

Summer 2016

Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center



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# CROSSROADS CORNER

## MISSION STATEMENT

Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center is a Christian organization that promotes the sanctity of life by providing caring services to pregnant women in crisis within our area. Our staff provides education, guidance, and spiritual support especially to those considering abortion or other alternatives in a spirit of compassion, love, and grace.

The countdown continues! We're just a few weeks away from our Fall Gala.

To join us, call or email today!

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*Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center*  
invites you to Celebrate LIFE at our 12th Annual

## *Fall Gala*

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

6:30PM—9:30PM

Nicholls State University Ballroom

Business/Cocktail Attire

*Silent Auction, Music, Drinks, & Hors d'oeuvres*

## Letter From The Director



Vision. It's probably an overused word. Companies talk about it. Leaders are supposed to have it. At a pregnancy care ministry, it is easy to forget about it. Talking about vision sounds almost callous when women come in worried about their next immediate decision. Yet here, we must have vision if we are to effectively minister to those we see.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Crossroads will be participating this year in the Archdiocese of Houma-Thibodaux's Annual #iGiveCatholic Day on November 29, 2016.

At Crossroads, our vision is three-fold. First, we want women who are facing a crisis pregnancy to think of Crossroads first.

Second, we want to reach out in such a way that when an abortion-vulnerable woman comes to us, she will walk away realizing she has no need for an abortion clinic's services because she has ours.

And third, we want people in our area to recognize Crossroads as an invaluable resource in our community. We know we won't please everyone. Standing for life causes some to oppose us, and we can live with that. Yet our vision is to be a positive force in our community. We want to change hearts and minds to value the sanctity of human life.

This is our vision in three simple steps. Call us. Join us. Make a difference.

Many blessings, *Michele*



## Volunteer Spotlight

- \* Gala Committee Chairperson 2013-16
- \* Member of University Baptist Church
- \* Wife and mother of three children

Thank you, **Ashley Barrios**, for your dedication to Crossroads! Your service to the Lord has played an important role in our LIFE affirming ministry. Your commitment is appreciated. God bless you!

## STAFF

Michele Beary, Executive Director

## MEDICAL TEAM

Dr. Nicole Prosperie, Medical Director  
Jennifer Peltier, Nurse Manager  
Kristin Fortier, Ultrasonographer

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## *front and* CENTER

### **Not your Typical Ministry. Not your Typical Training.**

As a front-line life-saver, the care we provide makes a world of difference for each woman and child that our center serves. Our clients depend upon our staff to faithfully and excellently live out our God-given call. That's why there's no substitute for the kind of training that our staff received in August at Pregnancy Help Institute by Heartbeat International in Columbus, Ohio.

Heartbeat realizes that Crossroads is no typical ministry. In fact, no two pregnancy help organizations are exactly the same, so the training offered at Pregnancy Help Institute was uniquely tailored to Crossroads.

Organized under four intensive tracks (Leadership, Development, New Director, and Ultrasound), Pregnancy Help Institute integrates executive-level instruction in a small-group environment, where Crossroads staff had the unparalleled opportunity to process information and strategies with experts and fellow front-line pregnancy help leaders.

The New Director training was invaluable to our new Executive Director, Michele Beary. Developing new friendships from across the country and combining the wisdom gained from this training will truly help prepare our Director to navigate effectively and increase her effectiveness as a leader. Crossroads is blessed to have a board of directors who believes in providing our staff with the best education and training available.

### **What is a Life-Affirming Specialist?**

Our staff at Crossroads also receives training as a Life Affirming Specialist (LAS) through Heartbeat International. The LAS designation indicates that our staff has participated in on-going training on pregnancy, abortion, abortion recovery, client programs, sexual integrity and other related, life-affirming issues.



## *Did you know?*

### **October is Respect Life Month!**

Respect Life Month is an excellent time to initiate pro-life prayers throughout the year. Here's a list of prayer requests from our center:

- \* For women who may be facing a crisis pregnancy at this moment.
- \* For those involved in the abortion industry, that the Lord would change their hearts and draw them to Himself.
- \* For staff and volunteers at pregnancy care centers, for courage, strength, and endurance to carry on.
- \* For politicians on both sides of the issue, that the Lord would give pro-life politicians courage to stand tall, and that He would change the hearts of those opposed to life.
- \* For those suffering from an abortion, that they would find healing and forgiveness in the Lord.

Thank you for praying. It's the best investment in this ministry any of us can make.

## Deja' Lynn's Story

*"Crossroads showed me how great motherhood could be, and I'm glad I chose to be a mother."*

**Deja' Lynn, like many other women, came to Crossroads during her crisis pregnancy. She had a feeling that she was pregnant, but it was unexpected and unplanned. She was confused and thought she would never find herself in the position of contemplating an abortion.**

To hear Deja' Lynn's life-affirming testimony, join us at the Fall Gala on October 26th!



### Meet Our 2016 Gala Wine Tasting Committee

The Wine Tasting Committee had a lovely evening choosing the wine selection for our upcoming Fall Gala. Thank you to Harold and Jane Block for hosting our annual wine tasting party!

Sitting L-R: Michele Beary, Chris Toups, Susie Falgoust, Heather Howard, Jessica Canan, Leslie Tenney, Theresa Dobard, Jane Block, Cathy Ordoyne, and Margaret Teeter.

Standing L-R: Robert Riviere, Amie Ledet.

## Showering Love

Thank you to the following churches and groups for your generous donations, fundraisers, and "baby showers."

Special thanks to all who donated to our collection for the flood victims in our neighboring parishes.

- Our Lady of LaSalette KC Council #9000
- Our Lady of the Rosary Church
- St. Genevieve Church and School
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
- St. Phillip Catholic Church
- Individual Donors



*Thank you for giving abundantly!*

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Thank you to the St. Genevieve Catholic Daughters for inviting Crossroads to participate in the 2nd Annual St. Genevieve Community Celebration! Many were pleasantly surprised to hear that Bishop Oscar Solis was a founding member of Crossroads.

We appreciate your support and the opportunity to share our mission and history. May God bless St. Genevieve and Bishop Oscar Solis.



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If you have any questions about signing up, email [Support@CrossroadsPRC.org](mailto:Support@CrossroadsPRC.org) or call 985-446-5004. Thank you!



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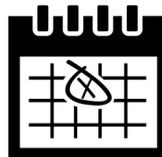
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**ITEMS FREQUENTLY IN SHORT SUPPLY**

- Diapers (Sizes 3-6)
- Baby hygiene items (wipes, Desitin, bath wash)
- Enfamil infant formula
- Baby clothes (newborn to size 18 months)
- Maternity clothes



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 10.26.16—Crossroads 12th Annual Fall Gala
- 11.24.16—Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- 11.29.16—iGiveCatholic Day ~24 hour online giving
- 12.23/27.16—Office closed for Christmas holiday

**Safe Baby Haven Law**

In Louisiana, no one ever has to abandon a child again.

**Crossroads** is a Safe Baby Site.

Louisiana's Safe Haven Law provides a safe, legal, anonymous, last resort to abandonment. Parents can leave their unharmed baby, up to 60 days old, with an employee at any medical facility, fire department, hospital, police department, emergency medical services provider, pregnancy crisis center, medical clinic, public health unit or child advocacy center in Louisiana.

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