

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."
(John 15:12)*

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Dear Friends For Life,

As we joyfully enter into Respect Life Month, we want YOU to know of the profound impact of YOUR generosity on those vulnerable mothers and fathers whom we serve. October is our **favorite** time of year! YOUR contributions of time, talent, and treasure in support of our Mission to build Christ-centered relationships with those at risk for abortion are the reason we can provide the REAL support the vulnerable need to be empowered to choose LIFE!

With parishes hosting *Walking With Moms* collections and baby showers, Confirmation teens touring the center and performing service projects, and the blessings of YOU sharing YOUR treasure, babies are being saved! Your donations not only provide essential parenting programs and material items for families, but they also fill their hearts with the love and hope of Christ. It is a beautiful sight to witness the community joining together to form a circle of love and ongoing support around our families.

St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta said, *"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."* The solution to abortion is a ministry of love. It is each and every one of us discerning what the Lord wants our pencil to write in *His* love letter in doing our part for the unborn. Please know that on behalf of our Board, our Staff, our volunteer team, and our families, our love letter to you says, *'thank you very much'*. **God bless you!**



Left: September's *First Thursday luncheon* was the start of a new season of our *Walking With Moms* Parenting Program. The young mothers from Baby Basics and Mommy & Me joined our team for daily Mass at Holy Family Church followed by a delicious luncheon hosted in the Rectory. Our prayer is to bridge the gap between the families we encounter at the center, and the awesome love to be found in a relationship with Jesus Christ, His Church, and a Catholic community of support!



Left (LtoR): Staff members Lisa and Stephanie served a generous portion of love and parish hospitality and joined in discussing the virtue of courage. The day ended with a tour of the office, an invite to Sunday Mass, and a brief teaching on Baptism. Right: Welcome our new Program Coordinator, Mechelle (holding baby Kairo). We are so excited for the gifts she will bring into this season's parenting classes!

You Are Making a Difference in the Lives of Mothers, Fathers & Babies!



Above Left - A message from Diana: "My name is Diana. My baby's name is Ezekiel. He is almost 11 months old. I have been attending the Life Center programs since I was five months pregnant with my son. I am very grateful and blessed to be a part of this community with other first-time moms. The Life Center team showers you with love and hope to help you be the best mother you can be. Our babies grow up together. We have little play dates with them, and it is beautiful to see how my son interacts with other babies. The support and camaraderie among us mothers is truly heartwarming as we share our joys and struggles of motherhood. It is amazing to witness the bonds forming between our children, creating friendships that may last a lifetime. The Life Center of Santa Ana has truly become a second home for us -- a place where we can lean on each other and celebrate the journey of motherhood. Thank you to all the supporters!" Above Right: A great day at the center is when SEVEN babies bring their mothers to Mommy & Me!!



The third Saturday of each month is a true blessing as we host our *Walking with Moms and Dads* parenting program. Young couples gain strength and support from our mentor team and from the community they build together. The power of word-of-mouth is evident; recently, one of our couples invited another to join, spreading the benefits of our program even further. L to R: Proud Mamas; Proud Papas; Lorena & Jenni, part of the Mentor team.



Above L to R: Bob & Rich make sure to spend time with the babies. The Mentors consistently role model the virtues of love and sacrifice with their dedication and the amount of love they pour into the program.



Above Left: Gio, with son Leo, gains support through the relationships he has with the Mentor team. Many of the young fathers in the program do not have fathers of their own. Gio was thrilled to have an afternoon with the team at a recent Angels game. Above Right (L to R): Rich, Jim, Bob, Gio, & Ron.

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