



Durango Pregnancy Center

*Loving, educating, helping and giving hope.*

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*Mutual burdensomeness is part of what makes us human.  
God himself shares in this--bearing our sins and suffering on the cross.  
The Incarnation reveals another depth of human existence,  
for as Jesus was once a helpless baby, needing to be fed, washed, and changed,  
so he was also a dying man who needed care and company in his final hours.  
In taking on our humanity, God endowed every helpless baby  
and every dying person with the same value and dignity.*

Steven Fouch

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As I write I am remembering my beautiful mother. She went Home a year ago. Today would have been her 90th birthday. At the end she was helpless. This woman who had fed, washed, and changed me now needed the same.

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These days I am steeped in reflection on my DPC years - who I was contrasted with who I am now. In some ways I am unrecognizable! And, on the subject of humanity - the value and dignity of life - my thoughts have deepened and grown, flourishing because of the hundreds of women and men with whom my life has crossed.

Over the years the value and dignity of their lives rose to the top of my priorities. Helpless, they came for assistance. Helpless, they came for education. Helpless, they invited me into their support system. Helpless, they became friends. Helpless, they taught me, first-hand, the preciousness of the whole of life - birth to dying.

DPC brings hope; coming alongside helpless men and women - valuing their lives, giving them the dignity they deserve - carrying their burdens. As a result, we have become witnesses to God's transforming love, preparing the landscape for a new life to arrive. From conception to death - the whole of life's arc is our "mutual burdensomeness."

Blessings,  
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A Word from Jennifer Odom



When parents pour out sacrificial love for their child, it makes my heart sing. At DPC, women and men facing an expected or unexpected pregnancy regularly choose to lovingly sacrifice. They are excited, dedicated and striving to attain skills and resources to be the best parents they can be.

In my training, Valerie has taught me how to step into their lives, elevate their strengths, validate them, and empower them to move forward in their parenting journey. It reminds me of Jesus' love, always providing and guiding us with gentleness and affection.

1 John 3:1 says: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

As a child of God and a mother of three grown children, I can think of no better work than taking on the Executive Director role at DPC, starting in January. Here, my work is to pour His lavish love into the lives of parents and their babies, to walk with them and care about them earnestly. I am very excited to have this opportunity and humbled that after 14 years as ED Valerie has graciously trained me to continue the journey of love and life at DPC.

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## Assisting the Helpless

Baby D arrived in Durango unexpectedly. Born in another state, his parents drove across country, when he was a couple of weeks old, seeking what they hoped would be a better life. Sometimes outcomes do not meet the expectations, as this young family discovered.

Through collaboration with other area assistance agencies, Durango Pregnancy Center has been able to come alongside Baby D and his family with clothing, diapers, wipes and a gift card to purchase the special infant formula Baby D required - another one of those unexpected outcomes. As a result, Baby D has started to gain weight and the family is finding increased stabilization. Durango does not seem quite as harsh as it did on their arrival.



When you look at this sweet face please pray. Baby D can do nothing for himself - he is "helpless." The lives of his mother and father are who we come alongside with love, support, and encouragement. This is a work that involves not only the life of the "helpless" infant but perhaps more importantly the lives of the people responsible for his life. Durango Pregnancy Center is part of the crucial investment into his future.



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Your financial support gives hope.  
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Checks can be mailed to:  
1315 Main Avenue, Suite 230, Durango, CO 81301

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## An Absolute Necessity - Car Seats!

DPC's newest program has been a tremendous opportunity to connect with other assistance agencies in our community and intersect with people we have never met before!

Check out the application process [Car Seat Assistance](#)

Car seats are one of those necessities for a newborn; not just because it keeps a baby safe but also it is the law. No newborn can leave the hospital without being buckled up! This is definitely a way to help the helpless!

When it came to our attention that the last of the car seat programs had closed it seemed like the perfect opportunity for DPC to support and encourage life. Since the beginning of this year we have provided over 20 car seats and even at this writing another was provided to a family escaping war in their country.

What a gift and a privilege to be in this work - supporting and encouraging life.



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