



FOOTHILLS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

# LIFEletter

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## Watch Parties and Other Sanctity of Life Highlights with some of our Church Partners, Great Way to Kick-off the New Year!

Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center cannot function without its gifted and committed staff, volunteers, all the folks who donate financially and materially with clothing and the like, and all our partner churches. While more and more communities of faith are learning about us and caring to sow into our mission, we are richly blessed with well over a dozen churches within our SGV radius who 'do' and 'do' and 'do' generous acts to show their support of our clinic, our staff, and our clients.

The incredible ability to reach farther and farther and go the greater distance is in large part to films such as **HOW WE SHINE**. Simply because this powerful means of story-telling shares our mission so well, along with the ability to view the film whenever one chooses, FPRC is encouraged that churches are finding ways to use the film throughout the calendar year, after the film's premiere. **HOW WE SHINE** premiered on November 7th, 2025. But take a look at some dates for 2026... and see how the film is making a year-round impact.

FPRC wished to highlight this list of some of our church partners who are 'thinking outside of the box'. A huge thanks to each and every event and all of their organizers.

Foothill Church, 242 Baseline Road, Glendora under the leadership of Pastor Chris Lewis and his amazing ministry staff have partnered with FPRC for well over 16 years. Pastor Chris and his wife, Michelle were the first area ministers to welcome me when I'd just come to the center. Foothill Church holds services on Sundays at 8, 9:30, and 11:15am.

Foothill is holding a church-wide viewing of the film on Friday, January 23rd. The youth from Foothill will be seeing first-hand what we do at FPRC when they tour on February 26th.

Monrovia Community Church, a re-planted FPC Monrovia, located at 101 E. Foothill Blvd is led by Pastor Joel Larson. Services are Sundays at 10:30. Pastor Joel met Lori when he pastored at Hollywood Pres, where Lori's theatre company, Actors Co-op, was housed. Lori was thrilled to hear Joel had accepted the call to pastor FPC Monrovia. Now, re-planted as Monrovia Community Church, they proudly show the film each year. Their viewing for **HOW WE SHINE** is scheduled for Sunday, January 18.

Lori recalls receiving a call from St. Dorothy's Church in Glendora to collect items after a church-wide garage sale and carnival. The church thought our moms might be able to use a lot of the items. That was intro to the church and the parish has continued to be so supportive throughout the years. This year alone, St. Dorothy's will hold a church-wide viewing of **HOW WE SHINE** on January 18, while Amanda, director of the youth ministry, will bring her teens to the clinic for a group tour on January 22nd. Father Ron Clark says mass every Saturday at 5pm; Sundays 7, 9:30, Noon, and 5. St. Dorothy's is located at 241 S. Valley Center in Glendora.

The Reverend Joachim Lepcha serves as pastor at Immaculate Conception, 740 S. Shamrock in Monrovia. I.C. was literally FPRC's first church partner and with the likes of folk like Maria, Donna, Meredith, Deb, Deacon Mike and others, I.C. faithfully spearheads a yearly Baby Bottle Drive. For years, a small Watch Party occurred; but, since last year, the church now hosts a church-wide Watch Party. This year, **HOW WE SHINE** will screen on Tuesday, January 27th. Meanwhile, Dinora and her teen group of over 50 youth, will pay a visit to FPRC on a couple different dates TBD. Masses are offered Saturday at 5pm and Sundays at 8, 10, 12, 5pm and 7pm.

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a State-Licensed Medical Clinic

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11am - 3pm  
Tues, Thurs: 2pm - 7pm

## MISSION

FPRC is a Christian nonprofit medical clinic that offers a safe place where women, men, and children are empowered with the tools and support to make healthy life choices.

## ABOUT US

We recycle hope into every life that walks through our doors.

## WAYS TO DONATE

Mail your gift to:

FPRC

P.O. Box 234

Monrovia,

Ca 91017

Or give online at:  
[foothillsprc.org](http://foothillsprc.org)



# Watch Parties and... ...Great Way to Kick-off the New Year!



## It's another wrap of a great film: **"HOW WE SHINE"** GALA FILM 2025

We'd love hearing your feedback of this year's film: HOW WE SHINE! Did you find learning more about what actually makes FPRC a medical clinic useful and enlightening? Do you feel more equipped when sharing with friends, neighbors, and co-workers about us? Did you watch with a group? Haven't watched it yet? No problem...the film will remain up at our website for your viewing convenience, so you and a group may watch and hopefully even re-watch time after time. Watch Parties are scheduled already for the new year, but we'd love to keep the momentum flowing throughout the entire year. Each time someone views our films, they learn about FPRC. Whether a donor or a prospective client checking us out online prior to calling us or coming in for her appointment, we are experiencing such success with the vehicle of film. We cannot imagine (after having produced six of these short films now...) telling our story any other way.

