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Communication Corner

The spiritual battle rages on one year after the Roe decision. We know that women are being referred out of state and many are still able to access abortion medication from a variety of sources. However, we are grateful to live in a state where our laws are protecting the lives of the unborn. One noteworthy change is that the former "trigger law" that banned abortions in Idaho is now officially called, *The Defense of Life Act*, which is a strong statement of our state's values. Idaho is one of 13 states that have total abortion bans in effect, with very limited exceptions. Data is beginning to be gathered across the nation. The Society of Family Planning reported that 32,260 FEWER abortions took place in the six months following Roe's reversal compared to the preceding period; that's potentially over 5,000 precious human lives being saved each month! Please continue to pray for women to find pregnancy resource centers like Path, where our goal is to support both the life of the woman and her child.

Mission Moment

Path had a unique experience with our last Labor and Delivery & Beyond Class in June. This was our largest (7 Clients + support people) group class on record! As always, at the end of the class we congratulated everyone on completing the class and let them know they are already great parents, because they chose to take the time to learn how to care for themselves and their newborn. We handed out layette baskets filled with all sorts of goodies, along with free 3D ultrasound certificates (gifted by All Baby! Ultrasound In Nampa). We had several clients tear up when given their gifts. Normally at that point we experience clients gathering their things, thanking us, and leaving to go home. However, this group sat comfortably, not grabbing purses, or getting up from their seats. They continued to chat, interact with our staff, and each other. We finally had to brainstorm about a fun activity they could do together. We came up with the idea of them going to Sonic to grab ½ price treats, which they thought was a great idea. It finally got them moving towards the door so that we could clean up and wrap up our day.

This was a great example of how much our clients truly enjoy our staff and volunteers, that they need connection and support, and that they feel comfortable at Path. We hope to see these babies very soon for a clinic snuggle!

Community Engagement

Path continues to be blessed with community support!

Path participated in the KTSY Heartbeat of Hope radio campaign in May. We are so grateful for every individual who helped us raise over \$10,000, and for one of our established supporters, who matched every donation dollar for dollar! We are blessed by the generosity of our community.

This past quarter presented many opportunities to engage with the community. We were featured on 94.1, *The Voice Radio* and did a live interview on *Salt & Light Catholic Radio*. We set up booths at community resources fairs in Nampa and Caldwell, along with a handful of other faith-based events.



Path hosted a table at seven different community events.



While attending these events, we have had numerous women come up to our booth and want to share their story. The most common theme is their disappointment in not knowing about centers like Path. Often, they felt rushed to decide without all the information they needed, and now they live with the pain and regret of those decisions.

Let us know if you have any ideas to help make Path a "household name." We know that we can provide hope to women in difficult situations, but only if they walk through our doors!

Save the Date

We are hosting our next Quarterly Prayer Meeting on Thursday, July 20th at 3:30 PM. We have experienced the power of prayer at Path on countless occasions, and would love for you to join us as we come together to pray for our clients, staff, and volunteers.

Current Happenings

You will be seeing a lot more of Path in the coming months! God has met one of our greatest needs by blessing us with a gift from a donor who desires to support our marketing efforts. We are working with a professional company who will help us reach a wider base through Google ads and targeted web-based advertising. In addition, be on the lookout for Path on the back of buses in your neighborhood! Also, don't forget about the Path magnet that can be displayed in church/business bathrooms, which gives women and men a confidential way to seek assistance. Please contact Tracy Hall at Tracy@pathpreg.org for more information.

We are excited to announce that we have added a new member to our team, as a Clinic Support Coordinator! Holly Doorn has been a volunteer nurse for Path for the past three years and was looking for an opportunity to get more involved. She has a passion for life-affirming ministries, a wealth of experience, and a wide-range of knowledge to share with our small but mighty team here at Path.



From the Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce that Tracy Hall has been selected to lead the Treasure Valley Path ministry as our Executive Director. Tracy has been a blessing to Path this past year as the Director of Community Engagement and many of you have had the opportunity to meet and get to know her. Path is growing and changing to meet the needs of our communities and we will soon have the opportunity to provide services in two additional locations. In accepting this position Tracy said, "I felt called to Path a year ago, and I feel called to this position now. However, this calling is paired with a healthy dose of fear and trembling. I can only do this with God's help!" We hope that you will join us in prayer in the coming months, as we tackle new challenges and opportunities.