

CRISIS PREGNANCY OUTREACH

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Life's Good



No matter what you are going through, you can look at the people God put around you and say "Life's Good". Why? Because God's love never fails and His mercies are new every morning.



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Crisis Pregnancy Outreach is a full-service agency meeting the needs of young women facing unplanned pregnancies and couples hoping to adopt.

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God Danced

Jasmine Nicole on May 7th
6 lbs., 13 oz. & 19 ½ inches
Congratulations, Gloria!

Amber Joy on May 8th
7 lbs., 1.5 oz. & 21 inches
Birth Mom: Belinda
Adoptive parents: Doug & Sandy

Valentina Grace on February 12th, 2003
Adoption Plan May, 2004
Birth Mom: Sarah
Adoptive parents: Bill & Sandy

Sarah Zenobia on June 12th
1 lb., 7.8 oz. & 12 1/4 inches
Birth Mom: LaEricka
Adoptive parents: Darryl & Radious

Nathaniel Robert on June 14th
7 lbs., 2 oz. & 21 ½ inches
Birth Mom: Jamie
Adoptive parents: Bob & Carrie

Dallas Adam on June 20th
7 lbs., 11 oz. & 21 ½ inches
Birth Mom: Rachel
Adoptive parents: Roger & Cindy



My baby was gone

That Friday morning was overcast and bleak. The abortion protestors were dressed in yellow rain coats and carried laminated signs as they walked their circular path in silence. I felt like they had x-ray eyes that could see the baby growing inside of me. Part of me wanted them to stop me and tell me they knew and to give me an alternative I had not already thought of.

Each time a new hospital employee entered my room, I want them to help me save my baby, but I could hardly speak. Everyone was extremely nice to me. Maybe they didn't know I was going to kill my baby. But of course they did. The chart at the foot of my bed told them so.

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There was a delay in the operating room. Men and women were lined up on stretchers in the hallway waiting. It felt like the baby inside of me was begging me to not do this. I was just less than 3 months pregnant, but I knew it was a baby. I knew it wasn't a blob or just a fetus. I had grown up in church my entire life. I knew pre-marital sex was wrong. I knew that two wrongs don't make a right, even if it meant no one in my family would ever know I had been pregnant. I wanted to climb off the stretcher and walk away.

When I woke up in recovery, I hoped I had had the courage, while going under the anesthetic to tell them not to do this. But I wasn't courageous. My baby was gone. I should have been happy. Now, no one would ever know I was pregnant.

Cheryl SAID!



I am so thrilled to be able to announce the completion of our new web site, created by Kari Jarrett, and donated by Kari and her husband, Travis. Please check it out at: www.crisispregnancyoutreach.org I believe that God is going to use it to reach thousands of birth moms, all over our country. If you have a picture and written piece that you would like to have us use, please contact me at: cheryljobauman@earthlink.net We want to be, continually, adding to this site.

God has provided a wonderful Assistant for me, in the person of Lisa Barricks. Lisa and her husband, Chris, have adopted two little girls through CPO, and have been very involved in our program, for years. Lisa has been a Mentor, a Phone Volunteer, and was a back-up person for Donna, when both of us were out of town. After orchestrating all of the details of a very unexpected adoption last year, at Christmas, she had experienced "on-the-job training" in most every area! Lisa is a precious, Godly woman, and I am so grateful to be working with her. She is a blessing. Her picture accompanies this piece.

I will tell you that Lisa and I, both, call Donna about every situation. She is our Florida affiliate and "sounding board." I can't tell you how much we miss her!

Cheryl

The thought of my pain is bitter poison. I think of it constantly and my spirit is depressed. Yet HOPE returns when I remember this one thing: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy STILL continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as sunrise. The Lord is all I have, and so I put my hope in Him.

Lamentations 3:19-24

the Day you were Born

Anna Kate on July 8th

8 lbs., 4 oz. & 20 ½ inches

Birth Mom: Twana

Adoptive parents: Heath & Mary

Shelby Renee on July 19th

6 lbs., 2 oz. & 18 inches

Birth Mom: Alex

Adoptive parents: Shane & Sarah

Shaun Avery on July 20th

7 lbs., 2 oz. & 20 ½ inches

Birth Mom: Cheyenne

Adoptive parents: Leland & Debbie

Zoe Grace on June 29th

8 lbs., 8 oz. & 20 ½ inches

Birth Mom: Brianna

Adoptive parents: Tony & Michelle

T R A N S I T I O N

We are appreciative of Josh & Paula Ontko and their family, for 3 years of excellent service at the CPO Transitional Home. We wish them the very best in their new pastoral role. Join us in welcoming Jarrett & Kathy Short as the new Transitional House Parents. Jarrett & Kathy are the adoptive parents of Nathaniel and Madelyn, as well as faithful CPO volunteers for the last 4 years. The Transitional Home provides a family environment to young women, while teaching them important life skills including budgeting, cooking, cleaning, and how to keep life in balance.

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Thank You!
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We would like to thank **Dr. Randy Segnar** for providing dental care for several of our girls. What a blessing! The girls are so grateful to be free from the pain they were experiencing.

CPO is so grateful to the following people for moving two of our girls to new locations: **Les Jones and his daughter, Alan Roesslein, and Larry Baker**. This is such an important part of our ministry, and we are always needing more men to help.

We wish to thank each one who donated items to, or helped work at, our Garage Sale. A special thanks to our Garage Sale Coordinator, **Michelle McGowan**, who is the originator and motivating force of this annual event! This year, we raised over \$2,000, which was, desperately, needed! We also wish to thank **Merritt's Bakery**, who donated baked goods for us to sell.

CPO's Family Game night was a huge success, with over 100 persons attending! The food was great, the board games were lively, and the conversation made us all feel connected. Many thanks to **Julie Karalis** and her helpers!



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A couple years ago, I learned of CPO. I was so impressed that I immediately became a volunteer. When I look at the faces of these young women I see something that I never had: courage and selflessness. I wish I had heard of CPO 15 years ago. If I had known that I could live with a family instead of being banished to a home for unwed mothers, I think I would have been able to make the right choice.

I am so grateful to CPO for not only the services it provides to young women, facing the same life or death choice I faced, but also for the education CPO provides by speaking to teens at area high schools. Maybe a high school teenager won't have to live with the same choice I made.

CPO Volunteer

your help please
your help please

Baby & Personal Showers

Tracie Roesslein, 250-7231, needs help with planning & refreshments

Can you drive one 1/2 day a month?
 Call Mary Sanders 342-1175

Transportation

Mentors needed. If you are interested, please call Julie Karalis 851-3213

Mentors

Are you able to open your heart & home to a girl during her pregnancy?
 Call Lisa Barricks for more info 272-0587

Host Families

Furniture and household items are needed for the girls to set-up their own homes. If you have a donation, we will gladly arrange to pick it up. Also, if you can donate maternity or baby clothes, please contact Jeannie Barton 621-4546

Furniture/Clothes

your help please

Your financial support helps to provide such things as prescriptions, clothing, childbirth classes, counseling and dental care for our girls. Mail your tax deductible donation to CPO, P.O. Box 1113, Jenks, OK 74037.