbled

I am by the kindness of the teams of women who volunteer their time to distribute the baby supplies in the Center's Annex.

This Christmas we had a client, an expecting mother, arrive to pick-up her Layette. She shared with the Thursday team in the Annex that the father of her baby was not around any longer and did not provide support. She also shared that she has five other children at home and not one of the other fathers provides any type of support for her or her children. The baby she carries is due soon, baby number (6) six. The fathers of her children are not around to have a relationship with her or the children and do not provide any type of support. She had recently been dismissed from her part-time work position and did not know how she would provide Christmas for her children this year.



The Thursday crew, Nancy, Ellie, Peggy and Cathy, approached me at the end of one Thursday to share a client had tugged at their hearts and they wanted to provide Christmas for her and her children this year.

We gathered the age and sex information of each of her children, and the crew went shopping to purchase gifts. The afternoon designated to deliver the Christmas gifts, we gathered to carpool together. The young mother and her children were so overwhelmed and "thankful" for the surprise of Christmas gifts.

I am so very thankful for the "Kindness" and wonderful giving hearts of the volunteers of the Pregnancy Help Center, it was a joyous occasion to witness the "kindness" the Heroes of the Center exude each day!

— Blessings and Honored,
Jane Chavez, Executive Director
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Vital Statistics

2016

Total visits	1,151
New Clients	303
Ultrasounds	148
Pregnancy tests	290
TURN AROUNDS*	181
Annex visitors	444
Parenting class attendees	87

*A Turn Around is a Center client who originally says that she needs an abortion or is being influenced by friends and family to have an abortion, but after counseling and services provided by the Center staff, decides that she now chooses LIFE for her baby.

Matching Gifts

We would like to invite our donors to check with their employers for the opportunity to participate in "Employee Matching Gift Programs." Currently the Center is receiving matching donations from Boeing, Chevron, Edison International and Wells Fargo. This is an easy way to double your donations to the Pregnancy Help Center! ❤️

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Thank You for Supporting Life: Acts of Kindness



Youth Group/Helping Hands: Codi Weisz, Liz Andrusenki, Daniel Granger, Daniel Grimaldi and Serena Chen



Sister Mumford and Sister Barrus

The Pro-Life Club at Loyola High School, Los Angeles, led by Faculty Moderator, Mr. Cedric Ebner has done an outstanding job of hosting a “Baby-Bottle Drive” to raise awareness and funds to support the Pregnancy Help Center. Along with the work of the students, faculty, and staff, Fr. Greg Goethals, President of Loyola, matched the funds raised, thus providing a check totaling the amount of \$3,000.00 to be presented to the Center from Loyola High School! Great work “Men 4 Others.”

Continuing the “Acts of Kindness” and outstanding support of the Pregnancy Help Center, Temple City High School Student led Club, “Helping Hands” held several bake sales in front of the Vons Pavilion on Duarte Road in Arcadia. This Youth group is led by Codi Weisz, Liz Andrusenki, Daniel Granger, Daniel Grimaldi and Serena Chen. This group of students had to acquire school approval and corporate approval to hold the bake sale events to raise the funds. Thanks to their determination and hard work, this small young group was able to present a check in the amount of \$600.00

to the Pregnancy Help Center.

Thank you to the National Christ Child Society of Pasadena for the beautiful Layettes provided to the Annex for distribution to each pregnant Mother of the Center. The Pasadena chapter formed in 1933 many of the Society’s activities are held to inspire the volunteers to learn or relearn crafts they can do throughout the year to support Layettes, such as knitting baby booties.

Thank you to Irene Co and Paula Orlandini for co-chairing this years “Gift of Life Gala.” The tremendous amount of work by the Gala chairs and committee members generated a beautiful event and opportunity that provided additional funds to support the work of the Center.

Sister Mumford and Sister Barrus came to the Pregnancy Help Center this Christmas, two Angels who have provided amazing help in the Annex.

Both young women are working on their Missionary goals as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Part of their

Missionary work is to encourage a relationship with Jesus Christ, while providing service for those in need. For (18) eighteen months these young women will travel throughout the country aiding individuals and organizations in the spirit of God’s love.

Thanks to the sign out front, these two women walked in the front door to ask if we at the Center could use their help. We are so very thankful for all their work to organize the Annex, we cannot praise these two enough for how hard they have worked! Their kind spirits are a gift we are truly thankful for.

Thank you for supporting Life and the many ‘Acts of Kindness.’ Through the grace of God and your support, the Center continues to serve individuals facing a crisis pregnancy throughout the San Gabriel Valley. We need your help to expand and meet the demand for our services. Your contributions will allow us to continue to keep the doors of the Pregnancy Help Center open.

Your support has allowed us to save 181 babies over the past year, to serve hundreds of women and their families. ♥



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AUXILIARY UPDATE

35 Year of Service

The Auxiliary of the Pregnancy Help Center is celebrating 35 years of service to women and their babies in the San Gabriel Valley!

We are both proud and humbled that last year we were able to donate \$65,000 to the Pregnancy Help Center. Proud because it represents such a substantial amount going toward keeping the doors open and the Center running. And humbled because it all came from our dear members. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity we can do nothing without them!

Special “thank you’s” go to the wonderful board of the Auxiliary and especially to our fundraising chairs and their committees for all their hard work and dedication last year! I am constantly amazed at the energy and dedication of the members of the board! Some of these ladies have worked year after year on our fundraising events, always with an attitude of cheerful service that is beautiful to behold.

So, onward and upward! Cathy Johansing and Melanie Wooler are busy planning **our wonderful luncheon on February 7, 2017 at the San Gabriel Country Club,**

and Emma Stewart and Helen Castillo have already chosen a beautiful gift for the Mother’s Day Benefit next May. We are excited and ready to begin our 2016-2017 year, and we hope you can join us to continue our work. Together we can do truly amazing things to accomplish our mission to support the vital work of the Pregnancy Help Center of San Gabriel. ♥

— May God richly reward you and bless your families!
Jacqueline Halpin
Auxiliary President