

Never Alone!

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HEART OF TEXAS Pregnancy Resource Center

For women struggling with the profound uncertainty of an unplanned pregnancy, there is a beacon of hope in the form of tangible support, lay counseling, comprehensive education, and a compassionate ear. Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center stands as a pillar of support for women and families navigating the challenges of unexpected pregnancies. With a mission to value every life, born and unborn, their goal is to “love people where they are and walk with them into a better future,” empowering women and their families to venture forth with confidence and optimism.

For over thirteen years, the center has provided completely free, confidential services that have positively impacted countless lives. Founder and Executive Director Debi Wehmeier shared a moving example of how the center assists women in their time of need: “Let me take you back to one of the very first women we served. She was 17. Scared. She came in holding her 4-month-old baby girl and asked for a pregnancy test. It was positive. Her eyes filled with tears. Fear set in. I looked at her and said: ‘You are not alone. God doesn’t make mistakes. And we are here for you.’”

I simply offered truth. I showed her all we could offer and help with. She chose life. Nine months later, she walked into my office holding her newborn. She handed him to me and said, 'He's here because of you.' She named him Ezekiel. Ezekiel means 'God will strengthen.' That baby boy is now 13. And his mom has been working at a hospital for years. We still stay in touch, and she still sends me pictures of him. Her little family is beautiful! We have so many stories similar to this!"

Pregnancy Centers often find themselves at the receiving end of inaccurate misconceptions. Wehmeier highlights a particularly prevalent one: many believe that these centers "only care about the baby" or that they "pressure women." However, the reality is quite the opposite. Wehmeier emphasizes, "We care deeply about the woman—her unique circumstances, her health, her future." Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center's mission is to support women unconditionally, regardless of their choices. The center is committed to equipping these women with vital information and resources, empowering them to make informed and confident decisions. They actively combat misconceptions by fostering an environment that is transparent, inviting, and infused with love in every interaction.

This compassionate approach has borne fruit, enabling the center to open a second resource location, with ambitions for further expansion. Wehmeier elaborates on their vision: "Our vision is to expand our reach and deepen our impact by opening satellite locations and expanding programs for families. We plan to get there through strategic planning, faithful stewardship, and continued support from our community. Ultimately, we want to ensure that no one www.tuneintexasmagazine.com

in our area ever feels they must walk through an unplanned pregnancy alone. We also do not want women in our community to be in need of material services for their babies, such as clothes, diapers, wipes, formula, car seats, and all things baby. We are here for them, and all our services are free. In addition, if a woman just needs a loving, listening ear, we are here!"

The Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center thrives on the community's generosity, operating without state funding. The center expresses deep gratitude for the support it receives from individuals, churches, and local businesses, which is crucial to its mission. Volunteers play an indispensable role in their ecosystem, serving as client advocates, assisting in their boutique, and supporting various events. Community members can contribute by donating online at <https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/heartoftexasprc>, volunteering their time, or attending their annual fundraiser—a celebration that also serves as a vital funding source. Notably, this fundraiser is exclusive and by invitation only, ensuring an intimate gathering focused on their important work.

In addition to the unwavering support of the community, Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center is driven by a higher, nobler purpose. Wehmeier passionately expressed, "We're motivated by love for Jesus, for life, for women, for families, and for every person who walks through our doors. The challenges are real, but so is the reward. Knowing we're making a difference in someone's darkest hour or just needing a helping hand or a kind word or a listening ear, helping them see a path forward and finding hope, that's what keeps us going. We're called to this work, and we count it as a privilege."

For those in need or anyone who knows someone seeking help, their message is beautifully simple:

“Don’t wait. You are not alone, and there is no judgment here...only support, compassion, and real help. Whatever you’re facing, we’re here to listen and walk with you. Reaching out might be the bravest and best step you take.”

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