Jor-El Godsey
Vice President, Heartbeat International

Please join us at our 32nd Annual Benefit Banquet for Crossroads Pregnancy Center on Friday, March 4, 2016, at the Royal Park Hotel featuring guest speaker Jor-El Godsey, Vice President of Heartbeat International.

Jor-El Godsey guides Heartbeat International’s efforts and operations to advance the pregnancy help movement worldwide. Previously, he oversaw Heartbeat’s Ministry Services, supporting and growing the affiliate network both in the U.S. and internationally.

Jor-El jumped into the pro-life arena in 1988, volunteering with a Florida pregnancy help center in its start-up stage. In his nine years there, Jor-El served as a board member (with a stint as board chair), Executive Administrator, and later Director of Development. Relocating to Colorado in 1999, Jor-El became Executive Director of a local center, serving for more than six years. He then relocated to Columbus, Ohio in early 2006 to join the team at Heartbeat International.

Though born in Nevada, Jor-El grew up in South Florida, where he married the love of his life, Karen (an actual Florida native), after meeting her at a volunteer training at the pregnancy resource center where they both served. They share a heart and purpose for the pro-life ministry and those who are touched through it.

Jor-El and Karen have three children and currently make their home in Columbus, Ohio.

Our banquet is a wonderful event and is the most important fundraiser of the year for Crossroads. We are blessed to have it once again at the Royal Park Hotel in Downtown Rochester from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Seating is limited and fills up quickly, so be sure to reserve your seat(s) by February 19th. Adults only please.

Register online at www.crossroadspregnancy.org by clicking “2016 Benefit Banquet Registration”. If you are unable to register online, please contact Alex at cpcalexp@gmail.com or call 248-293-0070 x107. Table sponsor reservations will be accepted beginning January 4th. We’re looking forward to seeing you there.
2014 Stats

2,066 Client Appointments

143 Pregnancy Tests

111 Ultrasounds Performed

90,000 Material Aid Items Distributed

62,000 Diapers Distributed

218 New Gospel Presentations

$166.78 Cost Per Client

1,029 Classroom Presentations

10 School Districts

120 Volunteers

8 Staff Members

From the Director’s Desk

What a year! The banquet was a fabulous success, raising enough money to begin renovations on our building. These renovations were necessary so that we could start doing STI/STD (sexually transmitted infection/disease) testing by the first part of January 2016. We now have two new counseling rooms and are in the process of renovating the ultrasound room and the STI/STD testing room.

As we begin this new year, please pray with us that those who come to us for help, whether for pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, material assistance, or STI/STD testing, will be blessed and helped because we are Christ-centered. Please also pray for our SHARE program (Sexual Health and Relationship Education program) as we teach almost 10,000 students in more than 50 schools.

God bless you for supporting Crossroads with both your prayers and your funds.

Tim Stickel

Tim Stickel, Executive Director

Let’s call her Hope, a recent client here at Crossroads. I had the pleasure of meeting Hope as she came in requesting a pregnancy test. Hope was abortion-minded, already having 3 children she was raising on her own and now facing another unexpected pregnancy. Hope had already had 5 abortions in the past. This information opened up a dialogue about life and the choices we make. We proceeded to do an ultrasound and had a big surprise. Hope was pregnant with twins! Actually it appeared she had conceived triplets, although one baby had not developed. The news was obviously overwhelming to Hope; but she was able to see these tiny babies moving and hear their hearts beating. The reality became clear to her that these babies were indeed precious and needed protection and care. I cannot share everything that has happened, but I can share this: Hope made the choice to carry her twins. She continues to come to Crossroads for material assistance, which affords more opportunities for us to share in her life and spiritual journey. Hope told me she wishes she had come to Crossroads with her other unexpected pregnancies. She stated it may have helped her to make different choices and she would not have to live with the regret of 5 abortions. Clearly we had the opportunity to share the forgiveness of our loving Savior and provide her help in healing. I see many “Hopes” here at CPC and count it a privilege to be a servant to them and mostly to JESUS. Hope may not be her name, but it truly describes what we have to offer every client who comes through our doors!

