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Client Spotlight



Your Father Knows What You Need

At Abigail Pregnancy Services, we are blessed to meet some of the most faithful, inspiring moms –such is one of our clients, April. Some of you may remember her testimony from our Fall Banquet. April is raising her sister’s three children, ages 19,10, and 2. The youngest, Pearl, was born addicted to drugs. April unexpectedly gained custody of Pearl two days after her birth, and she immediately sought the help of Abigail Pregnancy Services. April remains a current client, and Pearl is a thriving, active two-year old.



Like many of our clients, April earns points to shop in our boutique by completing Bible studies. Recently April shared a story in the counseling room about how one such study from God’s Word impacted her. April had just cashed her tax refund check, and was dividing the money to pay bills. However, when it came time to pay her mortgage, she realized to her horror that she was \$1,000 short. April frantically cried out to God, begging that He would somehow meet her need.

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From the Director's Desk

Hold My Spot

There are times in our lives and in our work when we may not be satisfied with the season we are in. We could be miserable and feel out of place. It is in these seasons the Lord has revealed to me, that we may be uncomfortable because we are being a "spot holder".

Think of a young child holding a spot for their best friend to sit by them at lunch. They may hold that spot with a book or a lunch bag. The book or the lunch bag isn't meant to sit in the spot forever, but just until the rightful person comes along to take that seat. Sometimes, that is how we are.

I think of John the Baptist, who in a sense was holding the spot for Jesus. (Bear with me theologians who may be writing me off right now!) John the Baptist baptized and led many to salvation, but he himself stated, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11, NIV). John knew he was being used by God, but when Jesus began his public ministry, John wanted his followers to follow Jesus. John was not jealous or resentful, but rather he wanted the people to go to Jesus. John even stated, "He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30 (NIV). In a sense, John the Baptist was a spot holder for Jesus.

The Executive Director before me did an excellent job! She was definitely an answer to prayer and could have stayed in that position, but she knew in her heart that God was calling her into missions. Although everyone would have loved her to stay the Executive Director, she knew to obey God and fill the position as an interim director until the board found someone to take the position permanently. This allowed her to step into the destiny God had for her and the new Executive Director to fulfill that call on her life. That is how I came into the picture! I thank God that the director before me "held my spot" until I came on staff.

A year ago, our ministry hosted a fundraiser that was very challenging for the staff to oversee. We had another fundraiser occurring within a month, and the ministry was booming with clients and programs at this same time. We struggled trying to get this extra fundraiser together in time. That was a hard season. However, this year, a local organization called and loved that fundraiser so much that they wanted to take it over! What an answer to prayer! Looking back, I see that season of our struggle was because we were a "spot holder". It was difficult for our ministry to take on that extra fundraiser, but we were just "holding that spot" until the right organization came to take it over.



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It Takes a Village

Recently, Abigail Pregnancy Services has been overwhelmed by support from our community! Among those many blessings were baby showers hosted by West Hartland and Collins United Methodist Church and Providence Baptist Church of Bellevue. The Young Adults from Milan Baptist Church cleaned up a roomful of baby items so that we could get them into the hands of our moms in need. We also were blessed by Hart Advertising and a generous donor who won a billboard from them at an auction and gave it to us to promote the Walk for Life! The Kiwanis Club of Norwalk hosted a fabulous Tea and Auction where part of the proceeds is being donated to Abigail...and the list goes on!

If it weren't for our communities deep involvement in supporting Abigail, we could not minister to our clients the way that we do. The words "Thank You" never seem like enough to express our genuine gratitude for all you do!

Just know that we do our very best to be good stewards of your donations and that your efforts help to change the lives of our clients and their children!

Milan Baptist Young Adults >>



Change For Life

Our thanks to the Bellevue United Methodist Wiggly Worshipers and Norwalk High School National Honor Society for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your efforts are helping to change and even save lives!



Annie Hiler & Sarah Nutter from NHS National Honor Society

Continued from front page I say all of this to explain that we here at Abigail Pregnancy Services have been spot holders and we have had people hold the spot for us. Many times we want God to "open a door" of breakthrough, miracles, or healing; however, He may have us walk through a long hallway before we reach that door of breakthrough. Don't confuse the hallway you are going through with the final destination. You must continue walking through that hallway because you are holding a spot for the person to come behind you. Your hallway of struggle may be some else's final destination of breakthrough. God may be doing a work through you while He is preparing them for that spot. Keep walking that hallway and hold that spot well.

In Christ,

Amanda Clark