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## **Why Preborn Human Beings are a Big Deal to God (and why Abortion Grieves Him)**

Imagine being in an indescribably beautiful place, like nothing you've ever seen on this earth. Your senses are fully alive, your body vibrant with health.

Your soul is perfectly at peace, your heart is full of happy anticipation. At last, all is as it should be.

You've arrived in heaven.

Many other radiant people are there to greet you. A long-lost relative, a dear friend, a close loved one. Your heart fairly bursts with joy at seeing them again.

But there are others, too; ones you don't recognize, yet they seem to know you.

You wait, curious, as one person presses forward through the group to greet you, eyes welcoming and smile bright.

"You don't know who I am," he begins, "but I'm so glad to finally meet you and thank you. Father sent you to save my life. He granted me many years on earth to serve Him. There are others here because of conversations He allowed me to have with them."

He smiles again. "May I introduce you to someone special? You may remember her."

He turns to the group behind him and beckons a woman forward. Recognition slowly dawns as you recall the once-anxious, angry young woman you spoke with many years before. You had planted gospel seeds and supported her as she chose life for her baby, but you never knew what had become of her.

Now she stands before you, glowing with joy. The man looks from her to you, beaming.

"I'm so pleased to re-introduce you to my mom."

I don't pretend to know everything about what heaven will be like, but what I'm describing here is more than a pretty story to make you feel good.

The work done at pregnancy centers across the nation and around the world has eternal ramifications.

We exist to promote life in all its aspects. We believe human life is sacred and that human beings are designed to experience abundant and eternal life. Why is this such a big deal to us? Because it's a big deal to God.

The existence of a unique human individual is a phenomenal reality. No two humans are alike, not even identical twins.

Every one of us is created in the image of God, and He has unique plans and purposes for each one.

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*—Ephesians 2:10

A favorite passage for underscoring the importance of pro-life work is Psalm 139:13-16:

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.... Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."*

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The term “unformed body” in this passage is the Hebrew word “golem,” meaning formless or embryo. This verse is the only place in Scripture where “golem” is used.

God sees every person while they are tucked away in the womb, writing their stories even as He forms their bodies in that hidden place.

But wait, there’s more.

Consider the attributes of God. He is omnipresent (everywhere all at once), omniscient (He knows all things), and omnipotent (all-powerful). He is love (1 John 4:8). He is good, and He dwells outside of time in eternity.

Based on these attributes, we rightly conclude that God knows, loves and values every human being even before they exist within the limiting parameters we call “time.”

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,”* God says in Jeremiah 1:5. *“Before you were born I set you apart...”*

The Hebrew word for “knew” here is “yada,” meaning to know and be completely known. It’s intimacy.

Stop and ponder this for a moment.

Our heavenly Father not only loved you before you were born... He loved you before you were a fetus, before you were an embryo, before you were even a zygote.

Before you existed, you were loved by God. And this is how He feels about every person He creates.

The nature of our heavenly Father informs our efforts to protect our preborn neighbors. We understand that each one is His masterpiece. Each one is known and loved and wanted by Him.

Far from being part of a woman’s body to do with as she wishes, preborn children belong to God (Ez. 16:20). That’s why no circumstance, difficulty or hardship can change the reality that abortion grieves Him.

It can be challenging to serve distressed women and men in your community, supporting them as they navigate an unplanned pregnancy. It’s often a thankless task, and in any case, the babies we rescue may never know what we’ve done for them.

Regardless of the difficulties, keep up the good work. You’re pleasing the heart of your Father—and one day you’ll enjoy a sweet reward.

We believe every person is worthy of dignity and protection, from womb to tomb.

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### **Dear Volunteers,**

You all are treasures to this organization and are touching so many lives. The Board of Directors would like to say how much you are appreciated and to thank you for the countless hours you have served. We thank you for your compassion, kindness, perseverance, and your love. You are truly servants of our LORD! BPRC would not exist without you!

### **Dear Future Volunteers,**

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, etc. A volunteer application is available on our website, [bastropprc.org](http://bastropprc.org), or 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.



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The Tournament was a great success! We are amazed and so grateful for the giving hearts of this community.

**\$21,898.61 was raised**

Thank you so much!!

These funds will allow BPRC to revamp our training curriculum / audio & media needs for our clients and for the community.

It also will allow us to close out this year in the black!!



