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I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you Psalm 32:8

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Focused Prayer

From the Executive Director



While the majority of Psalm 32 is annotated and underlined in my Bible, verse 8, which surprisingly is not, leapt out during a recent commissioning service I attended. In fact, as it was read, I cried; my life is on the cusp of significant changes.

The work and ministry of Durango Pregnancy Center has been with me for over thirteen years. I have loved this work. It has never been a job; it became my passion. With His eye upon me, I believe and know that my time with Durango Pregnancy Center is coming to an end.

It has been an amazing time. The women, babies, co-workers, volunteers, and donors who have come through have blessed my life. I cannot count the number of different board groupings that have worked alongside me! This ministry has been transformative. I hardly recognize the me of today from the me I was thirteen years ago. God has had His way.

New opportunities for ministry are on my horizon and I am learning to lean into and be present for each rising of the sun. These are uncertain and exciting days.

At the bottom of this e-letter is a link to be able to see what qualifications the ministry is looking for in the next executive director. We are also looking for a prenatal/parenting educator. Please feel free to share as God leads.

As my exit date of June 30, 2023, draws nearer I find myself turning to wonder at all that has happened and the lives my life has intersected with. I am humbled and very grateful.

Thank you for your support and prayers. Wow. I have been a participant in a ministry that has affected change in this community for over thirty years. What a gift!

Blessings, Valerie valerie@durangopregnancy.com

P.S. Verse 8 is now highlighted with a date!

Infant Care Center

Throughout our years in full-time Christian ministry, my husband and I have lived



by the phrase, *local, fresh, and authentic*. In other words, asking the question - what is local, fresh, and authentic to the community in which we are serving – what are the needs of the people, what is the culture, who are we in conversation with.

Christ embodied this approach magnificently! As He walked and talked with people the core of His message never changed; what was altered, depending on the person, was the approach. Christ was not a *this is how we always do it* kind of guy. He made adjustments in the questions He asked, how He listened, how He quided, how He ministered.

Durango Pregnancy Center is working within this local, fresh, and authentic paradigm as we walk the way towards developing an Infant Care Center for single moms. The full program will be more than just taking care of infants. It will include people sponsoring and supporting the woman towards her goals of education, employment, emotional and physical health. It will need lots of people who are willing to adopt a local, fresh, and authentic approach to ministry.

There is an enormous need in our community for infant care and this step is huge. We believe that God is instructing and teaching us in the way we should go.

Please pray how God would have you involved. As the doors open we will walk through.

Director and Educator Qualifications



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