But ensuring that folk watch the film is our aim. And to that end, FPRC has recently produced the handy postcard found inside this newsletter. (Btw, we have thousands more of these postcards at the center, so feel free to drop by and ask us for a few or many to share at your church, with your neighborhood, or to have with you at the office.)

Why the postcard? We felt it was time to provide you and the clinic with a small take-away piece that is at-a-glance descriptive about who we are. The postcard is of course two-sided: one side promotes the film which happens to be our major funds and

awareness campaign each year. Hopefully, folk will read the info and be curious to check out the film. But just as important, flip the postcard over and learn at-a-glance about all FPRC's free and confidential services. And there are many! Help us continue to spread the word, both about another great film full of real-life stories...and the services we provide. Thanks for helping us to tell our story!

What a privilege it is to produce these short films each year and tell such inspiring stories of lives saved and transformed. Remember, YOU are a major part of that success. For every dollar sent our way is sown directly into the stories the likes of which you experienced in HOW WE SHINE. Like the postcard says....WATCH. EXPERIENCE. SHARE. SUPPORT.

A special thanks to all the talented and dedicated volunteers who helped produce the film. It's truly a team effort. And extra kudos and bravas to Laura Ciampa who came highly recommended to us as editor. Laura has working experience in the pregnancy resource center culture and she also works as a professional editor within Hollywood. Her heart and expertise are so greatly appreciated!

Lastly, a word of encouragement as we continue toward another \$100,000.00 goal. As of the time I'm writing this update, we are 3/4 of the way there. God is so faithful. We thank Him...we thank YOU!!!

***We are excited to see all He does within our clinic during 2026.***

Thanksgiving and Christmas were made lighter and brighter as Grace Church of Glendora gifted FPRC with hands-on everything! Turkey meal boxes at Thanksgiving, along with holiday gift cards for all our clients were some of the many blessings they shared with us. And if that wasn't enough, three 'Rooted' groups showed up and scoured the clinic clean!!! That's love and affection! Grace Church is situated at 1515 S. Glendora in the city of Glendora. Pastor Kevin Finkbinder leads the teaching on Sundays at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30. The Rietze Family, who serve and lead at many levels, along with Rhonda, our mentor, worship at Grace.

Lastly, for this edition, Holy Name of Mary, in their historic church home at 724 E. Bonita in San Dimas, filled cribs full of blessing for FPRC and several other pregnancy centers. Our clients received. Almost 75 years ago, two smaller parishes joined together to become Holy Name of Mary at its breath-takingly beautiful church campus. Some of the crib goodies our clients partake of are hand-made knitted and crocheted blankets and receiving sets produced by HNM's Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our moms literally 'oooh' and 'ahh' over these specially-crafted pieces. Services are held on Saturdays at 5 and again Sunday at 8, 10, 12:30, 5pm, and 7pm. Fr. Chris Santangelo serves as head pastor.

Mighty heartfelt thanks from FPRC and our clients for all the tangible good being sown into our mission and work. To each of our church partners who share our story and further the good... Amen and kudos!!!! ***MAY GOD BLESS US ALL AS WE FURTHER HIS KINGDOM AND DO HIS WORK!*** ♥

## God Bless(ed) Us, Every One...Christmas Album at FPRC



♥ Throughout the year, FPRC accepts Christmas toys and assorted gift items that we share with our clients as they pick up their December monthly supplies. Parenting Class moms and dads get the first pick of gifts at December's Parenting Class.

♥ FPRC is staffed with loving staff and volunteers. Pictured here at a luncheon to honor their commitment and dedication is our beautiful array of staff, FPRC Board members, volunteers! We are so very thankful for the thousands of hours annually those pictured in the photo share with the clinic.

♥ In the article inside this newsletter which describes our partnerships with a few of our local churches, we mention Grace Church of Glendora. For several years, Grace has provided gift cards to every single December client! These are just a few of the happy faces of the grateful recipients.

# PAMPER DAY 2026

For a dozen years, students from the cosmetology program at PCC would pack their hair-cutting, styling, make-up, and nail kits and travel to FPRC for our Annual Pamper Day, A Spa Experience. Last year, the school's architect of beauty, Richard Allen, invited all our guests to come onto the community extension campus at PCC instead. He felt the clients would enjoy all the more a true spa experience. And was he correct!

