

## Our Services

Earn While You Learn  
Education Program

Next Step Boutique

First Step Relationship  
Education Program

Free Pregnancy Tests

Pregnancy Options  
Guidance

Post Abortion Healing  
Groups

Memorial Garden

## We Are Open

Tues - Wed - Thurs

11:00 - 3:00 pm

Walk-ins Welcome!

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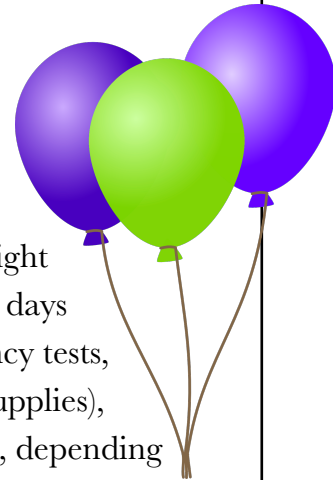
Pregnancy and Relationship Center

*we'll walk with you*

## Happy Birthday Next Step PRC!

*Celebrating 30 years*

On March 2, 1992, Next Step PRC opened its doors for the first time. We weren't known as Next Step Pregnancy and Relationship Center back then. Our name was Birthright of La Grande, a pregnancy resource center. In those early days we were primarily pregnancy focused. We offered pregnancy tests, had a small selection of maternity clothing (but no baby supplies), and provided brochures and resources for pregnant clients, depending on if their test was positive or negative.



Look how far we've come!

In 2014, we became Next Step Pregnancy Information Center. Then, over the next half-decade we added so many new programs in addition to our pregnancy services that it became clear a new name was in order. We're all about relationships at Next Step PRC: not only helping clients have healthy relationships, but building relationships with every client we see. So it just made sense to add "relationship" to our name. With that in mind, in April of 2019, we became Next Step Pregnancy and Relationship Center.

In honor of our 30th birthday, volunteers and members of our board are sharing their favorite stories and tidbits!



"We opened on March 2nd, 1992. The first client visited the office on March 12. Many volunteers and many clients came in that first year. So many women - and a few men! - stepped up to be a part of [Next Step]."

"When we first opened, I did a pregnancy test for a nurse. And I felt so clumsy, and the first test was so faint, and I said, "we better do that again!" I felt completely out of my league!"

**Next Step Team**

- Client Advocates
- Receptionists
- Post Abortion Healing Team
- Baby Bottle Boomerang Team
- Donation Partners
- Donation Care Team
- Property Care Team
- Next Step Board
- Next Step Directors

**Next Step Board**

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**Our Purpose**

Next Step PRC exists to encourage and equip women and men to build successful families.

We are a religious non-profit and as such all your contributions, financial or material, are tax-deductible.

If you want to donate online and/or become a monthly supporter, go to [nextstepPRC.org](http://nextstepPRC.org), click on *Support Us* and select *Financial Support*. We are also a registered non-profit on Amazon Smile.

“In 2007 we did about 200 pregnancy tests!”

“When anyone remarked on the good things going on, Dawn Collins [a past director] used to toss out the phrase, ‘Turtle on a fencepost!’ Of course, that was met with puzzled looks. Dawn would explain that if you ever saw a turtle on a fencepost you could be absolutely sure it didn’t get there on its own... and the same was true of any good coming from [Next Step]. It had to be God! Turtle on a fence post!”

“Being in over your head means you spend so much time on your knees.”

“In 2008 I had nine clients in three hours: 3 positive pregnancy tests; one married and expecting baby number six. It was her husband’s birthday and she was very excited to surprise him!”

“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack his provision.”

“In the very early days the only service we offered was pregnancy tests. The cultural climate and mood were very different and confidentiality was huge.

We only learned a client’s first name and record-keeping was minimal. A teenager wasn’t going to go to the store and stand in line to purchase a \$15 pregnancy test, so the confidentiality, privacy, and free service we offered was appealing to women. In those days we couldn’t really do follow-up calls, either. No one had personal cellphones. We couldn’t disclose who we were or why we were calling and it was too risky to call and possibly end up talking to Mom, Dad, or Boyfriend. We didn’t have many long-term relationships with clients. We oftentimes saw a client for the one time they came in, so our volunteers cared for these women as much as they possibly could for the short time they were with us.

Times change. Now women can buy a pregnancy test at the dollar store. But we are seeing the fruit of our early work! We get to have extended relationships with our clients. We use technology to check in on them regularly. Good record-keeping allows us to have deeper relationships with each client. We have relationships with not only women, but their families. We have services for not only women but men. We have a deeper impact. We have seen beautiful growth, and we have gone from good to better.”



Happy birthday Next Step PRC! Here’s to the next 30 years!

