

## HOW DOES A PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER WORK

*Centers can look very different from one community to another, depending on the needs specific to them and the paid and volunteer staffing available to the center.*

**Goal: to become an effective Pregnancy & Parenting Resource Center that is rooted in Christian values.**

*Here's a glimpse at our pregnancy related work in 2019:*

In 2019 we served about 8 families affected by unplanned or a difficult pregnancy.

Of those,

**2** made a decision to place for adoption

**2** are single parents and appreciate the emotional support & encouragement we can give at Crossroads

**1** is still pregnant & planning to parent. There will be many barriers to that being easy or typical for her

**3** are doing what they can to be a good parent(s), yet are challenged by the reality of inadequate paychecks to cover rent, food, daycare, food, and travel

### Our Crossroads Pregnancy & Parenting Center would be prepared to serve:

- Decision-making and preparation in unplanned pregnancies
- Ongoing support, education, & mentoring to those who parent
- Healthy relationship education & discussion
- Loss & grief issues for miscarriage, abortion, & high risk pregnancies



### The Point Is:

The total time we serve a family at Crossroads varies. But most helping involves reoccurring visits, over time, as their situation unfolds. Some of the barriers and challenges we help anchor them through are:

- Lack of dependable emotional support
- Lack of appropriate helpers to give parents a break
- Inadequate home or finances
- Verbal and/or physical violence in the home
- Anxiety and depression of one or both parents
- Substance abuse issues by extended family
- Religious emptiness—disconnected from God and a home church, yet searching for it

*It takes a village  
-we know God works through us to offer  
these parents hope & encouragement, and we  
are fueled by your support in various ways.*

Meeting the more tangible, sometimes crucial needs like *housing assistance, parenting education, transportation* is always a challenge. What we can do directly correlates with the time we can offer because of the financial support we have been given to share back into **HEALTHY FAMILY & COMMUNITY**

### For the Pregnancy Resource & Parent Support programs to be what these and so many more parents need, it will require:

- A team of passionate volunteer helpers & staff
- Prayer – ongoing, focused, heart-filled prayers!
- Financial gifts toward the \$30,000 MATCHING grant through Heartbeat (they will match it after we make \$30,000 before spring 2021)
- Financial gifts toward ongoing service throughout the years

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