



Durango Pregnancy Center

*Loving, educating, helping and giving hope.*

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## Philippians 4:8

“From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.”

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As 2024 is just getting started, so too is my new journey as the Executive Director of Durango Pregnancy Center. As I reflect on 2023, there are so many things for me to focus my thoughts on that are true, holy, just, pure, lovely and worthy of praise.



There is my training under Valerie Mangrum, my predecessor, who served this ministry with excellence for 14 years. She not only taught me the many duties of this position, but also modeled how to “be” all the things that are vital to this role; to be a listener for the sake of listening not responding, to be a supporter who steps into a client’s struggles and walks alongside them, to be an encourager who spurs clients to find their own strength and solutions. I saw her give loving kindness to everyone she met, never distracted or in a hurry to return to a task.

***I want to support DPC!***

Your financial support gives hope. The above link is to a Paypal donor platform. Checks can be mailed to: 1315 Main Avenue, Suite 230, Durango, CO 81301 or you can scan the QR code below. Thank you for your generosity!

There are the board members, each of whom took the

time to meet with me and invest in me, providing helpful perspectives, reading material, and encouragement. I have been impressed by the genuine passion that each of them has for this ministry and their service to it.



There are the clients, whom I have seen love their children sacrificially. They seek parenting classes, material necessities and even higher education to make a good life for their child or children. Often, they have faced trauma and adversity, yet they push forward. Their love and dedication is truly a beautiful thing to see in action.

Finally, there are all of you, the faithful supporters and volunteers who pray for the work we do at DPC and offer generous support. Though I cannot put a face to most of your names, I hold each of you close to my heart and thank God for your devotion to parents and children in need. It is your generosity that reaches out with the hands, feet and heart of Christ, making possible material assistance, parenting classes, and emotional support.

Every moment I have been here, I have witnessed God's mysterious workings, the way He uses people to serve other people for His glory, the way He brings people together, the way He provides discernment, the way He fills our hearts for people, the way He carries burdens...

I give my heartfelt thanks to Valerie, our board members, clients, volunteers and all of our supporters for giving me a praise-worthy example to follow. I feel blessed and humbled by the privilege of carrying on this work.

God bless you all,  
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A special thank you to United Methodist Thrift Shop and the Durango Area Association of Realtors for awarding grants to DPC that allow us to keep filling the need for car seats in La Plata County.

In 2023, our car seat program really took off! During the last six months of the year, DPC was able to give brand new car seats to 13 families representing 16 babies and children who are now able to travel safely and legally. The last thing we did before Christmas break was to order two infant car seats and two booster seats, and we can already see that the need continues to be strong into the new year. My first official act of 2024 was responding to three more car seat requests waiting in my inbox. Thankfully, the generosity in Durango and the desire to support this program runs deep. We and our clients are grateful for the kindness!

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