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# WOMEN'S SERVICES
Pregnancy Care Medical Center

"We are a Pregnancy Care Medical Center that exists to educate and empower individuals and their families to make life-affirming choices"

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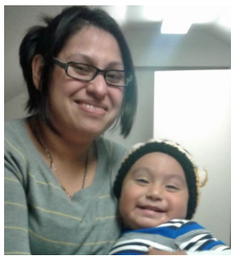
## Claudia and Pedrito! by: Maritza Spence, Education Coord.



Claudia is a returning client who came to the Kennett Square Center at the beginning of October wanting to enroll in Parenting Classes. She was with a friend and encouraged her to enroll as well. As the "First Week Survey" was conducted, the women shared that they would like to see their parenting skills improve and wanted to see their husbands more involved with their children. Two weeks later, Claudia shared with the group that she and her husband were applying the principles of discipline and general parenting and that she was encouraged to see her husband spending more time with Pedrito. She says that Pedrito "lights up" when he sees his dad come home in the evening!

This has not only been an opportunity for Claudia to practice what she is learning, but it also has been a great blessing to me to get to know her, to watch her encourage the other mothers, not only in the group, but with her friends. She has been inviting ladies to attend parenting classes because she is convinced of the importance to continue to learn and improve on parenting skills. One person at a time. Today Claudia, tomorrow another mom!!!

## Volunteer Spotlight

Maureen McCook has been with CCWS for over ten years as a volunteer counselor. **"My heart is here," she says. "I like being a part of CCWS to help change the hearts of women. I have always had a desire to parent and a passion for LIFE. It's a privilege to serve the Lord in being able to share Christ's love to the clients by being a seed planter in God's process of drawing their hearts toward Him."** Being a mentor to young women and sharing her love for Jesus is very important to Maureen. She and her husband Bob have been in ministry for 48 years. They attend Christ Community Church. They have three children of their own and seven grandchildren who all live in Chester County. When not working at CCWS, Maureen enjoys reading and spending time with their family and friends. Her favorite verse from the Bible is Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We are so blessed to have Maureen as a volunteer at CCWS.

## Your Impact in 2016!

Thank you for helping to save the lives of unborn children and share the Gospel **You are a source of hope and help to so many!**

**Since January 2016**
Clients served: 499
Pregnancy tests: 243
Ultrasounds: 147
Accepted Christ: 19
Lives saved from abortion: 31
Educational visits: 874*
Adoptions: 1

Donations of knitted/crocheted blankets: 193

Donations of handmade pregnancy bags: 165

Donations of diapers that clients received: 7,200

*total # of visits (parenting, discipline, mentoring, Bible study, labor and delivery)

Want to invest in a child's future? You may be our next **parenting class facilitator.** If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tamara Wagner at tamara@ccwsmedical.org. All training and curriculum is provided.

## Step Out for Change
### Baby Bottle Campaign

Thanks to the support of the 29 churches/schools who participated in our Baby Bottle Campaign in 2016!

**A**BVM, **C**alvary Chapel in Chester Springs, **C**entral Baptist Pomeroy, **C**hristian Motorcycle Association, **C**oatesville Bible Fellowship, **C**onestoga Christian School, **E**ast Brandywine Baptist Church, **E**ast Gate Church, **F**aith Alliance Church in Glenmoore, **F**orks of the Brandywine, **G**ateway Church in Parkesburg, **G**ateway Church of Oxford, **G**oshen Baptist Church, **G**race Covenant EPC/Exton, **H**ighland Baptist Church in Parkesburg, **H**oneybrook Presbyterian Women's Group, **J**ourney Church in West Chester, **K**ennett Square Missionary Baptist Church, **K**nights of Columbus 1333, **L**andenberg UMC, **O**live Street Presbyterian Church, **O**livet United Methodist Church, **P**resbyterian Church of Kennett Square, **P**rovidence Church, **R**eformed Presbyterian Church of West Chester, **S**acred Heart in Oxford, **S**andy Hill Community Church, **T**owerville Christian Church, **U**pper Octorara Presbyterian Church

**The total amount raised for 2016 through the baby bottle campaign was $31,000!!**

Would you like to see your church listed here next year? Would you like your church or group to be a part of this life-saving effort? Contact Mary at mary@ccwsmedical.org or call 610-383-0930 to find out how your change can change lives.

### Thank you!!

A special **thank you** to **Chicco** for your generous grant. The $2,400 worth of supplies in the form of cribs, high chairs, etc., are truly a blessing to the moms and families we serve. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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# A Future and a Hope by: Myriam Ruager, Executive Director

As I write this, my heart is rejoicing because God has blessed CCWS Medical abundantly during 2016. At CCWS, we love Jeremiah 29:11. ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." (niv)*** What a beautiful promise from God offering an assurance for the future. This beautiful promise brings a perspective of hope. With this translation, I am concerned that our focus is drawn to two words: Plan and Prosper. Our tendency is to limit God's specific plan for our life and our own success.

Look how different the NRSV version reads: ***"For surely, I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*** These are God's words to a people who are hopeless. They are in exile. Even worse, God instructs the people to serve King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. God warns his people that the false prophets and diviners will try to convince the people to give up obedience to King Nebuchadnezzar by telling lies. If it were me, I would gladly welcome a word that says I do not need to obey the king who stole my life. The lie would sound better than reality.

Jeremiah 29:7 states: ***"Seek the welfare of the city where I sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."*** It's like God is saying, "Trust me, I have everything under control." So, maybe Jeremiah 29:11 is not about God's specific day to day plan for you. Instead, it is a message of hope. God knows what is best for us, and He will lead us in the direction of a new future. The lies of this world, though they may sound good, will never get us there.

I personally want to invite you to become an active participant in this great adventure of trusting God and praying for the welfare of our cities. I believe your financial gifts will ensure that we can continue expanding our ministry as we defend God's unborn children and families. Make no mistake; this is a daily battle for life. We work with urgency. We are determined and committed to making sure innocent human life is protected.

**PS: God's people believed God had something big in mind for them. Do we? We should ask God, "Lord, What do you have for me? I want to trust you!"**

# Immeasurable Blessings!

We want to thank all our generous supporters. Our work would not be possible without you! Life is so precious and each day we have the opportunity to educate and empower individuals and their families to make life-affirming choices!

**Lives are changed and saved because of you!**

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

**Interested in volunteering? We have many positions available, including administrative, outreach and event assistance, client advocates, nurses, parenting class facilitators, and sonography. Please contact tamara@ccwsmedical.org for more details or visit our website: ccwsmedicalinfo.org/volunteer.html**

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