



Annual Report 2025

Forty Years of Life-Affirming Ministry



Great is HIS Faithfulness to the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center

In 1975, Christian Leaders: Francis Schaeffer, C. Everett Koop, Harold O.J. and Grace Brown, James Dobson, Harold O.J. Brown and Thomas Glesener meet at the Reverend Billy Graham’s home to discuss ideas for addressing the effects of Roe v Wade. This group of men established a Christian Action Council, whose purpose at that time was to educate the public and lobby Congress. The group later developed a model for pregnancy centers and the first Christian Action Council pregnancy center opened its doors in Baltimore, Maryland in 1980.

In 1981, a small group of women gathered in Bakersfield to pray for a hotline to be established, where a woman facing a crisis pregnancy could call and talk to a Christian peer advocate. Within a few months, enough funding was raised, and several women were trained, using material from the Christian Action Council, to make the hotline operational.

Just a few years later, in July of 1985, the State of California approved the Articles of Incorporation to make the Bakersfield Crisis Pregnancy Center an approved non-profit in the state, and small office was opened on “F” Street to see women, face to face, offer free pregnancy testing, peer advocacy, and material assistance. It was a small beginning—but a huge start!

Because of faithful Christian women and men, following the call of the Lord to “preach the good news to the poor, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives , to comfort those who mourn, to give them beauty for ashes, a garment of praise instead of a spirit of heaviness, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,” over 50,000 clients have been served with life affirming options, saving literally thousands of pre-born lives. Men and women are alive today, in our community, because we gave their mothers and fathers compassion, help and hope.



Today we stand in strength for the next 40 years. Because of your amazing response to the vision we cast last year, to open a new center near Cal State Bakersfield, we were able to open a beautiful location right across the street from CSUB and Mercy SW, in just 3 months from Banquet night 2024. We were able to lease this lovely medical office for 5 years, with sufficient funds for the lease for all five received from the banquet in 2024. All the medical equipment and furniture for the office was donated and the office was opened on May 20, 2024. For this ministry- the next 40 years will be another demonstration of the Faithfulness of God, and a testimony of your obedience to stand for life. We are so grateful that you chose to walk this journey with us.

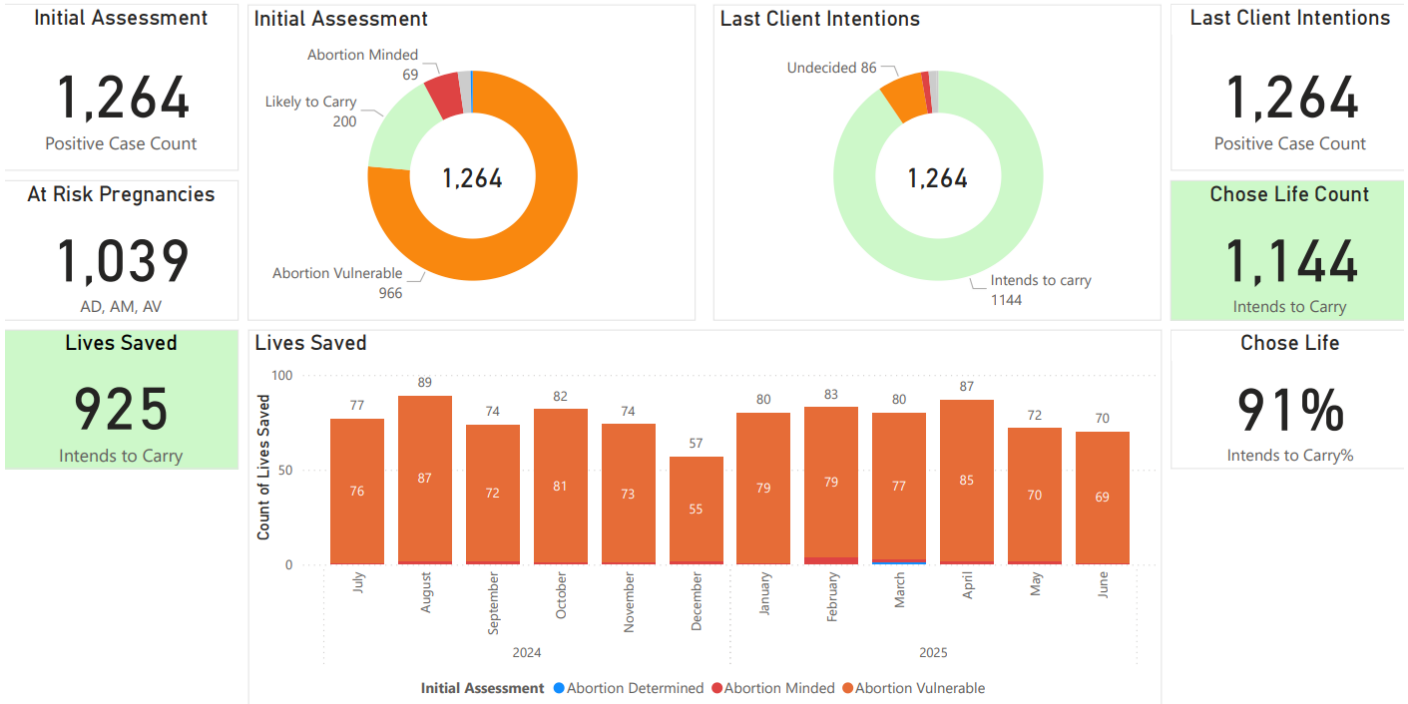
Showing the data—making abortion un-thinkable for hundreds of individuals

