

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity."
 (2 Cor. 9:11)*

You Made It Possible For This Mom to Choose LIFE!

Dear Friends For Life,

On behalf of the *Life Center of Santa Ana*, thank you for your great support for LIFE! Praise God, **YOU** made it possible for K's heart to be transformed from fear to hope and helped save this baby! Late one night in the middle of March, K scheduled an appointment on our portal, indicating that she was 25 weeks pregnant and interested in receiving information on abortion procedures. Remember, clients like her are the reason our website now contains **accurate information on abortion**. **Without this information on our website, our pregnancy center name would not appear when a vulnerable mother searches Google with 'abortion information near me'**. The next morning, we texted her confirmation of her appointment, but she texted back "PLEASE CANCEL." She had changed her mind about coming into the center. When abortion vulnerable moms cancel their appointments with us, we know the chances are high that they will be going directly to the abortion clinic. Our staff texted her with, *"I care about you and want to make sure you are in good hands. I see that you are much further along in your pregnancy. Can we plan a time to talk on the phone so you can get answers to some challenging questions you may have about abortion? I want you to be aware of all of your options."* She texted back, *"Sure"* and agreed to a phone call. When our advocate was deep into that phone consultation with her, the vulnerable mom said, ***"I know abortion will harm my baby. But having him and giving him a life without a father would be worse than aborting him."*** At the end of the call, she agreed to meet the following day to learn more about our personalized plan of ongoing support. With the Grace of God, the reassurance that our team would be by her side from this day forward, and YOUR support, she found the confidence to choose life for her baby.



It was a JOY for our Tuesday team to host a baby shower for K. **Left (LtoR):** Megan, Anicia (a newly parenting, previously vulnerable mom who participates in our programs), her baby, & Jenni, Aileen, Joy, Rosa & Andrea pose with K (center front). With cupcakes, games, & lots of gifts, K felt loved, encouraged, & well supported, & went home with a tower of baby essentials that YOU provided. During her shower, tears continued to run down K's cheeks over the reality that she had been so close to aborting her son. She shared openly that during that dark time, she didn't have anyone who believed in her until she found us -- we gave her hope.



Left (LtoR): Anicia, her baby, & K spend time together. The bond these two young mothers share of previously having been abortion vulnerable to courageously choosing LIFE is very special. **Right:** Just 3 weeks after K's baby shower, she gave birth to her healthy son! Mother & baby are doing well & have been receiving dinners twice a week from parishioners at St. John the Baptist. Uniting our efforts to support those at risk for abortion, we can bridge the gap between our clients and the love found in our parishes and build the Kingdom!

Because of YOU, we can offer this AMAZING Walking With Dads program, supporting teen & young adult fathers!



St. Joseph, pray for us! It was such a JOY to celebrate the young fathers who participate in our *Walking With Dads & Moms* parenting program. For our June meeting, the young men engaged in meaningful discussions with their mentors, focusing on the virtue of patience in their role as fathers and in their role as a co-parent, learning how best to implement tools for strengthening a more effective co-parenting relationship with their partner. YOU are the reason we can give the dads a \$25.00 gas gift card for attending the program. Each dad received a gift bag which included the *BeDADitudes* book (8 ways to be an awesome dad), a Hydro-flask, toiletries, & additional gift cards. These sessions are part of our ongoing commitment to support & empower young fathers in the community to become the best dads God is calling them to be. **Above Pictured Left:** Victor & Deysy await the birth of their baby; **Middle LtoR:** Elmer, Victor, Jose, Devante, Ivan, Jonny & Marc Anthony; **Right top:** John of the Pizza Bakery (regular providers of yummy food), takes time to encourage Elmer & Jonny; **Right:** Marc Anthony brings his family to Mass at Holy Family on Father's Day.



A Very Red, White, & Blue First Thursday Luncheon!



Our Lady Queen of Angels Respect Life Ministry hosted July's **First Thursday Luncheon**, while dressing up themselves & the room to commemorate Independence Day! As we discussed the virtue of kindness amidst a backdrop of patriotic festivities, mamas, babies & mentors all had great fun! These luncheons foster a supportive Christ-centered community for our young moms & provide a nurturing space where they can receive guidance, encouragement, & so much LOVE. **Above Left to Right photos 1-5:** (1) LtoR: Deborah, Astrid, Lisa, Ginny, Theresa, & Alice of OLQA were the hands of Christ; (2) Samantha with her baby, Faith; (3) LtoR: Ginny & Astrid hold babies so the young moms can enjoy their food; (4) LtoR: K & Anicia (& their babies) continue to grow in friendship; (5) Deborah & baby Kyro who will soon celebrate his first birthday.

ROSIE NUMBERS!

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The Mother's Day Rose Event was a HUGE success, raising a whopping total of \$90,000, a testament to the generosity & dedication of our generous supporters! As we always want to provide you with a transparent overview of our financials, approximately \$30,000, was allocated towards the purchase of the beautiful roses. THANK YOU!



SJB GIVES BIG!!!

Right: St. John the Baptist KOC #14581 presents a check for \$12,000! **LtoR:** Beth, Board Chair, Megan, ED, Joe Belland, Grand Knight & Jenni Cole, Mentor & Advocate.

