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— PSALM 103:17 —



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## Hello!

Welcome to our tenth annual, "Embrace Grace Place" publication. On behalf of the entire Grace Place Family Health Center team, I am writing to express our gratitude for your generous support and dedication to our mission. Your unwavering commitment and financial contributions have played a vital role in enabling us to make a meaningful impact in the lives of women, men, and families across the Four Corners Region. Through your generosity, we have witnessed lives being transformed, individuals finding hope and help, and families coming together to support one another. It is truly remarkable to see the power of your contributions in action.

Your belief in our mission and your willingness to stand beside us have been instrumental in our success. We consider you an essential part of our team, and it is with great pleasure that I present this issue, filled with inspiring stories from those whose lives have been touched through Grace Place Family Health Center.

I sincerely thank our board, staff, volunteers, partners, donors, and those who contributed to this magazine by sharing their hearts through their articles.

Together, we positively impact and shape a brighter future across the Four Corners Region.

With heartfelt appreciation,

*Heather Faverino*

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# My Story, GOD'S PLAN

BY: JESSICA

Hi! My name is Jessica, and this is the story of how I came to be a client at Grace Place Family Health Center, and our family's journey up to this point!

At one of the most uncertain times in my life, I was questioning whether I was pregnant or not. I had a very scary and emotional few days as I hoped for my menstrual cycle to start and pondered what I should do if I were, in fact, pregnant. My relationship with my child's father (now my fiancé), David, was in shambles then. While I have several friends and family members who have children, I did not feel I had the support I needed to deal with such a huge life change. So, I started looking for pregnancy centers to help and ultimately administer a pregnancy test to confirm my suspicion. Upon googling, I found Grace Place immediately and scheduled an appointment.

A few days before my first appointment, I met Cindy at a church I had been invited to attend. We spoke briefly about my situation, and she prayed over me and my

suspected unborn child. After that, she offered me her card and told me I should come to Grace Place. At that moment, I knew that God had pointed me in the right direction, and I informed her that I already had an appointment scheduled. We exchanged hugs and smiles, and I felt comforted knowing she'd be a part of the team I'd be meeting and working with at Grace Place.

The date of my first appointment had arrived, and I was still uncertain of what to do if the pregnancy test results came back positive. As I stated before, the father and I were no longer together, and I just felt so lost and alone. I found myself thinking, what if he doesn't want this child? How am I going to do this alone? Is the child going to look just like him?... and she does! I had so many questions, but the one I needed answered most was about to be answered.

After meeting with Cindy and taking a pregnancy test, I waited for the results for what seemed like an eternity.

When Cindy returned to the room, I could see on her face that she was about to tell me that the test was positive and that I was pregnant. She did just that, and I burst into tears. Some of those tears were happy, but most were tears of worry and fear. She asked if she could hug me and assured me it would all be okay. I knew it would because I truly believe God has a plan, and we are all created for a purpose. The staff at Grace Place made me feel supported in every single way, and I left the office feeling a huge weight lifted. The uncertainty and sadness were gone, and I left with a feeling of "I've got this" whether my baby's father was to come back into the picture!

Some time passed, and I went back for an ultrasound. I felt many things at my first ultrasound appointment, but mostly a sense of urgency to hear my baby's little heartbeat. I was eager to know she was alive and growing well there. Cindy did a great job during the ultrasound and made me feel very comfortable. She informed me about everything she was doing and looking for. When I saw my baby for the first time with her little heart beating inside my uterus, it all hit me ... the reality of it all set in, and I got emotional again (I cried a lot at my first few appointments). Unfortunately, David did not attend this ultrasound; in fact, I had not yet told him that I was pregnant. That confession came shortly after, but I wasn't ready before that first ultrasound.

I was so blessed to have more than one ultrasound at Grace Place. At my second ultrasound, David did come with me. Together, we listened to her little heartbeat and cried. At that moment, we had agreed, without even saying it out loud, to take the steps necessary to mend our relationship so that we could raise this child and give her the best life possible. Of course, later, that was an actual conversation and commitment we made to one another and our baby. I'm happy to say we are still growing together and working at it daily.

