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The following article is why pregnancy resource centers are needed in our world, and why BPRC is needed in Bastrop County. Thank you all for your continued prayers, support, and service to this vital ministry!

Under what circumstances is a baby a mistake?

Taylor was pregnant at seventeen and still in high school. Her best friend told her, “You better not get an abortion!” Her boyfriend said, “If you keep it, we’re done.” Her parents threatened her too: if she ever got pregnant, they would kick her out and cut off her college money. So many voices shouted at Taylor that she didn’t know what to do. She was strongly inclined to pursue abortion.

Brandy was only a junior in high school when she got involved with a boy her parents disapproved of. Her pregnancy threatened to interrupt her schooling and end her cheer-leading. Brandy felt she should probably have an abortion.

Courtney’s boyfriend broke up with her. She wanted to go back to college and was fearful of disappointing her parents. She also had to continue working. Courtney felt she needed to “take care of the problem.”

In all these scenarios, fear played a major role—fear of the future, of financial hardship, of interrupted hopes and broken dreams, of angry parents and ruined relationships. In all these scenarios, a baby seemed like a mistake. A baby seemed like a problem. A baby seemed like a dreadful error these young moms (and dads) desperately wished to erase.

Let’s take a big step back and look at these true stories from God’s perspective.

Here is what the Lord and Creator has to say about an unborn person:

“I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born...” (Jeremiah 1:5).

And here is the praise-filled human response to the wonder of how God makes us:

“For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret...Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.”—(Psalm 139:13-16)

Throughout Scripture, children are spoken of as a blessing - never as a burden, problem, or mistake. But what about children who are conceived outside of marriage? Or as the result of cheating on a spouse or boyfriend? It’s true that there are difficulties in such scenarios. Teens who are sexually active before marriage risk unplanned pregnancies (not to mention STI’s and STD’s). A wife who cheats on her husband risks being found out if she gets pregnant. That said, let’s define the terms correctly. The mistake in these situations is the choices that were made - choices which led to an unplanned pregnancy.

The baby is not a mistake.

Even in the case of pregnancy resulting from rape, in which the woman had no choice, the problem is the crime committed against her—not the baby. This concept can be counter-intuitive, because our culture places [relative worth on persons](#) based on circumstances, convenience, and utilitarian value. Our culture makes it possible to rationalize the idea that a person can be a “mistake.”

Not so in God’s mind. Simply put, God doesn’t see human beings - born or unborn - as mistakes. He sees them as His precious image-bearers, loved by Him and here for a purpose, no matter how their story began.

(And which of us had any say in that?!) We are not God. We have no idea how our futures will turn out. Our imaginations fall far short of what He can do.

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Here's what happened in the true stories above:

Taylor's ex-boyfriend dotes on his little girl. Her mom is a devoted grandma. And Taylor did go to college, a confident young woman who has learned to speak for herself.

Brandy decided to place her son for adoption. She continued high school, and her little boy's adoptive parents attended her cheer-leading events.

Courtney concluded her daughter is the best thing that ever happened to her, and she couldn't imagine a life without her. With her parents' help, she went back to college.

In all these cases, what seemed to be a mistake or problem—a baby—became, instead, a source of blessing, joy, family unity, emotional healing, and purpose.

So, under which circumstances is a baby a mistake?

None whatsoever.

God creates and loves them all.

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BPRC Update

Covid-19 Impact

In our April Newsletter we informed you that BPRC was closed due to Covid-19. During this time we encouraged clients to leave us a phone message or email us if they were in need. We were able to leave packages for clients to pick up containing the resources that were requested during the time we were closed. The center reopened on June 29 with limited staff. In this unprecedented time of uncertainty, BPRC's main concern was and is the safety of our clients, volunteers, and staff. We are so delighted to be up and running once again. On September 25th we held our 2020 "Golf for Life" Tournament. Covid-19 did not hamper the turnout. It was a great day for all!

Presently our hours of operations are Mondays 9-3 and Wednesdays 9-12. It is our hope that we are able to be open more days very soon. BPRC recently hired Catina White Higgins, Director of Development. Catina is a wonderful addition to BPRC. She has such a passion and excitement to work with this life saving ministry. All other staff are presently volunteers. Since April, we have lost many volunteers and are working on rebuilding that base. We would love to have you join us in this vital ministry.

As a Volunteer, you will make a difference in many lives. There are many areas to serve at BPRC: coaching clients, working in the office, serving in the boutique, sitting with an individual as they watch a training video, instructing a group class, prayer warrior, event planner, and so much more. If you're bilingual, your skill is greatly needed. A volunteer application is available on our website, bastropprc.org, or make an appointment to come by the center for a tour and pick up an application. We would love to talk with you and answer any questions you may have.

There is a place for you! We cherish our volunteers and invite you to join us in this wonderful ministry.



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Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center

4th Annual "Golf for Life" Tournament

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The Tournament was a great success! We are amazed and so grateful for the giving hearts of this community. We had a full house and plenty of love was shown, while having lots of fun! Because of your generosity, we will be able to continue our mission to protect the lives of the unborn.

\$28,211 was raised

Thank you so much!

1st Place Winners

Judge Benton Eskew (right)

Dan Petty (center)

Allen Eskew (not pictured)

Chris Dillon (not pictured)

BPRC Tournament Coordinator

Wren Wickliffe (left)



2nd Place Winners—Elevated Logistics



3rd Place Winners—Southwest Refrigeration

What a GREAT Day!

The weather was beautiful, the game was exciting, and 94 players attended. We appreciate you all—you've blessed our community.





Cheli Cook
BPRC Board President

Cheli has a great love for this ministry and gives 110% to ensure the success of BPRC. Thank you for your never-ending love and devotion.



Featured Clients

Meet Hope, Garrett, and Cora

We are so pleased to know this beautiful family. They are expecting their second child and come to the center often to take classes.

A note from Hope and Garrett

“The BPRC has helped us so much with items, both gear and food for our daughter and now our second child. We’ve also enjoyed taking classes to learn about the pregnancy journey and parenting. We always enjoy the welcoming environment and that everyone takes the time to get to know us and our daughter.”

BPRC was able to purchase the crib pictured here and other cribs, mattresses, car seats, bassinets, changing tables, and diaper bags because of grants given by BP&L in Bastrop and Born Again Emporium in Smithville.

Thank you for your generosity!



In the Spotlight



Welcome to BPRC
Catina White Higgins
 Director of Development

Greetings,

I'm so honored to become a part of such a great, Christ centered organization! As a born-again Christian, I want to make a difference in our community. In the short time I've been here, I've already begun to build relationships in the community and I'm looking forward to building partnerships with our churches, businesses, and other non-profit organizations.

I've experienced my first client interviews, and it's truly a blessing to walk alongside the clients, praying for them, offering educational classes, free materials, and more. BPRC is such a vital ministry to Bastrop County, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for its future.

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Client Visit Statistics July —Sept

50	Client Visits
36	Individual Classes Taken
13	Pregnancy Tests Given
1	Salvations!
38	Visits to the Boutique
338	Boutique Items Given

Note: It's been slow going since our reopening, but the last two weeks we've had a significant increase in client visits. We do have protocols in place, limiting the number of people within the center, but hope to be open additional days very soon in order to serve more families.



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Thank You!