1st Place Winners, left to right, Kyle Pfeiffer, Romeo Rosales, Gilbert Hernandez, and Javi Nieto



2nd Place Winners—Harkin Company



3rd Place Winners—Down in the Oaks



**3rd Annual  
2019  
"Golf for Life"  
Tournament  
9/28/19**



**T E X A S  
Alliance for Life**

**Texas Alliance for Life** is a statewide non-profit organization of people committed to protecting the fundamental right to life of all innocent human beings and to promoting respect for their value and dignity from the moment of conception until natural death using peaceful, legal means.

On June 15, they held their 25th "Walk for Life". 80% of the proceeds support pro-life education, defending pro-life policies in the courts, and promoting the "Choose Life" license plate to support infant adoption. 20% is granted to pro-life pregnancy resource organizations in Central Texas that provide assistance to women and children.

Dr. Joe Pojman, Ph.D., is the founder and executive director of Texas Alliance for Life. Dr. Pojman visited our center October 02, and presented BPRC with a check for \$845. Please take a moment and visit their website at <https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/>



**Dr. Joe Pojman, Ph.D., and Dana Thornton**

Dana has faithfully served BPRC for many years. She has blessed so many lives. Dana is a light that shines brightly for our Lord! She is an amazing coach to our clients, and has such a loving heart for everyone who walks through our door. We all love and appreciate you!!

# MAP—Materials Assistance Program

Effective January 1, 2020, BPRC will be implementing a new program for our clients. This program will ensure that our returning clients receive the training they need to become informed parents.

As a woman comes in with a new pregnancy or a mother with a young child, she will be offered an opportunity to sign-up for the MAP Program. This program will consist of a set of scheduled training classes in pregnancy, labor and birth, breastfeeding, bringing baby home, parenting, toddler years, life skills, etc., and also training for our dads as well.

Our Mission is to show God’s love and grace through encouragement and support. Our desire is to preserve and protect the lives of the unborn and promote healthy families through Christ-centered services to those facing unplanned pregnancy.

Offering this training is fulfilling our mission by promoting to build healthy families. For each class a client takes, they will receive points to go shopping in our boutique for clothing, blankets, shoes, etc. They can compound their points to earn larger items, such as cribs, high chairs, swings, and other large items.

## Training at BPRC

On November 02, our Board of Directors underwent training by Terry Williams, a National Trainer and Consultant for Care Net (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports almost 1200 pregnancy centers in the United States). The training was excellent! Thank you Terry!



Also, November 6-7, Terry Williams taught a two day training to our volunteers. They received a wealth of information and encouragement. Thank you to all who attended the training. You are so valued and appreciated!!



All of us at BPRC would like to take a moment to thank all of our supporters. Supporters meaning financially, material donations, and volunteers. We could not be open without you. Thank you for serving in these ways. Please keep BPRC in your prayers. The enemy is always lurking about. Especially when it comes to protecting life.

May God Bless you All,  
BPRC



## A Word from our New Executive Director, Lynn Sorrells

When I came home to Bastrop a short time ago, it was never my intent to stay. Rather, I came to bury my husband, sell our properties and leave. Again. There was no reason that I could see to stay.

**BUT GOD.** . . My Father introduced me to my new assignment: Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center. I learned decades ago that I've never had a job – I've had assignments from my Father. I'm in His Army. I'm under His command. I have learned to say, "Here am I, handmaiden of the Lord. Do with me as You will."

**BUT GOD.** . . "This Center is so small. I work BIG assignments for You, Father." As I walked alone and struggled with my new life, I began to sing the chorus of a song I learned long ago in seminary: 'I believe in miracles, I've seen a soul set free; Miraculous the change in one Redeemed through Calvary; I've seen the lily push its way up through the stubborn sod; I believe in miracles, for I believe in God!'

**BUT GOD.** . . Father reminded me that He gave me the 'DNA of Dirt' – He will place His seed in my hand. My assignment is to nurture it, protect it and allow that seed to grow into what He designed it to be. Slowly, I began to realize that He has given me the biggest assignment of my life: *His unborn babies. His most precious seeds.*

*Here am I, handmaiden of the Lord.  
Do with me as You will.*

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**Note:** The Bastrop and Elgin Centers have consolidated to one location at 2007 N Main Street, Bastrop, TX 78602



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