Throughout my pregnancy, we started attending



parenting classes (David joins when he can). Most often, they were led by Miss Bobi, a member of the church that I started re-attending in Farmington, but of course, we didn't make that connection until later. Bobi felt like a mother figure to me immediately, and I was able to confide in her. She always gave me sound advice and made me feel like I was very capable of being a mother!

I have attended parenting classes for over a year now, and my time at Grace Place has been nothing short of fabulous. I learn something new each class, or at least have a brain refresher on subjects I learned years ago while earning my BA in Psychology.

At Grace Place, I am loved and supported, and the fact that I can talk to the staff about anything is a huge bonus! They offer help and advice, and it always feels heartfelt and genuine.

God is working at Grace Place through His people.

I have truly grown as a woman and, more importantly, as a mother since attending the parenting classes. I have become more confident in my ability to be a good parent!

The most important thing I have done in my life this far has been giving birth to my beautiful baby girl, Magnolia Rain Grace, who is already eight months old at the time that I am writing this! David and I will raise her in the ways of the Lord and not the world. If we are successful at that, that will be our greatest accomplishment!

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BY: BRYAN CRAWFORD

"I am pro-life, but I can't help because I'm just a 17-year-old guy."

At least that was my thought as I contemplated supporting the pro-life movement for the first time. Unfortunately, the culture of death is pervasive, and we fail to get involved in the fight for life because we have bought into lies perpetuated by that culture. We let the culture of death tell us who we are and what we can—or cannot—do. We internalize the culture of death's lies.

When we hear "You're a man; you don't have the right to address women's issues" so often, we start thinking "I am

pro-life but ... I am a man. Who am I to address women's issues?". The excuses pile up as quickly as the body count.

I am pro-life but I have never been raped ...

I am pro-life but it is not my body ...

I am pro-life but I am just a dad ...

I am pro-life but I am privileged ...

I am pro-life but Roe V. Wade ...

I am pro-life but the legal fees ...

Over and again, we accept these lies as truth and,

unfortunately, we turned these "You are" accusations into "I am" statements. If you are truly pro-life you must change the "I am pro-life but ..." into "I am pro-life and ..."

#### **I Am Pro-Life and I Have Expendable Income ...**

In reflection, this was not an intentional thought when I first donated money to Grace Place at age seventeen. I just knew that my heart hurt knowing that kids my age were facing a crisis when they had an unplanned pregnancy. I thought of the inner turmoil it must cause a young mom to debate whether to choose life or death for her baby. Support life with your dollars.

#### **I Am Pro-Life and I Am Going to Get Involved Politically ...**

I made a conscientious effort to venture into grassroots political activism, culminating in a stint as the youngest county party chairmen in the state of New Mexico.

#### **I Am Pro-Life and I Will Protest ...**

This was the next stage in my pro-life activism. My wife, Meghan, and I protested abortionists and pro-abortion candidates. We stood outside of Planned Parenthood during 40 days of life praying for moms and babies.

#### **I Am Pro-Life and I Am Open ...**

To opportunities to protect life on a larger scale. I was

approached at church one Sunday and asked if I would be open to joining the board at Grace Place Pregnancy Center, a ministry that Meghan and I were already supporting and involved with. Meghan was deeply involved in the "Steps for Life" fundraiser at the time, and I was excited to be considered. Meghan and I discussed it, prayed about it and filled out the application.

#### **I Am Pro-Life and I Am On the Board of a Pro-Life Pregnancy Center ...**

I came in with a few vague ideas of what I wanted to accomplish but mostly listened and tried to understand how the center worked. Honestly, it took a couple years for me to understand the moving parts and really be effective as a board member. I was still in the "I am pro-life but ..." era of my pro-lifeism. In hindsight, I could have spent less time annoying Eli and Pat in our meetings and that would have increased my proficiency but what's the fun in that? Heather and I were at a community event when I hit the "I am pro-life, and I am stepping into my roll" era of my pro-lifeism. I told her to take our decrepit website behind the barn and put it out of its misery; Heather and I laugh about it now but that was my "I am pro-life but... kind of a jerk" moment, frankly it had to be done but I could have been nicer.

