

Director's Report

God has been so good to us. He is so faithful!

So far this year we have been able to assist 336 families with 8 babies born to our girls. The Lord has blessed us with many opportunities to counsel girls on abortion and abstinence.

We have visited many churches to present the Center and have had church groups have their monthly meetings to see just what we do. If you have a group that would like to meet here, please give me a call (855-8500). We would be very pleased to have you come by and visit us.

Thank you so much for all you do to support The Hope Women's Center and may God bless you all for caring.

Serving Him together, Judy

Hope Women's Center Golf Tournament

The Hope Women's Center Golf Tournament on June 18th was a huge success. We are so thankful that God even held off the rain for us.

We would like to especially thank Mike, Sharon, Jennifer, Ashley and Stephanie Mulkey for all their hard work coordinating and overseeing the event.

Thanks, as well, to Mike Hamilton and the Pickens County Country Club for their gracious hospitality.

We are also grateful for all the golfers who gave their time and money to take part in this event. Many local businesses sponsored holes and scoreboard signs. Others donated items to be used as door prizes and in the raffles. A very special thank you to all the volunteers without whom we could not have succeeded.

In the end, Hope Women's Center raised over \$8,000. God is so good, and we are thankful for all those that He used to provide these funds for us. May the Lord add to your blessings.

Modern Woodmen of America

There were many people involved in the very successful golf tournament on June 18th. From the volunteers who baked to those who solicited items for the auction to businesses who donated to sponsor holes and scoreboards, it was truly a team effort. Without all that help, none of this would have been possible. And if we had had all that, but no golfers, it would have been a failure. So we appreciate everyone. But we owe a special thank you to the Modern Woodmen of America, who offered to match any funds up to \$2,500.00. It was

their gift that put us over the \$8,000.00 mark. Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services to individuals and families across the United States. More than 750,000 members are joined by common bonds. The Modern Woodmen Creed is

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Come back into our own."

This is also true of the work we do here at the Women's Center. Thank you MWA for helping in the lives of these women and children.

A Note from One of our Special Girls

The Hope Women's Center has helped me through so much. When I first came to the Center I did not know what to think and I was scared that I might be judged since it was a Christian organization. After arriving, and meeting the two sweetest ladies you could ever meet, I felt so welcomed and loved. Since the first time I walked in, at only a few weeks pregnant, they have helped me with being more secure and ready for the coming years of having my own child, and in the preparation and skills needed. I've received blankets, shoes, clothes, diapers, wipes and many other baby needs that I know I would have struggled trying to get. I am only 18 and still in school with only one job that I work two or three times a week. The Women's Center means the world to me and all the other teenage moms in their first pregnancy, or other moms struggling through. I could never thank them enough for all they have done in my 33 weeks of pregnancy and the few weeks ahead I still have left. Thank you so much for everything! I'm truly blessed to know of a place I feel so safe to get help.

We Have Boys, Too

Hope Women's Center tries to provide anything a baby up to the age of 24 months might need. As with any "family" our stock frequently needs to be replaced. Right now we are particularly low on diapers (all sizes except size 1), as well as wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, and baby oil. In the area of clothing, there is always a demand for sleepers, and preemie clothing. We know that little girl clothes are so much cuter than boy clothes, but we do have boys as well. At this time, ALL of our baby towels are either pink or white with pink decorations. All of our baby gowns and about 90% of our preemie clothes are for girls. We would love for

some folks to take on the boy needs for us. Baby cribs (with all the parts) and bassinets are also useful, but we cannot take used car seats. Shoes, socks and bibs are currently not a big need. Gently used maternity clothing, however, would be helpful. While we appreciate all donations, please consider carefully the used clothing you donate to the Center. If it is stained, torn, or well used (and you would not put it on your children or grandchildren), please do not give it to the Center. We strive to serve God by giving Him our best at Hope Women's Center — spiritually, physically and emotionally. When the women/girls come through our doors, we want to furnish them and their babies with the best items possible. Thank you for helping us to do this.

Bi-Lo Cards

We are participating in BI-LO's boostersplus fundraising program from August 1 through May 31. You can help earn money for Hope Women's Center simply by shopping at any BI-LO with your BONUSCARD. Just pick up an enrollment card and give it to the cashier along with your BONUSCARD to be scanned one time with your grocery order. This one-time scan will enroll you for Hope Women's Center until May 31. It does not cost you anything, but we will receive one percent of your purchases. If you are supporting other organizations, you can have as many as three organizations on your card at one time. Included with this newsletter are four paper enrollment cards, which can be used by anyone in the church. Or you can stop by the Women's Center and pick up a plastic one which you can use and then share with your friends. The more people who sign up for this program, the more money the Women's Center will receive.

Baby Bottles

The Baby Bottle ministry is used to fund the Center's programs that help women in crisis pregnancies. This program can be used by church groups, individuals and families. Simply take a bottle home with you and place it on your desk or dresser. When you empty your pockets at night put the loose change in the bottle. You will be amazed at how quickly it can fill up. Use this to teach your children about joyful giving. Use it as competition in a Sunday School class. Use it as a prayer reminder to pray for the work of Hope Women's Center. Then, simply drop it off at the Center when it is convenient for you during our business hours. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these women and their unborn babies.

Your Gift Makes a Bigger Difference than You Think

Thank you to the many of you who support us with monthly, quarterly and yearly gifts. Because of you, lives are impacted — and lives are saved — through this ministry.

Your gifts define the word "partnership" which describes a union of people dedicated to a particular calling. In our case, we partner as we reach out to those facing unplanned pregnancies, presenting the help of Jesus Christ as we offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion. These are two of the highest callings imaginable, and together, we are indeed partners.

Thank you—you mean so much to the ministry of Hope Women's Center.

Why Do We Believe in the Sanctity of Life?

As Christians, we believe that

1. God is the giver of life. The Bible, in Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 says "There is a time for everything. A time to be born and a time to die ..." Christians believe God gives and takes away life as he pleases.
2. God created human life and it should be preserved. Nothing is more important than the life God has given.
3. Every life has a purpose. God destined (or meant) for each of us to be born (Psalm 139: 13-16). He took care when creating us. All life is important and shouldn't be wasted.
4. God decides when life begins and ends. Murder is forbidden in the 6th commandment (Exodus 20:13). It is not acceptable to take away a life God has created.

Gentle Jesus

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child!
Make me gentle as Thou art,
Come and live within my heart.
Take my childish hand in thine,
Guide these little feet of mine,
So shall all my happy days
Sing their pleasant song of praise;
And the world shall always see
Christ, the Holy Child, in me.
— Charles Wesley

Don't forget the Hope Women's Center web site. Just go to www.yourservant.com/hope to see what is happening at the Center.