



LIFE at the Crossroads

Did you know...

- Dads are so important!
 - ⇒ 60% of women discuss the pregnancy decision with the father of the baby
 - ⇒ Nearly 4 in 10 women (38%) indicate that the father of the baby was the most influential in their pregnancy
- No one can force, coerce or pressure a minor to have an abortion. Doing so is punishable by law.
- All of our services are always FREE!

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From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I've noticed a trend where more & more, individuals and ministries are claiming a word or a Bible verse for their year. Doing so can sharpen our focus and guard against mission drift, while allowing space to dream and work towards a desired future state.

At Crossroads, our word for 2021 is **"intentional"**. So much of 2020 was spent pivoting; operating out of survival mode. We made the most of the pandemic and finished strong. However, it left us weary for predictability and normalcy in our personal lives and in our ministry.

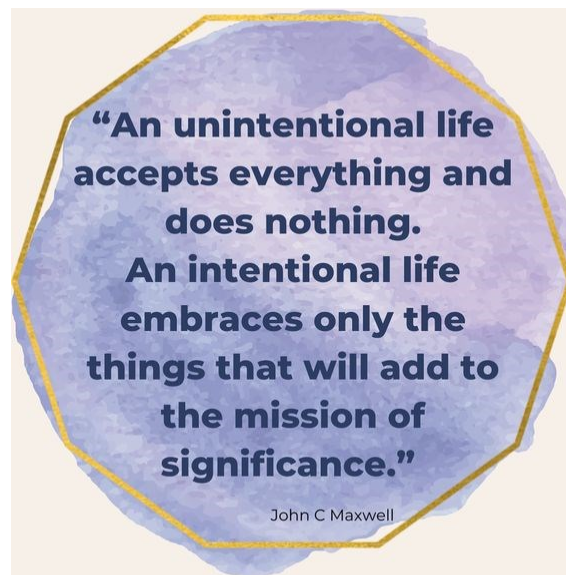
I recognize "predictability" and "normalcy" may be utopia words these days; and perhaps always when it comes to ministry work. No two days are the same just as no two clients are the same. However, scripture demands a sharp focus for Christians in Colossians 4:5 "When you are with unbelievers (*clients*), always make good use of your time (*share the gospel*)". Therefore, at Crossroads we **intentionally** "embrace only the things that will add to the mission of significance" to make the most of our time with our clients.

When we stay focused on Jesus, we "keep the main thing the main thing" (as Stephen Covey suggests). We minister from a desire to be transformational and not transactional. Being **intentional** means we provide only the highest quality experiences for our clients. It means we intentionally point our clients towards Jesus EVERY SINGLE TIME the opportunity arises. It means we now have dedicated space for our male clients (future dads) to be intentionally ministered to by male volunteers. It means teach our student population how to be intentional in their behaviors and become goal oriented. And it means we intentionally seek out the abortion vulnerable to serve.

As you read through this edition, I hope you will be inspired by our **intentional** efforts in 2021 to affirm the worth, dignity, and sanctity of *all* human life. Thank you for partnering with us through your prayers and financial gifts to make this possible.

For life,

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Open House

May 4, 2021 // 4:00—6:30 pm

Have you heard? We have recently expanded due to growth explosion!

Please join us for an evening of celebration and guided tours through our facility.

Come meet our Staff, Board of Directors and many of our awesome volunteers!



EQUIPPED FOR A LIFETIME

Middle school and high school... think back to those pivotal years of your life. Depending on your experience, thinking of those years may evoke happy memories or ones you'd rather forget.

Whatever those years held for you, I'm willing to bet your memories are rooted in one word: *relationships*. Whether those relationships were platonic or romantic in nature, your relationship choices either supported success or worked against it. Today's teens are no different.

Teen years are relationship-focused years. Teens are learning about themselves and what they want in life all through the lenses of their relationships. These relationships ultimately influence the direction of their life—good and bad.