Written by Bonnie Emmons, Ultrasonographer
Prayers
• Of gratitude for how God has blessed this ministry
• That our clients come to know Christ as their Savior and choose life for their unborn babies
• That bring healing to those who have been injured physically and emotionally by abortion or abusive relationships
• For all CPC clients, support groups, donors, volunteers, board of directors, staff, and fundraising events
• For our building renovations and upcoming launch of our STI/STD testing

Volunteers (Training Provided)
• Counselors
• Receptionists
• Hispanic translators
• Ultrasonographers
• Nurses to help with STI/STD testing
• Teachers for SHARE program
• Church liaisons

Mom and Baby Care Program
• Baby diapers, wipes, wash cloths, hooded towels, receiving blankets, diaper bags, and toiletries
• Car seats, swings, bounce seats, and Pack ’n Plays
• Enfamil powdered formula and baby food
• New or gently used baby clothes, sleepers, sleep sacks, and outfits size newborn-24 months

Donations
• Underwriters and sponsors for fundraising events
• Ongoing financial support (www.crossroadspregnancy.org)
• Office Supplies: postage stamps, copy paper, pens, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues

CPC Top Needs
“Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.”
1 Corinthians 10:24

Meet our Newest Staff

Tracey Fish
Hello! I am the new Medical Services Coordinator at Crossroads. I am wife to Brian, and we will be married 20 years this summer. We have 2 children: Cameron, a senior at Brother Rice High School and Kaedi, a sophomore at Marian High School. We also have a dog (Phoenix) and a cat (Tiger), and we all live in an 1870 farmhouse in Bloomfield Hills. Besides old things, I love to scrapbook and watch my son play soccer and watch my daughter dance and play field hockey! I look forward to being an integral part of helping our clients in their time of need, whether that is with ultrasounds of their new life growing inside, STI/STD testing clients from the community or whatever Christ puts before me to do.

DeLana Borja
Hi! I’m DeLana and am the new Volunteer Coordinator at Crossroads. I come to Crossroads after spending the past 20 years raising my three young men: Andrew, Quinn, and Jonathon and making a home for them, my husband, Paul, and myself. I have a Masters in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University in Maryland. I also have a background as a CPA. I have always had a passion for working with young women and men and showing them the love of God and how much joy they can have by living out His plan for their lives. I began volunteering as a counselor at Crossroads in July 2014 and was very excited and honored to be asked to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator this summer which led to a permanent position this past fall. It is exciting to work with all of the changes that God is putting in place here at Crossroads, and I count it an immense privilege to be a part of it.

Alex Peterson
Hello! I am the new Director of Development at Crossroads. I am a wife and mother and have had the wonderful privilege of staying home with my children for the past 16 years. I have been married to my husband, Wendell, for 23 years. We have two daughters, Amanda who is married and Andrea (Andi) who just began her first year at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. Our son, Nathan (Nate) is in his third year of college at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. I worked for Social Security Administration for ten years prior to being a stay-at-home mom. As a family, we have had many opportunities to volunteer with some wonderful organizations. I volunteer as our church treasurer and also coordinate the Women’s Church Softball League in Oakland County. My daughter, Andi, and I began volunteering at Crossroads in January 2014. I volunteered as a receptionist for a year and found myself praying to be able to do more for the center. I was asked to join the wonderful staff at Crossroads in January 2015 and have been touched and inspired by God’s grace and abounding love and look forward to what He has in store for the center in the coming year.

Crossroads is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Your tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated.
Sexual Health and Relationship Education

**What if?** We have begun a new school year of teaching sexual risk avoidance to thousands of students. As I reflect on our results, both in middle and high school, I am struck with the question of what if: there was no instruction given to this generation of young people? What if: the voice telling them that there is great joy and freedom found in waiting for marriage was silent? What if: the culture was the only “instructor” our kids hear? What if: the teaching of LIFE from conception to birth was silent? What if: No teaching was provided on the potential emotional devastation and physical outcomes of their choices was given? How many “I didn’t know!” or “No one ever told me” conversations would take place?