Last year's guests were treated to relaxing facials, hair-washing, manicures and polish, hair-cutting and shaping. This year FPRC is once again invited back. Your generous donations allow us to lavish each guest with a gift basket, plus exciting raffles during the day at the spa! FPRC provides a light meal for lunch, while PCC furnishes a continental snack as the guests arrive for their treatments.

PAMPER DAY 2026, IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST. Director Lori Berg will be joined by our lead mentor Rhonda (from Grace Church) and a handful of other volunteers as we serve alongside each other to allow guests to feel God's presence through our presence. FPRC loves to love on our clients... what a precious reminder that He sees us and reaches into our lives in such a practical, hands-on way. ♥



## Volunteer Spotlight: Dr. Melissa Scalia, PhD, MSN, RN, ONP



*Serving with  
Compassion,  
Wisdom, and  
Christ-Centered  
Care*

This month, we are honored to highlight one of our extraordinary volunteers, Dr. Melissa Scalia. She is a doctoral prepared oncology nurse practitioner whose unique blend of clinical expertise, academic insight, and deep compassion enriches every aspect of our pregnancy resource center.

With years of advanced practice nursing experience, Melissa brings a holistic, ethical, and Christ-centered approach to the women and families we serve. Her clinical background in oncology has

shaped a profound respect for the dignity of every person, while her scholarly interest in sexuality, femininity, and whole-person wellness allows her to walk alongside women with uncommon empathy and understanding.

At our center, Melissa embodies our mission to ensure that every woman is empowered with the tools, knowledge, and support needed to make healthy choices regarding childbearing and parenting. She understands that informed decisions flourish in environments of trust, safety, and compassion—values rooted deeply in her Christian faith and professional calling.

Melissa's presence strengthens our commitment to a safe, ethical, and holistic model of care, where medical excellence meets spiritual support.

Whether providing education, listening with patience, or guiding women through complex health questions, she champions equitable access to high-quality care. Her passion for reducing health care disparities is evident in the way she advocates for vulnerable families, ensuring that every client—regardless of background—receives respect, encouragement, and evidence-based support.

We are profoundly grateful for Dr. Melissa Scalia's service. She reminds us that when faith, expertise, and compassion come together, families flourish—and hope grows.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (English Standard Version Bible, Matthew. 5:8) ♥

# LOOK WHAT WE ARE DOING "TOGETHER" LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY ...TO IMPACT LIFE!!

## FPRC IS ONE OF 3000 MEDICAL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS HERE IN THE US.

Together, we are making a huge difference in the lives of tens of thousands of women. Women who are choosing to parent; women who are wounded after an abortion; women who are making adoption plans for their babies; and women who are just in need of encouragement.

YOUR SUPPORT of FPRC means that TOGETHER we are contributing to the following:

IN THE LAST 4 YEARS ALONE, medical pregnancy resource centers have offered FREE support and services:

- 500,000 ultrasounds were conducted totaling \$139 million of assistance
- 160,200 STDs tests were administered totaling \$8 million of valuable help
- 732,000 pregnancy tests administered totaling a value of \$6.5 million
- Parenting and Mentoring supports were offered worth \$52 million
- Tens of thousands of men and women wounded by abortion have received help and hope worth \$3.5 million
- 1.5 million diapers have been given out to our moms totaling \$15 million
- Over 2 million outfits for babies and children worth \$10 million have been shared with our clients
- 30,000 car seats and 20,000 strollers worth \$3 million have been shared



## Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center

*A State-Licensed Medical Clinic*

Sometimes, do you just wish you had a **"SAFE PLACE"** to gather and get some **HONEST ANSWERS?**

Do you have a safe place to go **WHERE NO ONE WILL JUDGE YOU** as you share your questions or thoughts? We have support groups. We even have one-on-one mentorships for guys! Everyone could use a little support. **WE'RE A SAFE PLACE.** If you need support or to share with another person for the first time, all our services are **CONFIDENTIAL** and **FREE!**

### SERVICES OFFERED:

- Urine Pregnancy Testing and STDs Testing
- Limited Ultrasound (if you qualify)
- Options Counseling: Hear about ALL of your options
- Support after an abortion
- Groups and Classes: Support, Parenting, Mentoring
- Supplies for you and your baby

### RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

- Options Counseling Explore your options, "Are You Pregnant? Emergency Contraception? Considering Abortion?"
- Abortion Recovery Restoring Lives and Relationships After Abortion



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Regret taking the abortion  
pill?

Feeling alone?  
Hurting after an abortion?

Want to talk?  
We are here.

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