Initial Center Assessment to Last Client Intentions

Case Date

7/1/2024

6/30/2025



Baby Showers

In this past fiscal year, we held four Baby Showers, celebrating over 111 clients in their courageous decision to parent their baby! These showers were hosted by:

Summer 2024: Mrs. Central Valley Lynnette Robinson and her court

Fall 2024: Bakersfield Republican Women Federated

Winter 2025: Celebration Church

Spring 2025: Laurelglen Bible Church



“This was the most amazing place I could have chosen. I like the way the staff were so respectful and they offered you water and they considered your situation.” Client in 2025

Women and men clearly have a choice when faced with an unplanned pregnancy. One choice gives them options such as parenting, choosing to make an adoption plan or choosing to safely surrender their healthy baby to any fire station or hospital. The other choice offers death of the child as the “best option”. In that moment, yet leaves women and men with deep regret and grief.

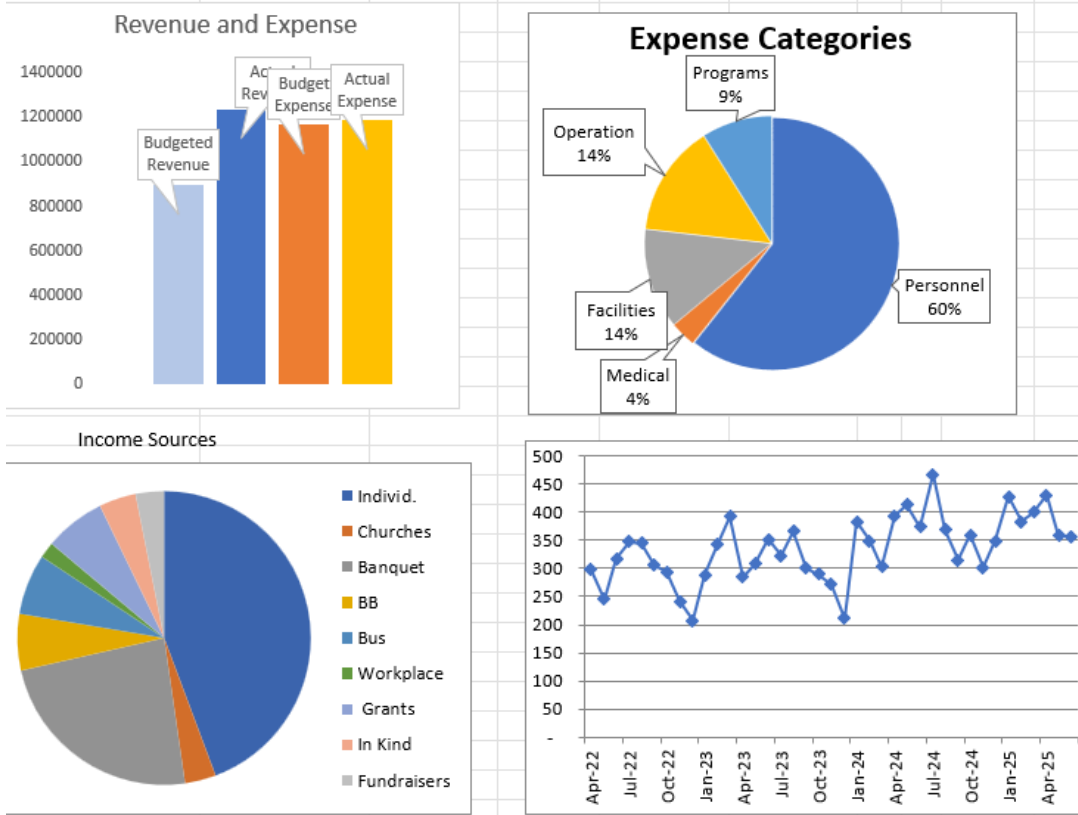
According to the state statistics, approximately 10823 babies were born in Kern County in 2024, with 63.3% of those born to mothers who are on Medi-Cal, a common indicator income status for our clients. We served 1264 women with positive pregnancy tests in 2024. Most of our clients are Abortion Vulnerable, meaning there are at least one life-circumstance making them vulnerable to an abortion decision. Yet, after receiving compassionate services at the Bakersfield Pregnancy center, 91% of those served choose life for their unborn child.