**SHARE taught 9697 students in 1168 presentations in 2014/2015!**

**52 Schools in 11 districts!**

Survey from a 7th grade class November 2015

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**Pretest: How Important to You is Saving Sex for Marriage?**

- Very Important: 41%
- I Don’t Know: 54%
- Not Important: 5%
- No Answer: 0%

**Posttest: How Important to You is Saving Sex for Marriage?**

- Very Important: 93%
- I Don’t Know: 2%
- Not Important: 5%
- No Answer: 0%

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**What if no one ever told them that waiting was their best choice?**

I reflect on the little boy who asked if he could keep the Freedom bag. We have a “baggage” activity which shows the difference in how our actions carry weight into the future. There are consequences from early sexual debut – they could be physical, emotional, financial, social or mental. Those who choose to wait have freedom from negative consequences. He wanted the reminder that it was possible and something he wanted for himself, because in his family those choices weren’t made. He went home with the reminder.
What if….our high school students who “get it” after the presentations never heard them? SO many indicate how helpful the teaching was and what an impact it made. It makes sense! We hear this over and over again – the healthy relationship teaching continues to have huge impact on the teens we serve. The emphasis on their value and worth provides hope to so many who have not made the best choices for themselves and encourages them to recommit to making better ones.

The past 3 days have made lots of medical and life questions more clear.

It “got me” to know that I can start over if I had made bad choices before.

No one has ever talked to me about relationships before – thank you.

I had no idea that STDs were such a big deal.

Where were you two years ago?

Relationships, RAM (Relationship Attachment Model) overwhelmingly made the top of the list for impact.

It’s been quite a year! Lots of updates to the presentations were made – additional teaching days were added for the high school classes. Opportunities were given for parent nights and youth group instruction. We have been at community events, college events, and church events. This year four additional instructors received their SRA (Sexual Risk Avoidance) certification, and we hosted a training seminar this past October for Michigan instructors. There are four area pregnancy centers who are being trained to teach the SHARE program in their local communities! Training sessions have taken place at Crossroads for middle and high school instructors, director training, pregnancy center training as well as updates to counselor information as it relates to pregnancy and STI/STD numbers.

So, what if? We look at a series of faces every week: some have made poor choices, some are desperate for information, some are hardened already, some are on the verge of decision making that could hurt them. We look at these faces and are passionate about our message and empowering them with information which allows them to make the best choices. We are thankful to be in every classroom that opens their doors to us. We are thankful for each student. We are thankful for your support which allows us to do this work. We are making a difference in one school, one district, one community at a time. Are we making a difference in your child’s school?

Written by Evelyn Van Sloten, SHARE Director
Greetings from the Board of Directors here at Crossroads Pregnancy Center! Let me introduce myself. My name is Vickie Mendler, and I have the honor and privilege of serving as President of the Board. I have believed in the critical mission that Crossroads plays in our society for decades and have volunteered in a variety of roles since 1987: counselor, childbirth educator, co-leader of the advocate program, and past board member. I am a professor of nursing at Macomb Community College, striving to instill the value of respect for human life in the Maternity Nursing courses I teach. I am a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner, which means I am an RN and have earned a Master’s Degree in Maternal-Child Nursing and completed a national credentialing examination. I am married to my high school sweetheart Pete, and we are blessed to have two wonderful daughters, who married wonderful men, and have 5 grandchildren.

I believe every human being conceived is a unique expression of the will of God. All human life is sacred; all people are to be respected, treated kindly, and even loved - even when, and especially when, they are not acting lovable. I am mindful that Jesus Christ died for me when I was at my worst, not my best. We are committed to life at Crossroads: the life of the baby and the lives of the parents. We offer the Good News of Jesus’ love and salvation to everyone who walks through our doors. We, acting as God’s messengers, make a difference at Crossroads. That is awesome, and I am grateful to God, but I am not satisfied.