I have been on the Board at Grace Place for seven years

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and Chairman for a couple years now. As I sit here looking back at all that the Lord has done at Grace Place in the last seven years, I am full of gratitude and a little sadness. I am grateful to have stood on the shoulders of giants who have navigated Grace Place through the good times and the tumultuous times. I am grateful for the stewardship of volunteers, donors, employees, and board members who have paved the way. You are all "I am pro-life and" kind of people. Grace Place has not only saved lives but enhanced them through the power of the Gospel. I am sad knowing that I will have fulfilled the limit of my two terms in September. I genuinely feel that someday when I am on my deathbed, I will look back at these seven years as my most important work. I love Grace Place.

Who are you going to be? Are you going to be an "I am pro-life but ..." or are you going to be an "I am pro-life and ..."? As for me and my house, we reject the lies perpetuated by the culture of death and we will not cease to pursue justice for the unborn. I do not know what is next in my era of pro-lifeism but I do know this: I am Bryan Crawford, I am pro-life, and I am determined to see the end of abortion and the rights of the unborn restored.



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- 1 abortion every 20 seconds in the United States
- New Mexico is home to 19 abortion providers
- New Mexico is an abortion tourism state. Abortions are legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.
- New Mexico does not have any state-level abortion restrictions—such as waiting periods, ultrasounds, parental notification, mandated parental involvement, or limitations on publicly-funded abortions. Girls, of any age, can have an abortion, a surgical procedure, without her parents even knowing
- New Mexico's abortion rate has increased by nearly 220%. Between January 2020 and June 2023, New Mexico saw the largest increase in abortion than any other state
- In 2023, 98% of moms who came to Grace Place to receive compassion, help and hope CHOSE LIFE!

# serve

Our professional staff and volunteers serve our clients day to day through a variety of services at no cost to our clients, thanks to the generous support of our donors.

Grace Place offers confidential care and support through the following free services:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Options Education
- Abortion Information
- Adoption Agency Information and Referrals
- Medical Referrals
- Ultrasound
- STD/STI Information and Testing
- Parenting Education and Support
- Maternity & Infant Supplies
- Abortion Recovery
- Support for Men
- 24 Hour Helpline

# love

As a volunteer or donor you are participating with us to love the moms, dads and babies of the Four Corners Region unconditionally.

As a volunteer or donor you have the opportunity to offer hope to those who feel they have no hope.

As a volunteer or donor you are helping to save the lives of future generations.

Sources for statistics used: center for disease control and prevention (CDC), NM Department of Health, Care Net, NM Women's Indicator Report, and Guttmacher Institute.



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# UNPLANNED Blessings

BY: REBECCA

Life is hard. There is no doubt about that, but there comes a time when it seems like your life is completely falling apart; that's what I felt at first when I found out I was pregnant with my daughter at a young age.

I was seventeen when I dropped out of high school and met my daughter's father. I was on track to get my GED. I was taking night classes at the college and I found out I was pregnant. I even remember the exact place and time where this miracle happened. Every time I pass by this place, it reminds me of my beautiful baby girl.

I married my daughter's father a month after being engaged to him. As soon as I got pregnant, he went to find work, which happened to be in the oil field in Texas. He would work for ten days and be off for ten days. I knew something was up the first time he came home. I soon found out he started doing hard drugs and meeting with other women. This behavior went on and I left him on Christmas Eve of 2007. I knew I would be way better without him than if I tried to stay with him.

I always told myself, "I want to teach my kids better than

my mom ever taught me." Which has stayed with me. I know we're not perfect, but I was determined to have kids who made smarter choices than I did.

I firmly believe God gave me a blessing in disguise because it was hard, but a journey I don't regret going on. I went through a lot mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

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My daughter is now seventeen, and I could not be more proud of her astonishing accomplishments. She is an honor student pushing to be an honor grad. She was in the National Junior Honor Society in middle school, and now that she is in high school, she is in the National Honor Society. She is in the top 5% of her class and on track to graduate from both Piedra Vista High School and San Juan College simultaneously, meaning she will graduate high school with her associate in biology.

