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Have a Blessed Holiday Season!

Jesus Saves Lives: A True Story from ZoeCare

by Jeanine Allen, Mom2Mom Director

Morgan and Ethan's future just took a turn that neither of them had anticipated. They had talked about marriage and a future together, but it was going to be off in the distant future when their lives were more stable with job security and savings in the bank. Then they received the unexpected news – they were pregnant. Their individual reactions were total opposites. Morgan was nervous but quite sure she wanted to parent the child. Ethan was extremely fearful of the idea of parenting, and was sure he wanted her to have an abortion. The fear caused him to shut down; he was unable to think through any option other than abortion. Each of them carried on for weeks, barely talking. There were long uncomfortable silences in the apartment, and a lot of anxiety. Fear can be contagious, and so understandably, Morgan began thinking about abortion as well. She desperately wanted the two of them to be united in a decision.

Provisionally, during that time, Morgan had a medical appointment with her doctor. When he found out she was pregnant and unsure of her plans, he suggested she visit ZoeCare.

As they walked into ZoeCare, their anxiety was very apparent. Morgan said she was very positive about a long-term relationship with Ethan, however, they were not planning on a pregnancy, and they looked at it very differently. She said they were “polar opposites”. The pregnancy had created a lot of stress over the previous couple weeks and their relationship had taken an ugly turn.

Before the ultrasound, Ethan had the opportunity to speak with ZoeCare's Fathers Initiative advocates about the stress and pressure he was feeling. Ethan opened up about his thoughts and feelings, something that had been difficult over the past weeks with Morgan. The father advocates were able to encourage him in his ability to be a dad, and addressed Ethan's specific concerns that were overwhelming him. He left visibly lighter in mood.

After the initial intake, our nurse and patient advocate brought the two of them together for the ultrasound. While viewing the ultrasound, an amazing thing happened. They saw their baby's heartbeat, and it immediately hit them – this was their baby! With tears in their eyes, it all became real to them. Ethan knew they couldn't go through with an abortion. God had blessed them with this beautiful life, and it was their responsibility to care for him or her. Morgan and Ethan left ZoeCare with a completely different demeanor. No longer was there uncomfortable silence. They began talking to each other. They were both amazed at the gift that had been given them. Morgan promptly joined Mom2Mom and Ethan the Fatherhood Mentoring Program to better equip themselves for this gift they had been given.

Shortly after the appointment at ZoeCare, Ethan proposed to Morgan and they were married shortly thereafter. They shared the good news with their parents. In a whirlwind of change, they looked to their future as a family and were amazed at God's goodness. ■

Note: The names in this story have been changed to protect the couple's anonymity.



Thank you to **Michael & Young-Sook Garity** and the **Gianforte Family Foundation** for funding the purchase of our brand new ultrasound machine!

Discovering the Zoe Life

by Chris K. Grinnell, Executive Director

zōé — Greek = abundant, overflowing fullness of life; the highest blessedness of a person

At the core of who ZoeCare is lies the word **zoe**. It is a Greek word used throughout the New Testament for the overflowing life that Jesus offers. And it is what we at ZoeCare aim to impart into each facet of this ministry, whether it is to the middle school kids that Kyndall teaches about healthy relationships, or to the abortion-minded patient that Lisa and Sarah love on and show value, or to the mentee as he sits across from a mentor while they share about the blessings of life. Jesus' zoe life guides every interaction.

In John 10:10, Jesus says, *"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."* (NASB)

There is a thief. And he wants nothing more than to steal hope, kill the unborn and destroy the lives of people today — the lives of the people who come through ZoeCare's doors. Together, armed with the Spirit of God

and the zoe inside of us, we stand up to that thief and say, "Not this one!"

On October 19, nearly 300 zoe-infused ministers of Christ gathered at the Commons to learn about our role in standing up to that thief today. Thank you to all who came to ZoeCare's 2017 Fundraising Banquet to learn more about what God's doing through this ministry in sharing that zoe life and to support those efforts. Our success comes as ZoeCare works together with churches and individuals in this valley to take a stand against that thief!

We endeavor to show people this zoe life at three crucial points in their journeys:

1. Our proactive piece is 45North that takes the message of healthy relationships and purity to the youth in public middle schools and church youth groups.



2017 Services to Date

All services provided free of charge to our clients

	Days	Total Visits	Ultra-sounds	STI Tests	Fathers Initiative	Mentoring Dad/Mom
JAN	13	82	15	52	11	0/3
FEB	12	56	13	26	8	0/2
MAR	10	61	18	36	13	1/1
APR	12	67	13	45	9	2/2
MAY	12	53	13	39	7	0/3
JUN	12	59	16	34	8	1/0
JUL	14	52	17	30	11	0/0
AUG	14	84	18	47	6	0/2
SEP	12	67	21	47	10	0/2
OCT	14	77	23	72	8	1/2
Totals	125	658	167	428	91	5/16

2. Our Patient Services ministers to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy or STD. This is the heart of what ZoeCare offers and is where the Lord steers people away from abortion to life.
3. Our mentoring programs – Mom2Mom and the Fathers Initiative – come alongside new moms and dads and empower them to be good parents.

against Planned Parenthood, the laws of the land or any number of people who may want do us harm. Our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces that want to steal, kill and destroy. Join us in fighting the fight! Together we can stand up to that thief and say, "No more! Not in this community!" Together we can walk in the life and power that Jesus brings and help others discover the zoe life. ■

We recognize at ZoeCare that our battle is not

TAKING BACK WHAT THE THIEF INTENDS TO STEAL...

...in the churches

by Mike Wheeler, Fathers Initiative Director

Note: After Chris Grinnell was hired as ZoeCare's new Executive Director in May, Mike was brought in to replace Chris as the new Fathers Initiative Director.

Approximately 400,000 abortions a year are performed on church-going women in the United States. ZoeCare wants to put a dent in that horrifying statistic. To do that, ZoeCare hopes to assist local churches by implementing mentoring programs in our congregations. These programs would put in place trained mentors who would offer loving

counsel to their brothers and sisters who find themselves facing unplanned pregnancies and to new parents looking for help and guidance. Our hope is that expecting parents would come to the church first instead of seeking an abortion.

Contact me at (406) 586-9444 if you would like to be involved in this vital ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support for ZoeCare.



...in the schools

by Kyndall Hinkle, 45North Director

ZoeCare's relationship training program, 45North, has taken off! 45North is a sexual risk avoidance model that addresses how to eliminate all risk involved with teen sex rather than focusing on reducing teen sex risk by increasing contraceptive usage. Students love that the presenters are authentic and open with them and the parents are happy that they can review the material prior to the lessons. 45North is currently being taught in three public middle schools to nearly 400 students. Our goal for 45North is to double that by the next school year. In addition, we hope to expand our opportunities to speak in church youth groups to share these vital truths.

Here are what students, teachers and parents are saying about 45North:

- "I liked when we talked about the difference between love and infatuation. Now I will be able to know what healthy is and how to have a lifetime partner."* –Student from Gallatin Gateway School
- "I liked the guy teacher. He was hilarious and fun to learn from. I don't want to write it all out of what I learned but I am just gonna say it was A LOT."* –Student from Sleeping Giant Middle School
- "Related well with students. Great interactions with classes. Excellent program."* –Teacher from Sleeping Giant Middle School.
- "I enjoyed how thorough the lessons were and fun for the students."* –Teacher from Gallatin Gateway School
- "It was a blessing to have a school program like 45North. We appreciated their strong moral compass and message of personal dignity and worth."* –Parent at Three Forks Middle School ■