Our mission with **EQUIP** (Crossroads' new Sexual

Risk Avoidance program) is to do just that—*equip* each student with the facts and education needed to make healthy relationship choices for their lives. We present research based, engaging, and powerful lessons to set students on a course toward optimal health. Healthy relationships are foundational for a lifetime of health and happiness and we want to equip students for this level of success.

Our **EQUIP** curriculum covers a wide-range of topics teens *want* to know. Both middle school and high school students learn about healthy self-esteem, love languages, personality types, healthy boundaries, healthy decision making, goal-setting, and how to recognize toxic relationships. In addition, high school students learn about healthy dating, stages of intimacy, sexually transmitted diseases,

pregnancy, benefits of abstinence, and how to safeguard their emotional health. All of our lessons are taught from a trauma informed approach and create an inclusive environment.

We feel honored to be entrusted by our local school system to bring this knowledge to our students. We hope to empower and equip every student for a lifetime of healthy choices.

For more information, you can visit **REAL** Essentials website by going to www.myrelationshipcenter.org or drop by Crossroads to review the curriculum and meet our **EQUIP** instructors in person.



IMPACT REPORT—AGAINST ALL ODDS

Our conversation began with the words, “I’m 16 and just found out I’m expecting. I can’t let my parents find out until I’m further along or they will force me to abort the baby and I want to keep it. My birth mom will support me, but she doesn’t have custody of me. I need to come to your clinic for an appointment so I can make sure everything is going good so far.”

This is a true story of a 16 year old fighting to keep her baby when everyone around her was pushing for an abortion. She was unable to come for the first appointment we scheduled and, through continued texting, we found out why. Her parents kicked her out since she wouldn’t abort her baby so she turned to her birth mom.

The 16 year old was soon asked to leave by her birth mom once the adoptive parents pressured her to take the young girl for an abortion. There was literally nobody in her life to support her pregnancy decision—except for Crossroads.

We helped her find her voice and explained how no one can force or coerce her to have an abortion. Legally her parents couldn’t kick her out so that she would chose abortion—that’s coercion. Because of your support we were here and able to connect her to lawyers who

could advise her on her legal rights.

Finally, she was able to come in with her mom and we were all able to sit down and talk about what was going on. We were able to share with them not only the physical effects of abortions, but also the emotional impacts, which is something abortion clinics do not talk about. We also discussed adoption and parenting. The mom left with a more supportive attitude toward her daughter. By the next week, the client let us know that “things are slowly getting better here.” She was able to get a prenatal appointment with a doctor then come in for an ultrasound.

Through continued conversations with the young girl over the following weeks, she told us the father of the baby found out she had not yet had an abortion and was angry. He promised her if she would get the abortion he would get a car and an apartment and they could get married and be together forever. She turned to Crossroads saying she didn’t feel right about this plan and was encouraged to trust her feelings.

The pressure to abort continued when the boyfriend’s mom showed up at her house—offering her money and to take her for the

abortion. Our client was strong and told her no—that she was going to have this baby!

We told her how proud we were of her for standing up to him and his family. She came in a few days later and we were able to record the baby’s heartbeat and place it in a stuffed animal so she could listen to the heartbeat whenever she needed to. Now she is taking parenting classes and learning how she can be a great mom to her unborn baby. Moreover, she is learning more about eternal life through Christ Jesus during her parenting classes too.

Because of you, we were able to support this young mother in her fight to keep her baby safe from everyone around her who wanted her to abort it. Because of you, we are able to continue to support this mama who wants life for her sweet baby. Because of you we are here not only for this young lady, but for many others who just need someone to tell them they can do this and give them the tools to succeed. Because of you we can build relationships and show them the love of Jesus through our actions and words.

Against all odds—this baby will live.

Because of you!

Our Mission

To empower individuals within our community to make healthy life choices consistent with the sanctity of human life; provide pregnancy confirmation and support; offer parenting education; and guide those with pregnancy loss to a place of healing.

