

## *From the Director*

God has blessed us with a great first half of 2012. We have had the opportunity to assist 339 families. We have been able to visit in churches to present our ministry at HWC. A big "thank you" to all of you who have supported us through your finances; plus all the groups, churches and individuals who keep bringing baby items to help us assist young mommies and babies who are in need of a helping hand. Just remember that every little life that has been saved, fed and clothed you have had a big part in. May God bless each of you for caring as we all work to make life better for others. You will never lose by helping others.

We are so pleased to have five new board members. We know that God sent each one of them to work alongside us as they also have a heart for the ministry at HWC.

Sincerely serving God and our community,  
Judy Pace

## *Celebrate Life*

In the midst of a crisis, it's hard to see beyond the immediate problem to get a glimpse of any joy that may lie ahead. Life doesn't seem worth celebrating. When the future seems dark and uncertain, the light of Christ is desperately needed. We need to offer every individual the hope that can only be found in Him. With your help, a young girl can come to realize that the precious life growing inside of her is eternal; an uncertain father-to-be can have the courage to help make a choice for life; and a lonely teen can find her value in Christ and refuse to be swayed by peer pressure. Will you help someone see past the pain of today and reach for the joy of the future? Join with Hope Women's Center to become a volunteer for life: partner with us through financial support, participate in fundraising events, and most of all, keep the battle for life often in your prayers. With your help, we can truly celebrate life!

## *Benefit Ride for Hope Woman's Center*

A local group of motorcycle enthusiasts will be doing a motorcycle ride to benefit HWC.

✧ Starts: Sept 15, 2012 11AM

✧ At: Hope Woman's Center, 879 Gentry Memorial Hwy, Easley, across from Ariel Mill \$15 per bike, \$5 per passenger.

✧ Shawn White will be the contact person.

✧ Watch for details on the website

[www.yourservant.com/hope](http://www.yourservant.com/hope)

## *SPECIAL THANK YOU*

We could not continue to keep our doors open to help those in pregnancy crises in our community if it were not for the kind provisions of many of our churches. A very special "Thank you" to the following churches that have so generously donated time, money, labor and material goods.

✦ Brushy Creek Baptist Ladies

✦ Calvary Hill Baptist Church

✦ Easley First Baptist (Thelma Moorehead Mission Group)

✦ Mt. Airy Baptist WMU

✦ Norris First Baptist AWANA

May God continue to richly bless you as you reach out to help those in need.

## *Board Members*

We extend a special welcome to our new board members. *Kerry Ehrhart, Sharon Mulkey, Benny Nichols, Jackie Pressley and Muriel Haney* join current board members Sue Donnell (President), Liz Rampy (Vice President), Peggy Mabry (Secretary), Susan Thorsland (Treasurer), Dr. Kristine Pasui (Medical Advisor), Rev. Roger Gwinn, Janet Benton, Minister Mary King, and Diane Lay. We are so thankful for these people who are willing to give of their time and talents to help set the direction of Hope Women's Center. God has blessed us with dedicated board members and we give Him the glory. We will be having a

board training for our new board members, along with all the other members, on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Rock Springs Baptist Church.

### *Hope Women's Center Web Site*

Hope Women's Center has a web site [www.yourservant.com/hope](http://www.yourservant.com/hope). Included on the web site are needs, past and current newsletters, contact information and a brief history of the Center. If you are interested in helping at the Center as a volunteer, check our web site for more information.

### *On Going Needs*

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 and often our needs vary. Right now we are in need of diapers, especially newborn and sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6. We can never get enough wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo or baby oil. Our supply of preemie clothes is very low. We know that girls' baby clothes are always cuter, but we do have quite a few baby boys that we also need to help. Baby furniture, such as cribs (with all the parts), bassinets, high chairs and strollers are always welcomed.

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. That means we prefer new or very gently used clothing. Thank you for helping us to do this. Your donations are what keep us ready and able to supply some of the needs of the youngest members of Pickens County.

### *Testimonies from our Volunteers*

I am very humble and thankful to God to be able to volunteer my time at Hope Women's Center. These girls, whom we help and counsel, have a special place in my heart. We pray with these girls and witness to them about Christ and how He loves them and forgives them of their sin. I have been amazed that the girls do not get upset and cry when their pregnancy test is positive. We

also help the girls with baby clothes, diapers, formula and anything we have that a baby needs. The EWYL (Earn While You Learn) program helps them to understand about their pregnancy and the unborn baby. This is very valuable and educational to them. I know that God is really the center of Hope Women's Center and His hand is on everything we do here. I know I am doing what God wants me to do with my life here.

– Joyce Hunter

My name is Gail Porter and I am a 58-year-old mother of three and grandmother of four grandsons. I have been a volunteer for one year at Hope Women's Center. God has blessed me through the years and has given me healthy children and grandchildren. All my life I have loved helping others and encouraging them when I could. Three years ago I knew I needed to be in the community helping others. I had tried several options but felt led to the Hope Women's Center. After meeting with Judy Pace, the director, I knew this was where God needed me to be. Counseling the girls that come in to the Center has been a blessing to me. There are happy moments, but other times are very stressful for the girls. I have learned through my experience with my first child at the age of nineteen and I can relate what I know and give the girls hope and comfort. My time at the Center has been a great experience for me. My motto has always been, don't kick someone who is down and has no hope and who needs love and guidance. I always try to build them up. That is what the Hope Women's Center is doing.

– Gail Porter

### *GHS Chapter of IAAP*

The Greenville Hospital System Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals has adopted Hope Women's Center for a year. They will be providing different basic items each month to be used by the Center to assist mothers and babies who are in need of a helping hand. We thank each of them and pray God will bless each one for caring.