She is also a new member of the UmatR Program. San Juan Safe Communities Initiative selects seniors every

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**Graduating in the top 5% of Piedra Vista High School class with an associate degree in biology from San Juan College in May 2024.**

**Attending college to major in forensic science with the dream of being a forensic pathologist.**

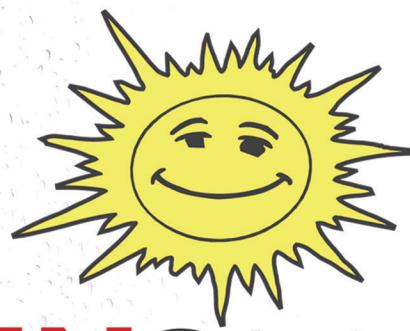
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school year across the county to promote healthy decision-making skills to San Juan County Children, and she is one of them for 2023-2024.

My daughter doesn't like to credit herself, but none of this would have happened if she didn't keep pushing; some nights are more challenging than most, and I give her props for what she does. I tell her all the time that she truly is my inspiration. She is what keeps me going.

Sometimes, you need a little push from God. He won't give you something he knows that you can't handle.

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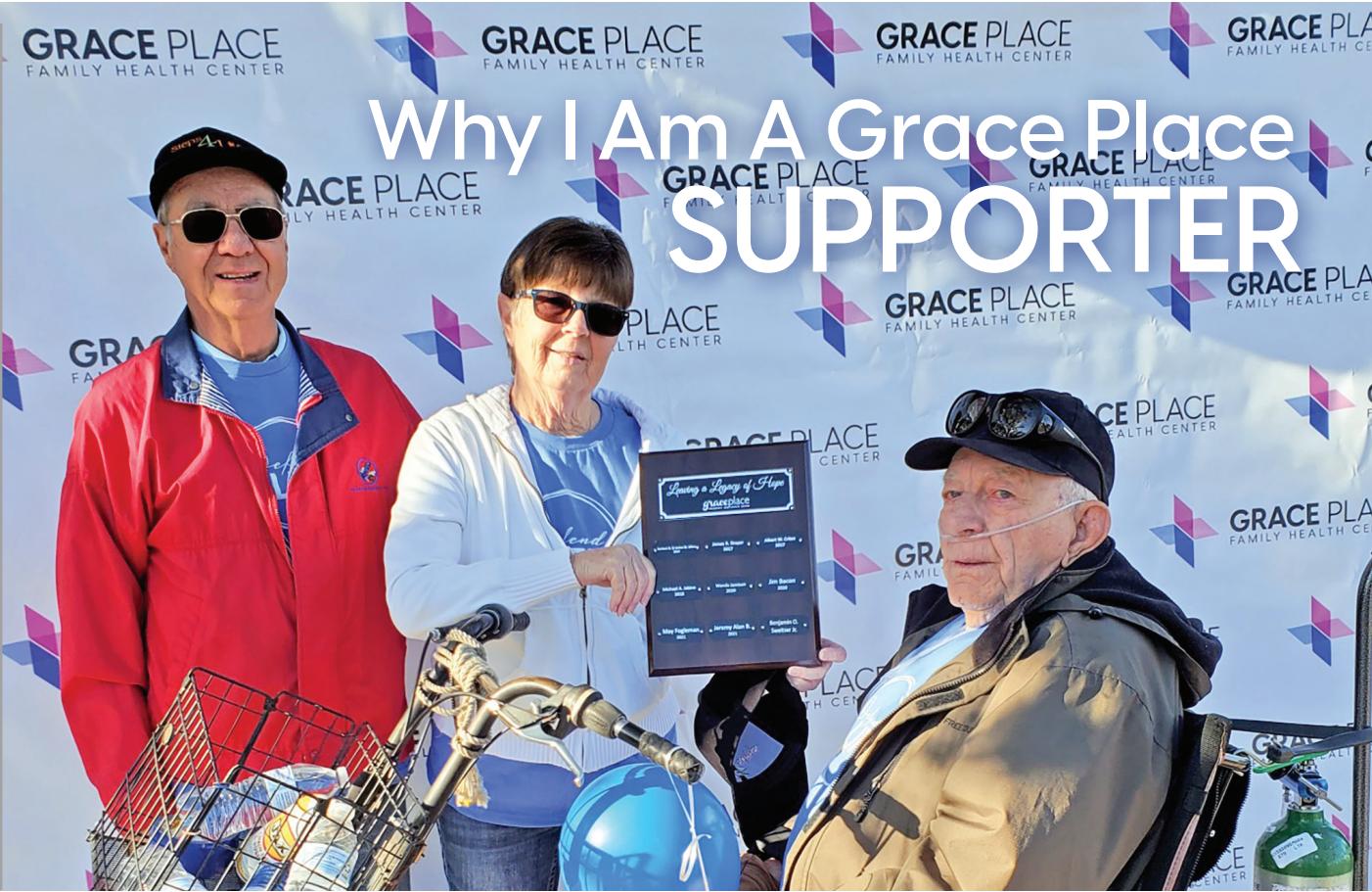
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- Jeremiah 1:5



