



Kerman CARE CENTER



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Hello!

I am amazed to be writing this last Newsletter of this fiscal year! Our next Newsletter will be in September when I will be celebrating one year as Executive Director here at Kerman Care Center!

I would first like to thank you for your support through this rough year! We came to a slope and all of you really pulled together to pull us through! I am so grateful!

I have met so many of you in person, although there are some I still need to meet! This is the biggest reason I am so excited that many of the COVID restrictions are being lifted! We are starting to get some normalcy back in our lives and can start getting together again!

Although this virtual life we were all forced into was difficult and lonely, it has given us new opportunities to reach out to more women with new on-line classes and experiences!

The more women we can reach, the more women we can introduce to the gospel; and the more women we can empower with educational classes including Bible study, parenting, life skills, and special circumstances -- such as domestic violence and other abuse situations.

We can reach the women in painful situations who are contemplating not only their own lives, but the lives of their unborn babies. We reach the women who have undergone an abortion and are in need of love and healing.

...ten pallets of free diapers to families

The Center has never been more visible in the community. We have put so much effort to increase our visibility and accessibility in the community, including donating ten pallets of free diapers to families in Kerman and the surrounding areas.

We plan to have live Polynesian music, dancing, and food!

We have engaged with the community through many avenues, events, and speaking engagements. I have been visiting churches, and attending many activities. I look forward to planning my first banquet on September 11. I am honored that the Polynesian Dance Club of Fresno has offered to entertain all of you! We plan to have live Polynesian music, dancing, and food! Please look for more information coming to you soon!

Until then, thank you again for your support and I look forward to meeting you in person!

Hope. Help. Healing.

Staff & Stories ~

We have been blessed by so many!

Prayers & Praises

- ◆ KCC is in need of someone to fill a volunteer janitorial position
- ◆ Yay! We have been given three more **pallets of diapers** to hand out to local families – these diapers fulfill practical needs in our community; and have been a great resource for reaching new clients
- ◆ **Thank You** to all of you who donated, helped, and shopped at our **Rummage Sale** in March! Our first fundraiser of the year brought in over \$2000
- ◆ **Thank You** Meg, Jeanne Ann, and the **Senior Adult Ministries** from Kerman Covenant Church for hosting a Gifting Event for our Center's New Baby Boutique
- ◆ **Thank You** to Hueston and Mikala and **Grocery Outlet Bargain Market** for their generous donation of \$750 during their Grand Opening
- ◆ **Thank you** to **Pastor Mike Jordon** from La Viña Covenant Church for dedicating KCC's Baby Boutique; and to **Emily Jordon** for sharing in the celebration with her song
- ◆ **Thank You** to the **Kerman Soroptimist** for their generous donation of \$1000



And Then
God Spoke
(S2E20)



Maria shares her story with Amy Arabian on her podcast. Listen to it at soundcloud.com

**Together
We Can
Save Lives!**



Saturday, September 11, 2021

Save The Date!

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KCC's Annual Fundraiser

Our Mission

Kerman Care Center is a non-profit organization which exists to promote an abstinent lifestyle for the unmarried, offer life-affirming alternatives to those facing an unplanned pregnancy, and equip individuals through education and factual information.

Our services promote wellness for our clients, their families, and the community.

All our services are free. We depend on the support of individuals such as you.



If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please email us at info@KermanCareCenter.org

GRAND OPENING OF KCC'S BABY BOUTIQUE

Kerman Care Center's Baby Boutique is now open to the public! It is open Tuesday through Thursday, from 10a to 4:30p. Thank you to all who donated, and painted, and volunteered in so many ways. We pray that this Boutique will be a real blessing in our community.

You are welcome to come by and shop... check out volunteer opportunities... and bring by donations of new and gently-used baby items.



HAPPY CLIENT ~ HAPPY COORDINATOR (PT 2)

Because of our volunteers and all their hard work, time, and dedication, I am delighted to say that our BABY BOUTIQUE is up and running, and our clients are shopping til they drop! As the Center's Client Coordinator, I get to see first-hand the joy these women get shopping using the bucks they earned in our *Earn While You Learn* Program. Our clients learn about their pregnancy and expectations, how to overcome parenting struggles, to co-parent, succeed in potty training, take control of sibling rivalry, and learn how to speak to their teenagers about abstinence, peer pressure, and how much time is TOO much tech time!

Hope, help, and healing is what we set out to do and what we're going to keep doing. This is His ministry and I'm here doing what pleases Him, so as long as we follow His lead, the work of our hands will continue to get blessed. It's that simple.

Congrats Flor ~

She received the first of KCC's Baby Boutique Handmade Quilt by Iva.

Come, shop, and register for next month's quilt.

Congrats Scott and Julie ~

Thank you to all who donated towards our "Blue Envelope with Heart" fundraiser for the Care-Net Conference this August.

congratulations



All relationships have their struggles and ups and downs, but how do you know if it's normal conflict or abuse? Many women in these unhealthy relationships love their partners and just want the abuse to end. This series is another way KCC helps empower clients beyond just their pregnancy.

NEW Healthy Relationship Lessons

This six-part series is by *Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services*.

This series includes:

- 1: Your Relationship: Healthy, Unhealthy, or Toxic
- 2: Understanding Power and Control in Intimate Partner Relationships
- 3: Recognizing the Cycle of Abuse
- 4: Warning Signs of Unhealthy People
- 5: Can an Abuser Change?
- 6: Reclaiming Your Value and Experiencing Healthy Relationships

There are few people who have adequate training around this issue and can address it properly. *BrightCourse's* Certified Advocate Training provides KCC tools to understand what abuse is, and how it differs from normal relational conflict.

When you truly feel worthy, you will begin to say "no" to the abuse in your life. Clients are shown how God values them, and how believing this truth will change their life – by ***Reclaiming Life's Value and Experiencing Healthy Relationships***

Thank you for your donations and support of this program!

KCC offers resources for those who have experienced or whose lives have been touched by pregnancy loss through past abortion(s), miscarriage, or adoption



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- Free Pregnancy Testing
- Earn While You Learn Parenting Classes
- Birth and Breastfeeding Classes
- School Presentations on Life Skills
- Court-Ordered Parenting Classes
- Anger Management Courses
- Community Resource Referrals

Life-Affirming Alternatives

We offer FREE and Confidential Resources to Help Women and Men Navigate the Challenges of Unplanned Pregnancies, in a Safe and Encouraging Environment

Office Hours Tuesday through Thursday, 10 am to 5 pm

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