



**Caring
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of Cowlitz County

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<https://www.givemore24.org/organizations/caring-pregnancy-center-of-cowlitz-county> to make your donation! (Early donations may be made beginning Monday, September 10th!) You can also join us in the FUNdraising by clicking the FUNDRAISE button on our page!

“JANIE’S” STORY - Trembling before she even saw the double red line on the pregnancy test, the tears that had welled up in Janie’s eyes now rolled down her cheeks. Her father would be furious if he found out she was pregnant. She felt her only choice was to have an abortion, because she couldn’t disappoint him - again. She was certain he’d kick her out and disown her this time. She sat quietly as our Client Advocate explained how we could assist her through our Earn While You Learn program if she chose to carry her baby to term, assuring her that she would not walk this journey alone, but if she chose to have an abortion, we would still be here for her should she need someone to talk to...

Several weeks later, Janie and her boyfriend showed up at our office, asking if it was too late to pick out the items offered at her initial appointment, and to sign up for parenting classes! She explained that her father did react as she expected, but she and her boyfriend wanted to keep their baby. As they attended weekly, individually-mentored educational classes on prenatal care, infant care, parenting and relationship enrichment over the course of her pregnancy and for several months after their baby was born, we were able to provide Janie and her boyfriend with the emotional, spiritual and practical support they needed during this time.

Fast forward about a year after leaving our program – Janie stopped by. And again with (happy) tears streaming down her cheeks - expressed her gratitude that we were there for her at a time when she felt very much alone. She pulled out pictures to show how much her beautiful baby has grown, and updated us with the news that she is now married to the father of their 2 children, they are both enrolled in college, and her dad has come around and absolutely adores that little grandchild he did not want her to have!



For over a year I’ve been an RN volunteer one day a week at CPC. I do pregnancy testing & ultrasound appointments (in partnership with the My Choices Mobile Medical Unit).

During a recent Intake appointment (initial visit), I was with a young couple who had just moved to the local area from another state. Upon learning of her pregnancy, the young lady’s parents tried to force their daughter to choose between them and a home or her fiancé and their baby. She chose the latter. They kicked her out, and pressured another family member with whom her fiancé was living with, to kick him out. They had nowhere to go until a friend invited them here.

Before wrapping up their appointment, our Client Advocate asked if they could pray for them. They were happy to have prayer. After she prayed, I also felt led to pray for the health of mom & baby and for dad to find favor in finding a good job to support their needs. Then I prayed for the grandparents, that they would have a change of heart and realize that in not accepting their future son-in-law they were effectively cutting off their chances of getting to know and love their grandchild.

While praying I became a bit emotional and tears began to flow. As soon as I said “Amen”, the young man stood up, walked over to me, and with tears in his eyes, hugged me. Expressing his gratitude for our prayers, he was overwhelmed that anyone would care so much!

We need more volunteer RN’s! Is God calling you?

Susan Bate, CPC Volunteer RN



My main reason for volunteering 3 years ago was because I care so much for life – all life. I had no idea, however, of the many other perks that would come along with this “job”. The staff & other volunteers are wonderful, generous

people. I can’t imagine my life without them! The many who donate to this ministry are over the top. ALL services and material needs are provided through these great people – 100%! And then, of course, the clients themselves have become so precious. We all really love our clients.

And here’s another observation – we’re the only game in town! Sure, there are plenty of places that give away free stuff, as does CPC, but that’s not what we’re about.

We offer SO much more. We offer support & encouragement to women who need a hand up. They are given the opportunity to learn valuable life skills such as parenting, child development and building sound marital relationships, as well as what it means to have a relationship with the Lord. We offer support and healing (only through Jesus!) for women who have suffered emotional damage through an abortion.

The classes offered are one-on-one & at no cost to our clients. They earn material needs through attendance & **participation**, and the clothing & furnishing items earned are NICE!

CPC is a very happy place! You can come here anytime and find a welcoming smile – sometimes laughter, (occasionally tears), but always love & acceptance.

Niki Davis, CPC Volunteer Client Advocate