

# God Always Provides

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Sometimes things happen that are sensitive but worth carefully telling about.

We were invited to implement **Birth of a Family** at a pregnancy resource center serving about a thousand new clients per year. They had observed other nearby pregnancy centers using Birth of a Family successfully and wanted to join the movement to unite family and life ministry.

Family God's Way began in their typical fashion. We obtained site surveys, need assessments, performed demographic studies and canvassed the community for supporting churches. Within a short time Family God's Way proposed a project charter detailing an implementation plan tailored especially for this pregnancy center.

To our surprise and disappointment, their board turned down the proposal citing fiscal concerns even though we had made it clear that we would proceed with the implementation in faith with zero obligation to the pregnancy center. We were willing to accept the entire risk. Still, they said, 'No'. This was a dilemma for us because we felt so sure the time was right. We had worked diligently with the pregnancy center staff and volunteers to get ready and already had a host church sponsoring the initial training.

The training was scheduled to occur about a week after the board turned down our proposal. We were faced with a tough decision. Cancel the training or carry on in faith that somehow, God would open up another option.

Just days later, the center was contacted by a private foundation who had heard about our Birth of a Family proposal. They already supported the center financially but were now interested in providing additional resources to help implement Birth of a Family. Suffice to say, this impacted the board's decision and we carried on as if there had never been an issue.

The night of the first Birth of a Family activities for this center the room was so full of participants and Family Coaches that the Birth of a Family facilitators had to lead the class from the hallway. There were participants who were married, single, and cohabitating. Best of all, we had enough trained family coaches to serve each client individually.

Looking back, it was a win-win that only God could orchestrate. The board did what they felt was right. The executive director of the pregnancy resource center was not defiant of their Best of all, people are still being changed by Birth of a Family activities at that pregnancy resource center.

Update: About six months after the donor funded the entire amount to implement Birth of a Family, they came back and gave more money to the pregnancy resource center to engage in continuing the movement.