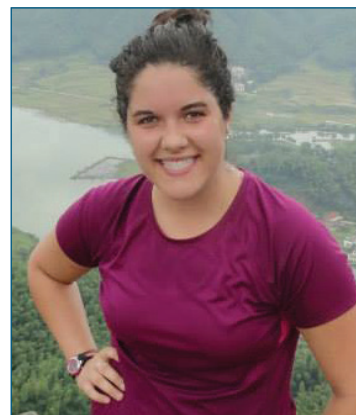


Why did you join ZoeCare?

by Sara Bennett

As my senior year started to loom over my head, I knew that I had to make a couple of important decisions. One of those choices was where I wanted to complete my internship for MSU. I have many passions in life, and the two that are closest to my heart are kids and family. One of my friends had previously volunteered at ZoeCare, and I remembered how much she enjoyed it. I prayed about it and decided that ZoeCare would be a good fit for me – somewhere I could learn to love and interact with individuals on a personal level. I just didn't know how good of a fit ZoeCare would be.



I have learned so much during the short amount of time that I have been here. ZoeCare is a family; everyone works together to love others. There is so much support and compassion within ZoeCare. Refinement and improvement are also a key aspect to family. I know that I have been personally challenged and changed by the lives within this ministry and the lives that we have the privilege to minister to. I have no idea what to expect for the rest of my senior year, but I do know that I am so glad that I get to be a part of this family. ■

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the 2015 Banquet! We had a great evening celebrating life, with special guest speaker Jeffrey Dean. A special thanks to all of our event sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who made this year's event a success!

2015 Services to Date	Days	Total Visits	Ultrasounds	STI Tests	Fathers Initiative
	JAN	16	78	19	26
FEB	14	65	23	14	
MAR	14	50	21	14	
APR	16	59	23	15	
MAY	12	32	13	13	
JUN	14	55	24	16	4
JUL	14	67	20	27	9
AUG	15	74	25	32	2
SEP	14	78	23	33	9
OCT	13	58	19	36	9
Totals	142	616	210	226	33

All services provided free of charge to our clients

Abundant Life and the Father Connection

by Chris K. Grinnell, Fathers Initiative Director

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. — John 10:10 NKJV

Jesus came to bring life. But he is more than the life-giver, in whom we have our very breath and enjoy eternal life. He came to bring life more abundantly. To the hurting world of first century Palestine and to our hurting world of 21st century America, he has the audacity to say he comes to bring people abundant life.

If we, his followers, call ourselves pro-life and Christian, to make any sort of difference in our hurting world, we must accept our godly mandate to be not just pro-life but pro-abundant-life. And, often, that requires we look at things a little differently.

Abundant life calls us to a higher level of servanthood, to love people beyond the issues of abortion, unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. It calls us to seek our patients' highest good, to love unconditionally, and be strategic in meeting their needs.

Though seemingly contrary to the common perception in American culture, ZoeCare accepts the fundamental truth that men are crucial to all those issues that we deal with, and without their involvement in the abortion decision and pregnancy, we cannot be adequate ministers of the abundant life which has been entrusted to us. To put it bluntly, to take seriously our role as ministers of God's reconciliation, and as conduits of Jesus' abundant life, we must involve the father. How can we build community by building families without the fathers?



To build up families in our community we must build up fathers. With the Lord's help, that is what ZoeCare's Fathers Initiative is doing. This fall, we have kicked off our Fatherhood Mentoring Program, which matches young fathers with experienced, carefully-selected fathers from whom the younger men can learn and grow. The program is custom-fitted so that mentors cover what clients need most. Already, we have seen a promising response and the mentor force continues to grow.

During one of the first meetings of a mentor with his mentee, the younger man said to his new mentor friend, "I wish I had met someone like you a long time ago so I wouldn't have gotten so far off track." That young man has since gone to church with his mentor and continues to look forward to their weekly meetings over coffee. Change often comes slowly, but our abundant-life-giving Lord is in the business of change, and as we are faithful to love those around us, he can use us – he wants to use us – to help bring change to our community. It will happen as we make ourselves available. Because that is what Jesus does.

