

## *Director's Report*

We have been able to assist so many mommies and babies this year. God has given us many opportunities to visit churches to present the Center, Sanctity of Human Life and Abortion and Adoption. We have helped 411 women and have had 6 babies born so far this year. We thank God for allowing us to share in so many areas of our work here at Hope Women's Center. I thank God every day for the opportunity to be a part of HWC and the ministry God has given us to do. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we work to be a witness and to help the people in need.

- Judy

## *Walk For Life*

Hope Women's Center is sponsoring a Walk for Life on Saturday September 20, 2014, from 2 to 4 PM at the Rock Springs track in Easley. Registration fee is \$10 and includes T shirt and bottled water. All proceeds will go to the Hope Women's Center. If you would like to be a sponsor, the fee is \$100 and your business name will be printed on the T-Shirt. To register, send your check made out to Hope Women's Center to PO Box 225 Easley, SC 29641-0225. For questions contact Gail Porter gmporter54@gmail.com or call the Center at 855-8500. Come join us for a great afternoon.

## *THANK YOU*

Great Big **Thank You** to the following churches for their support through our Baby Bottles program and the many baby items that were donated.

\*Blue Ridge View, \*Brushy Creek, \*Cedar Rock Ladies group, \*East Side Covenant Class, \*Grace UM Ladies, \*Easley Home Educators Key Club, \*St Andrew UM Women and Church. We also have churches who have decided to do our Baby Bottles year round.

Special thank you to Brushy Creek Baptist Church and Mt Airy for all the hard work they did to beautify our Center.

## *DONNA ROBERTS*

From many years Donna Roberts has been a faithful volunteer at Hope Women's Center. We have so much appreciated her kind and gentle spirit and her Christ-like attitude towards the girls and women who have come into the Center. Unfortunately for us, Donna is leaving the Center to move to Fort Mill to be closer to her family. We will sorely miss Donna and pray that God will greatly use her in whatever He finds for her to do in this new season of her life.

## *On Going Needs for Baby Boys & Girls*

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 low on wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, and baby oil. In the area of clothing, there is always a demand for sleepers, and premie clothing. As we anticipate changing over from summer to winter clothes in October, our needs are more for the heavier weight clothing, particularly girls 3-9 months.

Baby cribs (with all the parts) and bassinets are also useful, but by law we cannot take used car seats. Shoes, socks, blankets and bibs are currently not a big need.

Gently used maternity clothing would definitely 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.

## *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.

## *I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*

On the very first day that you existed inside of your mom's womb, every detail about you was written in a cell smaller than a grain of salt. God knew what color your hair and eyes would be, whether you would be a boy or a girl, if you'd grow to be short or tall, and the exact shade of your skin. From your first moment, you were uniquely YOU! Your heart began beating after only three weeks in the womb (possibly before your mom even knew you were there).



- At just six weeks gestation your eyes were developing and your little arms and legs were beginning to grow.
- By week eight of gestation, every organ of a developing baby is in place and growing. The taste buds that now allow you to enjoy pizza and ice cream and spaghetti began to form after just eight weeks!
- By ten weeks gestation, your brain was growing every minute, and although you had two little ears on the sides of your head, you couldn't hear yet. Also around ten weeks, you were able to move your arms & legs, although your mom may not have felt your movements for several more weeks.
- At 18 weeks, you were able to blink and frown. Around the same time, you already had your own unique set of fingerprints, and Mom began to feel you wiggling inside of her!

- By 20 weeks, you were able to suck your thumb, yawn and stretch, and you may have gotten the hiccups!
- By 24 weeks, your ears were able to recognize the sound of your mother's voice, and loud noises in Mom's environment may have startled you.
- By 26 weeks, tooth buds for your permanent teeth were growing in your gums, getting ready for the moment you would lose your first tooth, about six years later! That's planning ahead!
- By 28 weeks, you were gaining weight and adding a little layer of baby fat, making your skin look smooth and kissable. And perhaps the most amazing, wonderful fact of all: Even before you began to grow inside of your mom, God knew you and loved you!

Adapted from Thriving Family.com Focus on the Family

## *Abortions on the Decline.*

Did you know that, according to the National Right to Life Foundation, a report released February 3, 2014 by the Guttmacher Institute (originally founded as a research affiliate of Planned Parenthood) found that abortion rates and ratios are continuing to decline in the United States—but they downplayed the role that public debate over the rights of unborn children has played in this trend. In its "Abortion Incidence and Service Availability in the United States, 2011" report, the Guttmacher Institute reported that for 2011, there were 1.05 million abortions in the United States—550,000 fewer than the peak of 1.6 million in 1990. Why is this? In part, once women in crisis pregnancies slow down—because of parental involvement laws, or seeing ultrasounds, or obtaining unbiased explanations of their unborn child's development, or 24 hours to reflect—more will choose life. That's why it's so important that we continue to use any means God has given us to pass laws, educate the community, and help those in crises pregnancy. We urge you to pray for, support and get involved with Hope Women's Center right here in Pickens County.

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