

**“BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.”**

(MATTHEW 5:7)

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

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Nurture Pregnancy Centre, Medicine Hat - Client Care Program

Our Centre has been blessed with donations from TIA for the last ten years and we thank you for allowing us to do what we do in our community! We have seen the Centre grow in every aspect of the services and ministry that we offer our community. We have been able to expand into new facilities, where we do counseling and teaching in a welcoming drop in atmosphere. We offer clothing, furniture, and food supplies. We pursue our mission, "To help families in crisis, with children up to two years of age." Over the years, families have found new hope, and children have received clothing and the chance at a better future.



The programs that run out of our Centre have positive impacts. Our Sitting Room provides a warm drop in place for a coffee, a supportive chat, or a break from a lonely house. A client said, "I used to be a regular user. When stress would come into my life, I would go somewhere and take drugs. But now that I have found the Centre, I don't use any more. On trigger days, when the stress comes, I come here to the Centre, and I don't have to use any more." Another client has kept an ongoing relationship with the Centre for nearly five years. She is raising a son, got married and is involved in helping us run some programs.

A teacher leads basic cooking classes. She starts by teaching how to cut up a chicken, prepare and cook it. The follow up class shows how to make a soup from the leftovers. This class is highly popular and has a big turnout. Clients also learn how to estimate quantities and where to shop. When the cooking starts, everyone is involved. Each client has a personal cooking experience. Everyone eats together and the clients take their leftovers home so their families can share in the success.



Our classroom accommodates up to 12 students for a session. The room is equipped with a TV, wall projector, and whiteboard. Lap tops are available for up to 6 students. We offer classes in parenting, finances and budgeting, healthy relationships, and basic computer skills. Sometimes we are able to get community leaders involved in teaching some aspect of the course. The classroom is also used for staff and Board development when professionals come in and teach us how to be better at what we want to accomplish. Teaching sessions run most of the year with a break during the summertime.

The Centre is equipped with clothing rooms for girls, boys, and newborns. Some clients find the emotional strain of an unplanned pregnancy to be overwhelming. Where will they find baby clothes, strollers, car seats, formula, and diapers? After an intake interview, clients are led into our resource room to choose what they need. We request the items be returned washed and in good condition to be used again. As the month end approaches, the demand for diapers increases.



Our Counselling/Prayer Room/Library is the heartbeat of our Centre. Couples meet for marriage counselling. We have counselors who assess the needs and plan interventions. Marriages have been restored from this couch. It is also our intake room for moms who come, seeking advice on abortion. By the grace of God, there are at least three children in the world because we were able to reverse that decision. Moms carried their baby to full term. After birth, the child went to an adoption agency, where anxious parents were happily waiting for their new arrival.

Submitted by Erhard Buss, Board Member