The top three counties in Michigan in which their residents choose abortion are Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb. According to the state of Michigan (www.Michigan.gov - Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence 2014), in 2014 Oakland County residents had 3,552 abortions, Wayne County residents had 10,616 abortions, and Macomb County residents had 2,720 abortions. These numbers all indicate a rising trend in comparison to abortion rates in the previous ten years.

These statistics speak to me of a segment of society that is hurting, lost, confused, and in need of our services and most especially the love of God. Many in this group are not walking through our doors, so how do we reach them? I discovered a powerful answer to this question during a training seminar held at a pregnancy center located in Joplin, Missouri. The answer: expand our limited medical services and offer STI/STD (sexually transmitted infection/sexually transmitted disease) testing and treatment for men and women. Really? How would this help? The CDC (Center for Disease Control) prevalence estimates suggest that young people aged 15–24 years acquire half of all new STI/STDs and that 1 in 4 sexually active adolescent females has an STI/STD, such as chlamydia or human papillomavirus (HPV) (retrieved 11/17/2015: www.cdc.gov/std/stats13/adol.htm). The statistics exemplify the need for services. What then is the connection to saving lives?

The Joplin Pregnancy Center reported that in the ten years since they added the STI/STD services, they experienced a 500% increase in the number of abortion-minded pregnant women who received crisis pregnancy services and chose life for their babies! They found the key was building trusting relationships with the young women and men before they experienced the unplanned pregnancy. The trusting relationships began when the young person received testing for STI/STDs. Makes sense, doesn’t it? The young people who are sexually active and contract STI/STDs are the same young people who when faced with an unplanned pregnancy would most likely consider abortion as an option. The director of the Joplin Pregnancy Center stated, “Our mission is to be the FIRST clinic option, not the clinic of last resort.” What an inspired idea! Let’s offer better, more excellent services than Planned Parenthood. Kirk Walden author of The Wall 2013 states, “The PHC (Pregnancy Help Center) message of help and hope will, in time, overwhelm those who seek to take lives and exploit those facing crisis pregnancy situations.” (Page 79) We know the truth as Christians that the life-affirming answer to every crisis a human being will encounter in their lifetime is summed up in one Word, one Divine Person: Jesus. Our eternal Lord and Savior is THE answer.

This year of 2016, we will begin offering STI/STD testing and treatment to our clients at Crossroads Pregnancy Center. Most importantly, we will continue to share the love of God and His answer to everyone who walks through our doors.
2015 Memorial Gifts
“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”
Psalm 23:6

Memorial donations are a life-affirming way to honor deceased loved ones, celebrate important events and recognize special people. Thank you for these precious gifts.

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Fundraising Events Recap
In 2015, Crossroads’ four fundraising events (Banquet, Golf “Fore” Life, An Afternoon at Oakhurst, and Bike for Life) raised over $202,730 for our ministry needs. If you supported our events, THANK YOU for helping us give the gift of life to so many in 2015. You are essential to our ministry, and your support makes everything we do possible. We hope to see you at our 2016 fundraising events and please invite a friend.

Your tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated by our clients who have chosen life for their babies.
Help us by sponsoring a 2016 fundraising event!
Contact Alex at cpcalexp@gmail.com or call 248-293-0070 x107.

2016 Events
March 4 - Benefit Banquet
May 16 - Golf “Fore” Life
September 17 - Bike for Life
November 5 - Prayer Breakfast

Sponsorships
All sponsorship packages are tax-deductible. To be one of our sponsors, please contact Alex at cpcalexp@gmail.com or 248-293-0070 ext. 107.

Crossroads Mission Statement: We are a non-profit, Christian organization dedicated to assisting abortion-vulnerable women and men involved in a crisis pregnancy, to choose life for their unborn children. Toward that end, we are committed to encouraging godly sexual attitudes and practices in our community.