Reaching men with the love of Christ is crucial to seeing

our communities transformed. The father is the number one influence on the mother when it comes to the issue of abortion. If we reach the father, we save the child. If the father remains involved in a child's life, children enjoy better physical, behavioral and emotional health, are more likely to succeed in school and become successful in their careers as adults. It's not a matter of adding a little extra security by involving the father; it drastically alters a child's destiny. Even in regard to following Jesus, if the father gives his life to the Lord, the rest of the family statistically will follow suit. If we are serious in our vision to build our community, our strategy with these new fathers is not peripheral; it's central to our mission.

It's an exciting time at ZoeCare. We are in a unique position in the Gallatin Valley to elevate fatherhood and encourage the young men who have suddenly discovered that they are fathers. Will you pray about your involvement in this ministry? Whether you want to let God use you as a mentor to a young man, or to give financially to the ministry, or offer your business' services to help men provide for their families, or pray without ceasing for ZoeCare's Fathers Initiative, we welcome you to get involved in this ministry and see the abundant life that Jesus brings realized in the people of our community. ■

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STI's: New Developments

by Wendy Handley, MD

Recently, there have been some exciting God-given opportunities for expanding Zoe's Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) services. Bozeman Health has graciously agreed to cover the expenses for more laboratory tests needed to diagnose STI's. This means that these tests are free of cost to ZoeCare and Zoe's clients! Thanks to a donation, ZoeCare is in the process of acquiring a clinical microscope so additional STI tests and diagnoses may be immediately performed right at ZoeCare.

Additionally, Bozeman Health's generosity has enabled ZoeCare to offer free testing and treatment for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia for over two years. There are many more STI's, however, and in the past, clients have frequently been referred elsewhere for further screening. Clients similarly seek out ZoeCare because they are experiencing

worrisome symptoms, and they are concerned that these symptoms are related to STI's. With the expanded services at ZoeCare, we are typically able to diagnose and treat rather than sending these clients to other medical facilities.

We continue to take a thorough health history from each client and based on his or her individual risk and clinical presentation, we can now also offer testing for Herpes, Syphilis, Bacterial Vaginosis, Vaginal Yeast Infection, Trichomoniasis, Urinary Tract Infections in females, and Urethritis in males. More important than the medical aspect, please pray for us as we seek to build relationships with these men and women. As we speak truth into their lives about sexual integrity, please pray that God would present openings to share the gospel and pray with our clients. This is often a vulnerable and frightening time in their lives, and we depend on the Holy Spirit's leading and boldness in presenting the hope found in Jesus Christ. ■



Passing the Mantle

by Robin Cory, RN

After seven years of working at Zoe as a volunteer and then staff RN, I have decided it is time for the ministry be carried by younger nurses. Being older has some advantages such as life experiences, patience, and no preconceived agenda; it also has some drawbacks such as generational differences and thought processes.

I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to be involved in this ministry and have grown spirituality because of the exposure to all walks of life in an unplanned pregnancy. My compassion for these men and women in crisis situations constantly reminds me how sovereign God is. He uses pregnancy to change a person's direction toward Him. No matter what we think, God is doing what He does to draw us to Him.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers, board members, patients and especially the donors that make this ministry what it is. Without you, this blessing would not have happened. ■

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Recently we purchased a very affordable, new software program by the name of **DonorPerfect**. We are now able to meet the requirements of ZoeCare's ministry as a whole. DonorPerfect has been incredible due to the variety of services and features it offers: Top-notch data security; User Friendly; Improved Time Management; Continually evolving with growing technology; Event Planning; Detailed Reports & Analysis; Grant Writing & Tracking. Thank you so much for your patience with us as we continue to work our way through this major project!

The Latitude to Choose

by Julie Upton, Project Director

The future is bright for 45North! We are developing curriculum and marketing materials as well as meeting with teachers and administrators to expand this program and get it into several area schools. You may be asking yourself, why is the program called *45North – The Latitude to Choose*? 45North is both geographically specific to this area, and implies a direction. We want to empower young people to choose the direction their lives take, and make wise choices about their future.



We need your help! We are working diligently to meet with teachers and

administrators, and are looking to launch a parent, letter writing campaign. We know parents have the most significant impact regarding school administration responses

and actions. We also need more presenters for the program. If you are interested in being a presenter, or if you are a parent of a student in one of our area schools, and you're willing to help us get this program into schools, please call our office at (406) 586-9444 or email Julie at julie@gotozoe.org. ■