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GIVING BACK

Highland Park doctor makes time to serve

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It is a Tuesday afternoon and Highland Park resident Dr. Wesley Brady dashes into the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center, just a jaunt down the road from her office near Presbyterian Hospital. She greets the staff with a warm smile and heads to the nurse's office where she begins

her monthly review of client files. Dr. Brady, an Obstetrician and Gynecologist and former graduate of U.T. Southwestern, is one of the six volunteer doctors who currently serve in this pro-life ministry. She reviews ultrasound photos verifying heartbeats of the unborn children most recently seen at this ministry and meets with clients who have concerns regarding their pregnancies. Staff nurse supervi-

sor Lisa Roberts is at her side to interact about different clients giving updates on those that Dr. Brady has recently met with and those she has scheduled to meet this afternoon.

In the waiting room a client and her boyfriend anxiously await their appointment with Dr. Brady. This 24-year-old woman had come in a few weeks earlier for pregnancy confirmation. Her drug usage has caused her to strongly consider aborting this baby. Though drug-free for the past two weeks, she is concerned about the effect her previous drug ingestion may have had on her unborn child.

Aware of her limited time, Dr. Brady returns to carefully review the stack of files before her while Lisa prepares the client for her doctor visit. Dr. Brady greets the client and listens to her concerns. After performing a 2-D sonogram and hearing and measuring a healthy heartbeat Dr. Brady reassures the client that her baby, eight weeks in utero, is highly unlikely to have been affected by her previous drug use. With this good news the relieved young woman expresses her determination to remain drug-free and continue her pregnancy.

Lisa Roberts gave the client information received from the Teratogen hotline that explains the effect of drugs on unborn children during the first, second and third trimesters. "Our goal is to give our clients accurate information to help them make an informed decision based on truth regarding their pregnancies. Accurate information is critical when making such an important decision," she said.

It was just two years ago that Dr. Brady learned about the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center through a newspaper announcement about a former Highland Park High School classmate, who had recently joined their board. She told her husband Jeff, "This is what I want to do." Wesley, a 1990 HP graduate, had been praying



Dr. Wesley Brady and DPRC Staff Nurse Lisa Roberts discuss client concerns.

for and seeking an opportunity to "give back" and this ministry pulled at her heart.

She called the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center to see how she could be involved and learned that Dr. Steve Harris, her former attending physician at Baylor Hospital, was serving as the Medical Director of the ministry. She spoke with him and interviewed with staff and board members and her service began. Two years later, this mother of three young children aged four, one and three-months, continues to find time to serve the ministry that calls her heart. She enjoys the opportunity of combining the science of medicine with Christianity.

When asked, "Why the DPRC?" she responded with tears in her eyes, "I have been blessed by a wonderful family and supportive friends and feel that I have been given so much, and as a Christian, it is my responsibility to give back."

The Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center is a pro-life evangelical ministry that works with women in unplanned pregnancies. The DPRC serves women through three locations in East, West and Central Dallas and this year celebrates their 25th year in ministry. All services offered from pregnancy tests, education, material goods and sonograms are free of charge. For more information visit their website dallasprc.com.

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