

# ABC Pregnancy Care Center

## Reaching out to people of all cultures in Garden City

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Garden City, Kansas, has a diverse population, and the ABC Pregnancy Care Center has served Sudanese, Burmese, Karen, Somali, and Mexican immigrants as well as native Kansans. Clients of ABC have included people of the Christian and Muslim faiths, and those with no religious background at all.

Hannah Profitt, ABC's office manager, gives one example from her eleven years of pregnancy center work:

The young lady clasped her hands together and simply said "Please help me." Her translator went on to share that her pregnancy would bring great shame to her parents and she wanted an abortion. Not quite sure how to approach her, I shared about how Christ offers forgiveness and love even when we make mistakes. I went on to



share pictures and facts about fetal development, showing her what her baby would look like at the time. A few days later, they came back to share the good news that she had decided to have the baby. The translator continued to bring several more young ladies in for help and over the years. God is giving us huge opportunities to share His love and in more ways than one, He has brought the mission field to us.

## Class Offerings at the ABC Pregnancy Center

- Bridges: for first-time pregnant single moms and dads.
- New Addition: for first-time pregnant married couples.
- Learn and Earn: for second and beyond pregnancies, or those needing extra help with items for their babies and toddlers.
- Love and Logic: for parents wanting to learn the Love and Logic approach to discipline.
- Triple P: positive parenting ideas.
- Forgiven and Set Free – a post-abortion Bible study.
- Additional Bible Study classes.



*The classroom at the ABC Pregnancy Center*

## ABC Staff Persevere in Spite of Struggles

ABC has experienced many hardships in the past year. The Bridges Director, Joyce Zoschke, found out she had cancer last June and endured many rounds of chemo, radiation and a surgery. Through all her pain and sickness, she continued to be involved with the Bridges program as she could. Office Manager, Hannah Proffitt, filled in her position as she was gone and everyone held on to the hope of her return. Joyce has been with ABC about 13 years.



*Joyce Zoschke and Hannah Proffitt*

The center's Executive Director of 15 years, Dawn Thiel, was life-watched to Kansas City with a pulmonary embolism in December. She was unable to return to her position. In February, Office Manager, Hannah Proffitt, had surgery for a kidney stone and ended up with sepsis infection.

The Center has also experienced financial hardship and the staff and volunteers feared the doors would close, but God has made it evident that ABC closing is not part of his plan. Please help support ABC's continued service to its community.

God has brought the Board together in a special way and ABC's board members long to bring Him glory in all they do. He has sent volunteers through their doors at just the right time. He has given Joyce strength to return to her position as she continues to battle cancer. He's given Hannah strength and endurance to continue to fill several needs as the center is still shorthanded. Most of all, He's given the center new life and new opportunities to make ABC a place that is Christ-centered and filled with His love.



*ABC's sonogram room.*



*Donations from the community fill the shelves, ready to fill the needs of ABC's clients.*



*RayLyne, one of our Bridges babies.*

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### Donations Needed:

- new and gently used baby clothes up to size 2T
- diapers
- baby wipes
- baby formula
- bibs and burp cloths
- infant toys
- board books
- baby lotion and baby wash
- receiving blankets / quilts
- pacifiers
- outlet covers / safety devices
- gently used maternity clothes
- new and gently used strollers, play pens, high chairs, etc.
- financial contributions