The numbers alone tell a powerful story—lives saved by their mothers = 925 We did not save those lives, their parents did. The 1,264 women who received compassion and support. The 635 fathers who met with a Fatherhood Coach and found his voice to speak with courage and life. They saved the lives of their unborn children. In that process, we also shared the gospel 1278 times and saw over 146 make first time decisions for salvation in Jesus. Now that is a number story for all eternity!

“I loved the advocate and other staff here. They had very useful information and made me feel the love and support, that I am not alone.” A client who was initially abortion-determined.

Showing the data—How donors make ministry possible!

Fiscal Year July 2024-June 2025



Fatherhood Program

In 2024-2025 Fiscal year, the BPC served over 635 men in our center, under the leadership of our Fatherhood Coordinator, Ernie Gollehon leading his band of 15 Fatherhood Coaches. We currently have Coaches to cover every shift at the 2 BPC locations.

74 Men attended Guys Night Only

14 Men attended our Baby Showers

25 Men attended our Childbirth Classes

271 Men met with Fatherhood coaches one-on-one.

We hosted the second annual, California Conference "Focus on Fathers", in March 2025. Over 80 men attended from all over California, each from Pregnancy Centers seeking to start or strengthen their Fatherhood Program.

Our Annual "Aiming for Great Fatherhood Clay Shoot" saw a record number of participants and raised over \$10,000!

Our "Home Run for Life" Softball Tournament also saw a record number of participants and was a day filled with home runs, hot dogs and hamburgers and fun! This event raised \$5,800 for the BPC.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

This year was a year of great celebration as we entered our 40th year of ministry, but it was also a year of goodbyes for now.

In August of 2025, Mark King, former board member of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, was called home to Jesus. Mark served with integrity on the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center Board of directors, finishing his terms in 2018. Mark was instrumental in the acquisition of our downtown building at 1801 18th Street, and in the hiring of Erin Rogers as the Executive Director after the retirement of Linda Davis. Mark was one of our special guests at the BPC Annual Banquet in February, addressing the crowd of over 600 with humor and wisdom. Mark served as a Kern County Deputy and upon re-

retirement, moved to Colorado to pastor a church. While in Colorado, he also joined the board of directors of the Grand Junction Pregnancy Center and led them into great growth. We know today, Mark is seeing his hope fulfilled as he looks into the face of his Savior, Jesus.

Within just two weeks of Mark's passing, our beloved Linda Davis, Executive Director of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center from 2005-2017, also finished her race on earth, after a year long battle with cancer. Linda served in ministry at the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center for over 25 years, 10 of those years as the Executive Director. She also served as the associate pastor of Church of the Living Savior in McFarland. Linda led the BPC to expand in 2007 to the 1801 21st location, added the ICU Mobile Ministry in 2015 and began the very first steps of incorporating Fatherhood Mentors (later renamed Coaches) into the services of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. Linda provided wise and gentle leadership to the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center and shared her passion for this life-affirming ministry with everyone she meet.



2025 Champions "The Can Do Crew"

Thank You Debra Tidwell

The Bakersfield Pregnancy Center

Vision: The Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, a Christian Ministry, serves the people of Kern County with care and compassion by providing support and licensed medical services for pregnancy and sexual health.

Mission: The Bakersfield Pregnancy Center empowers individuals with life-affirming choices regarding pregnancy and sexual health.

For the past 20 years, the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center has been blessed by the leadership and ministry of Debra Tidwell, our Center Director. Since Debra began in her staff role at the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, she has served 57,759 total client visits (this exceeds the capacity of Dodger Stadium!), assisted in the administration of 22,634 pregnancy tests, 8,296 Ultrasounds and have celebrated the sharing of the gospel to 11,227 clients. Because of her daily faithfulness to the ministry of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, 6332 births have been accounted for in Ekyros. This number of babies would fill Bakersfield High School twice!

There is no way to measure the incredible impact Debra has had on the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, or in our community. The work Debra has done in the BPC is only part of the story. Debra led Embraced Classes, bringing hope and healing to women hurt by abortion. She has trained hundreds of volunteers and staff members, and has seen this ministry grow from a small office on F Street, to a much larger office and now a second location.

Debra has been a source of faith, strength, wisdom and prayer for each of us. We are so incredibly grateful that Debra chose to invest her time and life in this ministry.

Happy Retirement Debra!

