

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

WINTER 2017

1. Every year we look forward to holding a Christmas Card Contest with the 5th graders of area Christian Schools. The winner's card design is then used for Crossroads' Christmas Card, which is sent out to all of our friends and supporters. This year's winner was Elanor Sneed of Plumstead Christian School. Jordyn Roberts of UpperBicks Christian School was our 2nd place winner, while Kiele Magalengo of St. Isidore School and Bridgette Eberhardt of Faith Christian Academy tied for 3rd place. In early December we held an open house where Elanor was presented with the winning prize of a girl's bicycle; and Jordyn, Kiele, and Bridgette each received a monetary gift. Participants enjoyed delicious chicken nuggets provided by Chick Fil-A, desserts, and apple cider. All enjoyed seeing the student submissions of not only the beautiful winning cards, but the well done "honorable mentions" as well.



Christmas Card Winner – 2016



Contest Winning Artists (L to R): Elanor Sneed, Kiele Magalengo, Bridgette Eberhardt, Jordyn Roberts, and Executive Director Robert Wheelless

2. **Client Story:**

This year we held a Christmas raffle for our clients. Beginning in September, each time clients came in for their appointment, they filled out a raffle ticket and placed it in a jar. On December 22nd, we held the drawing; the happy winners were "Karen", "Diane" and "Melody". What a joy it was to see their delight at winning a "toddler bike" for their child. As Karen exclaimed, "I never win anything! This is so phenomenal!" All three were so grateful to Crossroads for this unexpected gift.

3. December also gave us another opportunity to thank our amazing volunteers. Our Christmas party was great fun as we enjoyed delicious desserts, competed in a crazy game of "snag the candy canes", and exchanged white elephant gifts. As we did last year, we honored our volunteers by giving gifts of water, chickens, and even a goat to various Christian charities: Compassion International, Samaritan's Purse, and World Vision.



4. Speaking of charities, we are so blessed by the 150 pajamas that we received in December through the **Pajama Program**. Pajama Program is a nonprofit that provides new pajamas and new books to children in need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Two of our supporting churches joined with this program in giving us this wonderful gift of pajamas for our clients. In December, 34 clients received these free pajamas, and more will soon be able to benefit.
5. STD Testing and Treatment continues at Crossroads, although we still need more testing done before we will be finished with our probationary period with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Someone recently came to the clinic because they had seen one of our yard signs advertising this new service. The person was extremely excited to learn that we were offering this service completely for free. He immediately made an appointment, and made plans to tell his friends about this valuable service Crossroads offers.
6. **Looking Ahead: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Thursday and Friday, April 20th and 21st, will be our annual Fundraising Banquet, held once again at Indian Valley Country Club. Our speaker this year will be Jeff Jackson, the director of Shepherd's Staff Mission Facilitators in San Diego. An incredibly engaging speaker, Pastor Jeff Jackson has helped begin pregnancy resource centers as well as been actively involved in missions work, both here in the United States and in the Philippines.



Jeff Jackson



Sunday, May 21st, is the tentative date for our second annual **Ride for Life**. If you can't wait to get your bike out and ride through the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside, get ready to join other pro-life Christian bikers for a great ride and enjoy some great food (including ice cream sundaes!) at Crossroads. We'll be sure to let you know the exact details as the day gets closer!

Finally, we want to thank you for your continued support for the work of Crossroads Pregnancy Care. Lives are being changed forever because of the care and generosity of you and our many ministry partners. **You** take part in each life that is impacted and truly honor the Lord Jesus Christ with each prayer and gift. Thank you for being a blessing, from all of us at Crossroads!

Following Christ w/ You,



Robert Wheelless,
Executive Director



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

FALL 2016

1. Crossroads Pregnancy Care is very blessed to have such a capable and committed group of volunteers. This truly is a volunteer ministry, as demonstrated by the number of volunteer hours given each month. When you consider those who work in the center as church liaisons, and those who work on projects and committees outside the center, we have



over 100 individuals who give of their time and talent for the benefit of those whom we serve. Recently we celebrated with this group at our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**. What an honor it is for the staff and board of directors to serve dinner and honor our volunteers for their faithful service. *Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers!*

2. **Client Story:** "Ingrid"

"Ingrid" recently came by the office to drop off a donation. While she was here, she told us that, at an age well passed the typical for bearing children, she discovered she was pregnant. (She already had an older child.) At her age, she knew she was at risk, she and her husband had no insurance, and she was just plain scared. She came into Crossroads to confirm the pregnancy, was greeted with love and compassion, and received prayer. She felt so encouraged when she left, determined to carry on the pregnancy. Several months later her little one was born, and is such a blessing to her family. She shared how happy she was to be able to give a little something in return to Crossroads.

3. As many of you are likely aware, October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Last year we initiated our **Pastor Appreciation Breakfast** for our supporting pastors. This year's event was well-attended and Robert was able to share the last year in review. The past 12 months have seen the greatest time of expansion that Crossroads has ever experienced. Some of the key items discussed included: our part in the development of 2 crisis pregnancy ministries in the nation of Ukraine, adding STD testing and treatment to our medical services, and hiring our new Community Education Program Director, Melanie Shustack, to aid us in the process of developing our new abstinence (sexual risk avoidance) education program. God is doing great things through Crossroads, and lives are truly changing every day.

4. This year we introduced our first **Ride for Life** event (this is not a fundraising event). With the support of the *Christian Motorcyclist Association* here in Upper Bucks County, we hosted riders and other participants, representing a number of local churches, in a day where we highlighted Crossroads and several other impactful service ministries. We were also blessed by



Jesse's BBQ (Souderton, PA), with a wonderful meal for all who participated.

The motorcyclists rode a planned route as part of our promotion of several local ministries. This included picking up many baby items from HIS (Hand In Services, Warrington, PA). The ride ended back at the center with ice cream sundaes provided by Crossroads. It was a beautiful sunny day for this event and a fun time of fellowship for all who came out.

The following ministries were highlighted during our event:

Crossroads Pregnancy Care (Quakertown)	HIS / Hands In Service (Warrington)
Christian Motorcyclist Association (Bucks Co.)	God's Treasure House (Souderton)
Save a Life International / Ukraine (Dresher)	Gideon's International (Upper Bucks)
The Well & Worth While Thrift (Pipersville)	

Each of the ministries represented all share the same core value, which is Jesus Christ and His transforming gospel.

5. On October 8th, we held our annual **Walk for Life & 5K Run** at Memorial Park in Quakertown. Despite the overcast day, we saw even greater participation than last year. The enthusiasm of all participants was very evident. The walkers cheered on the runners, people milled around talking and eating delicious food donated by Big Bites



and Chick Fil, the worship band filled the air with praise music, and our youngest participants played games. The event would not have been possible without all the work put in by the Crossroads Event Committee, as well as that of over 50 additional volunteers. We were also blessed to have 14 businesses and community organizations sponsor the event this year.

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Saturday, January 14th, we are holding our **Annual Sanctity of Human Life Prayer Summit**, hosted by Living Hope Community Church (Dublin, PA) and Pastor Eugene Miller. This will be our 3rd year for this prayer gathering of those who join us in seeking God's intervention in the lives of those whom we serve, those who serve at Crossroads, for our nation, and for the unborn. Our country is changing rapidly, and we as God's servants need to be vigilant in our prayers and service until He returns. (2 Chron. 7:14)

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