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# donor spotlight



BY: PAM PETERSON

There are a million very good reasons why everyone should support Grace Place, but in this article, I would like to tell you about just a few of my own reasons.

God makes it clear to me in His word that He values life above everything else He created. He values our life so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die in our place so that we could have eternal life by believing in Him. John 3:16-17. He created us in His own image. Genesis 1:26-27. That means He placed a value on us higher than any of His other creations! Jeremiah 1:5 tells us that He knew us before He formed us in the womb, which tells me that He planned and thought about me before I was conceived. He shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us in Romans 5:8. There are many more verses in His word that prove to me that He places a higher value on my life than anything else. More than the flowers of the field, the birds of the air, etc...

Then there are the parables. The lost sheep, and the Prodigal Son, etc... When He values life so much, how can I not? Therefore, I believe more pro-life places like Grace Place are needed in this world! I can't think of a better place for Christians to invest their money. Yes, we donate, but it is an investment in many lives!

I support Grace Place because it is run by Christian people who will love you no matter who you are or what

your situation is, support you when you are in a panicked state with nowhere to turn, tell you the truth about your choices in pregnancy, and help you through it, all at no charge. They offer so much! Counseling for both parents, free pregnancy testing, free ultrasounds, classes where you can learn about what to expect in pregnancy, classes in raising a child where you not only learn but get to gather "Baby Bucks" to shop in their Baby store for items you will need like diapers, clothing, bassinets, cribs, car seats, etc... clear up until the child turns 2 years old! They also offer post-abortive counseling, helping people put their lives back together. These people really care about you and are non-judgmental, offering a safe and confidential environment.

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So many places are exactly the opposite of Grace Place, which does not tell you the truth. According to my Lord, He forms us in our mother's womb and has thought about us before He forms us! To Him, we are human beings, not a glob of tissue! Ephesians 2:10 tells us we are God's workmanship. The lies people are told often ruin their lives but thank God for Grace Place and those who care. They do post-abortive counseling, and it doesn't matter if it was a recent abortion or one that happened 50 years ago. They will help you, again, at no charge and maintain strict confidentiality.

I believe God is speaking through His believers at Grace Place, and by supporting them monetarily and especially through prayer, I'm honoring God. He saves babies through them, and it can be just as beneficial in parents coming to know and believe in Jesus Christ, and isn't that what we are to be about? I think giving to Grace Place and praying for them is following God's commands in Ephesians 2:10 and Matthew 28:19-20. I think it's part of the "Good Works" that we can do as Christians, supporting the teaching of all He commands and making disciples as well. "All the Earth" also includes here in San Juan County! Nothing is bigger than God!

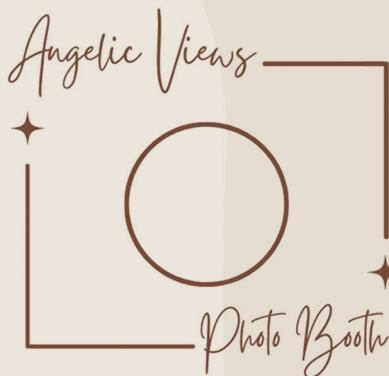
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