



Our Pregnancy Counseling Centre, offering emotional and practical help for those finding themselves with pregnancy concerns.

We offer –

- * 24 hour / 7 day per week phone counseling by caring staff
- * Confidential counseling in Hallam (by appointment only)
- * Free Pregnancy tests
- * Relevant Information
- * Referral to Medical care and community Services
- * Nursery items, food and clothing for mother and baby
- * Assistance with finding emergency accommodation
- * Short and long term support

The Centre is staffed by volunteer counselors, trained to listen sensitively and guide you through your pregnancy choices. We were developed with the goal to bridge the enormous gap between the realization of an unplanned pregnancy and the three possible decisions: continuing with the pregnancy, abortion and adoption.

If you know anyone facing a crisis pregnancy and needs our help - please call us on **(03) 9794 8922** - we are waiting to help you or your friend.

This Pregnancy Counseling Ministry began after God placed in Pastor Daniel Nalliah's heart the desire to do something about the millions of babies being aborted around the world each year.

Our small, but faithful team, of counselors and supporters is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help women finding themselves in a 'crisis' pregnancy.

The catch cry in society is **'it is a woman's right to choose what happens with her body'**

We believe that if women have the right to choose:

then they also have **a right to know the truth.**

We offer them **REAL** choice - not just a quick fix solution - but caring and sensitive support as the woman and her family face the very difficult situation that they find themselves in.

Sometimes truth is hard to face - but the decision that these women are facing will affect the rest of their life and the lives of those around them. Therefore, they need facts about the developing baby, the facts about the methods of abortion and the side effects of abortion. They need information about pregnancy and childbirth and information about adoption.

We know, from experience, that often women are forced into making decisions by their circumstances or by other people and so our aim is to help them understand that a decision can be made slowly and thoughtfully without pressure from anyone.

Each member of the team is trained in a short course on Pregnancy Counseling and related matters. Initial contact is usually made by phone and when required, a personal appointment is made for the client with one of our voluntary workers. We refer them back to their own Medical Practitioners or to other professionals (eg. psychologists, Human Services, Centre Link etc.). In some cases we send out information by post.

A baby boy was born mid-way several years ago. His mother had called in her early pregnancy, seriously considering abortion, as she felt overwhelmed with the position that she was in. We were able to 'talk her through' some of the issues that were overwhelming her, and then provide on-going phone support so that she had somewhere to continue to discuss her hardships. It was lovely to hear the joy in her voice when she told me about the birth of her son and the blessing that he was to the family. The whole process was able to take place with complete anonymity.

We had a call from a young woman who was very distraught at finding herself pregnant. She was scared of the baby's father and ashamed of the position she had found herself in. After much talking she decided to continue with the pregnancy and have the baby adopted out. Sadly it was an ectopic pregnancy and so she lost the baby. However, she was relieved that she had made a clear decision that she was able to live with.

Another caller found out she was pregnant at the same time as discovering that she had cervical cancer. She did have an abortion, as the doctor's would not start her cancer treatment until she did, but we were able to continue contact for some months after, giving her some support and encouragement.

We make it clear to all the callers that we are prepared to help them out for the duration of the pregnancy and on into the future, should that be necessary. We want to make them see that it is possible to continue with the pregnancy with plenty of support. However, people are free to choose, according to our Law, and therefore our help does not stop should they choose an abortion. We encourage them to get good Medical Advice before they make any final decisions. Our main aim is that they take time to make a decision, based on all the facts, as it is them that has to live with the long term consequences of the decision that they make.

We are a small organization with a BIG vision. We want all women that find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy to be able to have the opportunity to get some peer support from women that really care about them and their families. We offer non-judgmental support, the opportunity for women to remain anonymous, should they choose to, or continued support for many years after that their difficult decision.

Do you share our vision? Would you like to help us?

We need:

- * **More Counselors** for the emergency phone counseling line
(we will train you in pregnancy counseling (after you have been approved as being suitable) – please note the counseling phone is diverted to the Counselor's home phone & so you do not need to come to the Office, when on duty)
- * **Prayer Partners**
- * **Financial support**

- * **Emergency accommodation** in good homes
- * **Donations of baby clothes and nursery items**
- * **Women in need** directed to us

If you can help with any of the above, please **call us** on **03 9794 8922**

Or **email** Geraldine at groelink@live.com.au or call 0432 477 411