



***"As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."***  
Colossians 3:13

## **YOUR LENTEN SACRIFICES SAVE PRE-BORN BABIES!**

**Dear Friends For Life,** As we journey through Lent, we reflect on Christ's forty days in the desert—a story of temptation, solitude, and sacrifice. At *The Life Center of Santa Ana*, we hear the stories of those who walk through our doors—vulnerable mothers and fathers, seeking hope and support. Their stories are often full of fear, uncertainty and obstacles. Just as Christ's journey into the desert was one of preparation for something greater, so too are the stories of those whom we serve and the stories shared by you, our loyal supporters.

One such story is that of Walter Hill, an 84-year-old sidewalk advocate from St. Joseph's Church in Placentia. For over thirty years, Walt has been faithfully praying outside the abortion clinic, located one mile from our center. A few months ago, Walt, in his usual spot, encountered a vulnerable woman entering the parking lot. He offered her one of our brochures, which she accepted and took with her into the building. Praise God, minutes later, she emerged, the brochure still in her hand. Shortly thereafter, our front desk team received a call from that vulnerable woman's cousin. The cousin, deeply concerned for her loved one, whom we'll call "K", shared a little piece of K's story. She said K was facing significant challenges and she and her partner were struggling. Although her partner was working, his minimum wage job made it difficult to make ends meet. K, emotionally overwhelmed, had felt that her only choice was to abort her baby--until she met Walter Hill.

With the Grace of God and YOUR ongoing support, K chose LIFE! Both K and her partner now participate in our parenting programs which you help us provide! You are a part of these beautiful stories of sacrificial love, standing alongside those at risk for abortion. Each prayer, each donation, and every hour you spend supporting this mission is a testament to your strong faith and commitment to life. As we pray together through Lent, we invite you to reflect on your own journey and the sacrifices you make for this mission. Your story is powerful. We would love to hear it. Please share with us how your faith and experiences have shaped your commitment to supporting life. Together, we can continue to be a source of hope, love, and light for those in need. **Email a piece of your story to [inquiries@lifecenterofsantaana.org](mailto:inquiries@lifecenterofsantaana.org).**



**You helped us provide a baby shower for these three moms (left) who had the courage to choose life!** One mom, due in April, had this to say. "Thank you so very much to the donors who made this all possible! It was amazing to be spoiled with all the baby essentials that I received today. I cannot fully express my gratitude. What a blessing it is to know my baby is supported and cared for by so many people. Thank you." Another mom said, "Saying thank you would be an understatement. My partner and I are overwhelmed with gratitude. Not only for the gifts, but the support of the donors that help make our path to parenthood easier. We feel so blessed to receive the help we get from you."



## Your Support Makes This Co-Parenting Program Possible!



We recently hosted our co-parenting couples for dinner at a local Italian restaurant. With the much needed quality time together and a delicious meal, they felt loved and celebrated. The teen and young adult mothers and fathers who participate in *Walking With Moms & Dads* have you to thank for the wonderful experience! A Christ-centered community is an essential piece of the support we provide. Most of the couples have been in the program for a year, if not more. They have developed beautiful friendships with each other. Below left (L to R), mentors Ron, Jenni, Megan, John, Joy & Bob helped to facilitate the program and hold babies. Below right (L to R), Caleb, with his partner Mari Cruz, had this to say *"The Life Center has been a true blessing in my journey as a first-time father. Everything from providing essentials for my baby girl, to incentivizing with gas gift cards, to offering a strong sense of community, to educating on life skills, they have made my transition to parenting much smoother than it would have been without them. What stands out the most is the kindness and genuine care the team shows in everything they do. Their support has meant the world to me and my family. I am incredibly grateful for all they provide."*



## Amazing Parish Support Builds Strong Families!



Left (L to R): A great, big thank you to Erika, Marissa, Erica & Ashley of San Antonio Mom's ministry who hosted a wonderful February First Thursday Luncheon for our moms! The babies felt the love!



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