JOIN US FOR OUR THIRD



Annual Banquet

23 SEPTEMBER 2021

6:30 PM

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Register online at bit.ly/thirdannualbanquet or by text to 931-297-2424.

RESERVATIONS & TABLE HOSTS

Individuals may attend our Annual Banquet in General Seating at no cost. This event is not ticketed; however, reservations are required and seats are limited.

Interested in hosting a table?

<p>\$1500 Platinum Reserved table for eight; Custom gift on display; Recognition on table, video and program; verbal recognition at event; recognition in press release</p>	<p>\$1000 Gold Reserved table for eight; Recognition on table, video and program; verbal recognition at event</p>	<p>\$750 Silver Reserved table for eight; Recognition on table, video and program</p>	<p>\$500 Bronze Reserved table for eight; Recognition on table and video</p>	<p>\$250 Friends Reserved table for eight; Recognition on table</p>
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SHOW THEM JESUS

Broken.

Scared.

Confused.

People walk into Crossroads from so many different situations. Often, they've tried to figure things out on their own only to end up feeling like failures with no way out.

Our job at Crossroads: Show them Jesus.

Maybe you've heard it referred to as evangelism, witnessing, or sharing your faith. Whatever you call it the end goal is the same, to show them Jesus.

You see, we, in ourselves, don't have what these men and women need. Sure, we go a long way in connecting them to resources, educating them,

supporting them, and advocating for them, but in the end, they need HIM.



He is the only one who can mend the broken heart from which they are trying to do life. He is the only one who can heal their mind and emotions from pains of the past, and He is the only one who can bring freedom to their lives and give hope

for their future. We enter every advocate appointment, ultrasound, parenting class, and interaction with this focus, "Show them Jesus."

And what an honor that is.

I've found evangelism is often overcomplicated. The focus is often shifted to "us," when we think of how unqualified or unprepared we are to share with someone. But if we put our focus on "Him," and what He did for them we quickly realize evangelism isn't about us to begin with. We are simply the conduit He uses to show people *His* love and draw them to *Him*.

Here at Crossroads, we have put a renewed focus in the area of evangelism with an upcoming

DADHOOD: MAN2MAN

How to Dad.

That is straight to the point and what our new DADHOOD program is about—a program for men led by men.

The importance of dads being involved in their children's lives has been shown in study after study. Involved and responsible men who are present in the lives of their children contribute to improved outcomes for children, families and entire communities. Additionally, and most closely aligned with our mission at Crossroads, an involved and supportive partner during pregnancy can positively influence a woman to make a life decision for their unborn baby.

As a pregnancy resource center, we know women need support from the baby's father. In fact, the thoughts he has about their unborn baby can be amongst the most important factors in a woman's pregnancy decision outcome.



DADHOOD encourages men to step into their roles as dads—to be the dad our Heavenly Father designed them to be.

DADHOOD training started in December and launched this March.

Our team of five male volunteer coaches are committed to being on site when our doors are open, ready to talk to any man that may come in to an appointment with his girlfriend/wife.

At the initial visit to Crossroads, each man facing an unexpected pregnancy receives a toolbox filled with baby-proofing safety items, small tools, and most importantly a Bible.

Our male coaches have been able to talk with several men so far with positive feedback and results.

The importance of this program will have generational impacts. We are so excited to add this to our list of services at Crossroads.

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*Eligible purchases include products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

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We hope you have been encouraged and inspired by this edition of *Life at the Crossroads*. Please consider partnering with us if you have not yet done so. We operate strictly on private funds from individuals, churches and small businesses—no government aid or grants.

The easiest way to partner is online at friendsofcrossroads.com.

Checks are always welcome and can be mailed to us at the address below. Occasionally we will have office needs or Baby Boutique items that need to be restocked which we post on our Amazon Baby Registry. Just look up Crossroads Pregnancy Clinic on the Amazon Baby Registry or find it by direct link at bit.ly/crossroadsparents

From our family to yours, thank you for your support and prayers. That's the greatest resource we could ever have.

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