

Forever Changed

Discovering the greatest blessing

Kristan came to Pathways after discovering that she was pregnant. Her pregnancy was unexpected and she was undecided about how to proceed with her pregnancy, even after seeing the ultrasound.

Thankfully Kristan was referred to Pathways and she worked through her concerns about being a mother. She ultimately decided to continue with her pregnancy and carried her baby to term. Kristan became determined to be the best mom she could be, and began working through our Earn While You Learn lessons.

Kristan's determination to be a successful parent lead her to complete two Earn While You Learn lessons, on her very first visit to Pathways. With baby bucks earned from those lessons, she was able to "purchase" several items from our boutique to start preparing for her baby.

Throughout Kristan's pregnancy she continued coming into the clinic for Earn While You Learn, Baby and Me Group, and Childbirth Education Classes. At the end of her pregnancy, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy who forever changed her life.

Through the Earn While You Learn program at Pathways, Kristan was able to earn supplies she needed to take care of her son. Better yet, she was also able to learn skills she needed to become a great mom.

Kristan shared with us that her pregnancy has completely changed her life. She has given up partying and has focused on her education, and providing for her son. She also shared that she is thankful for the unconditional support she received at Pathways.

Kristan still comes by the clinic from time to time to "shop" for new items from the boutique, for her little man. Each of her visits to the clinic is a beautiful reminder of how God can take a situation that can seem so frightening and turn it into the greatest blessing of our lives.

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Exposing the Truth

A message from our Director

There is a fairly new movement among pro-choice groups to shut down pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) and pregnancy medical centers (PMCs). This movement is called "Expose Fake Clinics". The sole purpose of this movement is to discredit PRC's and PMC's and to keep women from coming to clinics, like Pathways. Expose Fake Clinics believes that pregnancy medical clinics are not legitimate medical clinics and should not be recognized as such.

The groups behind this movement use social media and the Expose Fake Clinic's website to spread false accusations and information to deter women from visiting PRC's and PMC's. Their website even offers an interactive map with locations of clinics to target. Supporters of the movement are encouraged to pose as a client and visit a PRC/PMC in an effort to try and catch them violating laws or regulations.

Why would they go to such trouble? Because we pose a threat to their founders in the abortion industry.

Their chief complaints are that PRC's and PMC's spread lies and false information about abortion and its consequences, manipulate women into keeping their babies by shaming them, and that we don't care what happens to the woman or the baby after they walk out our doors. They couldn't be further from the truth.

Pathways offers medically evidenced information regarding pregnancy and abortion. We show compassionate and loving care to every person who walks through our doors, and offer continuing support services to families throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and parenthood. Women who look to us for help will never once feel pressure from us to make any particular decision regarding their pregnancy. They will never feel judged, for any reason.

It is my passion to make sure that we fully support these families in any way we can. I am continually researching organizations and programs that Pathways can partner with to provide continuing support and nurture families that come to us in need.

I'm excited about the connections that have been made this year with the *Washougal Outpost Project*, *Hopeline Suicide Hotline*, *Allie's House* - a new ministry that will provide housing and support for single moms, and *Hunger for Success* - a ministry that helps individuals with job readiness skills. Each one of these new connections is an opportunity for us to offer hope and healing to our clients, in addition to our existing services, resources, and referrals. I cannot wait to see how God uses these new resources to bless our clients.

If you know of a ministry, organization, or resource that you believe would benefit our clients, or our clinic, please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know. I love hearing from our supporters and collaborating on ways to strengthen and grow the ministry of Pathways. This is your ministry and we can't do this without you!



In His Service,

Kimberli Swenson

Executive Director

Pathways Pregnancy Clinic

Ways To Help

Are you looking for ways to be more involved with the ministry of Pathways? Here's one way that you can take the next step and grow in your support for Pathways.

Volunteer to Help With the Run For Life Event -

Run For Life 2019 is coming on Saturday, June 1st and we need your help to make this year's event a success!

Run For Life is our second largest fundraising event of the year, and provides a large portion of the funding that makes it possible for Pathways to offer our services and resources free of charge.

This is a big event with many moving parts, and we need lots of volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact the clinic at 360-834-7256.



**RUN
FOR
LIFE**

A Client Shares...

"The whole experience at Pathways was life-changing for me. The people are so uplifting and positive and it has really helped me in my life and my perspective on having my baby.

I don't have enough words to offer to explain how grateful I am for all the services provided by the donors."

- Paige, A Pathways Client

upcoming events

JUNE 1ST, 2019
RUN FOR LIFE
LACAMAS PARK
CAMAS, WA

JULY 26 & 27, 2019
CAMAS DAYS BOOTH
DOWNTOWN
CAMAS, WA

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Volunteer Highlight - Brenda Eyman

Brenda joined the Pathways family in Spring of 2018. God had been nudging her in the direction of Pathways for years, but after touring the new facility she knew that it was time for her to start volunteering. As a Client Advocate, Brenda works closely with our clients to show them unconditional love and support. She listens to their concerns and fears, and provides them with hope and reassurance that God has a plan for them.

Brenda's favorite part of volunteering is the opportunity to build relationships with the women who come to Pathways. She is able to draw from experiences in her own life to help her relate to the needs of our clients. Prior to marrying her husband, Erich, Brenda spent a few years as a single mom. This experience has helped her to be able to understand the tough decisions and hardships that many of our clients face.

When asked how God has blessed her through volunteering at Pathways, Brenda shared, "I have been blessed by these women sharing some of their hardest moments with us. It has been a privilege to meet every single woman at the clinic, even if they only need the initial pregnancy test or ultrasound. Each of them are so uniquely different in their needs and personalities and it is a huge blessing to watch God actively work in their lives, even if it is just bringing them in our front door."

