



# Life Support

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## THE PREGNANCY SUPPORT GROUP OF WOODLAND

*Committed to Providing Positive Alternatives to Abortion*

### *The Backstory*

*By Carol Duty, PSG Director*

As we move through our day, we see so many faces. Do we ever stop to think of the backstory of a person's life? We read statistics often assuming that we know how a person becomes one...too often we stereotype people because of where they are in their life walk.

In reality, we all have a backstory; the bits and pieces that make up our life story. These are the bits and pieces God uses as He molds us and makes us the person we are to become- eventually becoming more and more like His son.

Mary, the mother of our Savior, had a backstory. Imagine back when becoming pregnant out of wedlock was actually frowned upon. Her friends and neighbors would look at her and assume right from the start that she had done something wrong. They would, more than likely, treat her differently and talk about her as if she were less than them. Some would even take pity on her. We know how that story turned out. We know that Mary stayed the course and put up with the stares and assumptions and gave birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Aren't we blessed because she did?



Often, people ask me what type of girls we see in our office here at Pregnancy Support Group. There is an expectation of some of the adjectives I would use like single, rejected, homeless etc. However, I have learned that people who ask really love hearing about the true story behind each of the girls that visit our office.

Stories like the woman who is working on her master's

degree and has former military service. Her life, as she knew it, fell apart when her husband became a drunken abuser and left her and her children leaving her with nothing but to figure out how she would make ends meet. Or a story of a young woman left to deal with her pregnancy by herself because her baby's father, even though he promised to be with her forever, did not have any intentions of following through and left her to work it out herself. Or, the couple that comes in happy that they have their precious baby but dad has been let go of work and they are now short on funds for maternity and baby necessities.

I could fill pages with backstories of people that had a different plan for their lives. Some fully admit that they made wrong turns, wrong decisions, but are working very hard to turn their lives around and get on a path that will lead them in the right direction.

We have worked very hard at Pregnancy Support Group to light that right pathway to help them

### *November 2016 Outreach*

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| <b>New Clients.....</b>          | <b>50</b>  |
| <b>Appointments.....</b>         | <b>133</b> |
| <b>+ve Pregnancy Tests.....</b>  | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>-ve Pregnancy Tests .....</b> | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>Ultrasounds .....</b>         | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>Diapers .....</b>             | <b>550</b> |

**Meet Carol Duty,  
PSG Director**



find their way. We love teaching, sharing, and connecting these folks first to God, then, to everything else.

If it is a crisis pregnancy, then we connect women to ways that will help them see in a very practical way, that they can have their baby and go on to live a completely fulfilled life without the heavy burden of abortion. If it is someone in need of housing because they are being forced into a decision to either have an abortion or risk being kicked out of their house, then we connect them to a maternity home that will remove that problem as a road block. Practical, useful assistance in whatever area is lacking, this is what we are here to do.

A person's backstory can define who they are. Yet, it is important to not look at a person's current crises situation and make an assumption of who they are and what they intended for their lives. I can assure you that the women who come through our doors want something greater for themselves and their babies.

At this time of year, we take a closer look at Mary and realize her backstory was God created and out of that came our Lord and Savior. She did not make any wrong choices or head in a wrong direction because of

her circumstances. We want to help the ladies we work with have a hope and a future; to hold onto their dreams and to realize their value to God so that they do not give up on themselves or their babies. Each and every day we do this and we do not grow weary. Our backstory at Pregnancy Support Group has always been to Provide help-Share love-Give hope. We will be able to continue this long into the future with you, our supporters by our side. Help us enable the women who come through our doors, so that the defining moments of their backstory are not negatives, but positives that propel them forward to hope and a brighter future.

Pregnancy Support Group wishes all of you a very Mary Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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*Pregnancy Support Group's Christmas Boutique is back!*

For the month of December, PSG will be showcasing local vendors. We will have Christmas Crafts, Gifts, Antiques and Collectibles.

*Come find that perfect gift!*

We will be located at 1st & Main (formerly Diamond E Western Wear. If you are interested in becoming a vendor please call the PSG office at 530-661-6333 or come by the office to pick up a vendor application. The cost to participate is \$10 to help offset the cost of PG&E and water.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*