

From the Director

God blessed HWC with a wonderful year in 2012 as we were able to assist 578 families. This was only accomplished because of the love and support from all our great supporters. We visited in many churches and had many groups visit the Center. We are looking forward to another great year in 2013 and pray that many of you will be a part of it. Please continue to pray for us as we work to help young mommies in caring for their babies. Just remember that each little life that is saved from abortion, fed and clothed, you, our supporters, have a great part in it. I pray God will continue to bless each of you for caring. Judy Pace

Sanctity of Life Sunday

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55,808,387 and still counting....

Forty years ago the Supreme Court decided a case that would ultimately end the lives of tens of millions of unborn babies. The legalization of abortion through the *Roe v. Wade* decision allowed the death of up to 1 out of every 3 children born in following generations. On that same day, they released the *Doe v. Bolton* decision that ultimately made abortion legal up to the day of birth in all 50 states. These decisions were made based on a hierarchy of rights and interests. The rights of the woman, the rights of the state, and the rights of the unborn baby were all compared. Using many different arguments, the prevailing justices found that the right of the unborn baby to live was less important than the right of the woman to end that life. The misplaced comparison between rights ended in the death of 55 million babies and the pain and guilt of millions of women.

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. Spring and summer clothes in the 6-9 month range for boys and 3-12 months for girls would be very helpful. Baby gowns of any size and sleepers for 12 months would greatly help our supply closet. Right now our supply of preemie clothes is also 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. We can never get enough wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo or baby oil. We have a large number of black diaper bags from a baby formula company, but any cute or colorful bags would be wonderful. Baby furniture, such as cribs (with all the parts), bassinets, high chairs and strollers are always welcomed. Due to current laws, we cannot use car seats unless they are brand new.

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.

From Sue Donnell

This announcement comes with joy and some sadness. I have served as Board Chair for 6 years with much pleasure because of God's goodness and the joy of working with the staff, volunteers and Board members at Hope Women's Center. God has continued to bless the Center financially and by sending needy clients. Abortions have been cancelled and adoptions have been facilitated. Women and young girls have received valuable help in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Most importantly souls have been saved. We welcome our new Chair, Benny Nichols, a true warrior for Christ. I will remain on the Board and welcome the opportunity to serve as needed for the Hope

Women's Center. Please continue to pray for God's will in all that we do.

You Can Help Save Lives

While many support the efforts of pro-life organizations, there are more needs to be met. Our country has 1,210,000 fewer babies every year because of abortion and 1/3 of the women will have to work through the guilt of killing their child. In the US abortion is legal up until the day of birth and 1 out of 3 states allow minors to have abortions even if their parents object. The numbers are daunting, but you can help.

The first step is to get involved. Start by offering specific prayers for those on the front lines. Pray for the mothers and fathers making the choice between abortion and life. Pray for the hearts of those in the abortion industry. Your prayers are not only important, they are vital to every pro-life organization. If you have time, or have time that could be better spent, consider volunteering at Hope Women's Center. There are specific needs that range from stuffing envelopes to small fix-it jobs to sorting clothes in the maternity room to peer counseling. Give us a call and see how you can help. Partner with us by supporting us as a ministry. Choose to be a monthly donor or call and give the blessing of a one-time donation. Your prayers, time and donations DO make a difference—you can save lives!

Life Is Sacred

Life is sacred. Sacred because the God of the universe has handcrafted each eternal little one. The value He places on each life is so great that we can't even begin to comprehend it. How can we protect what God so cherishes?

As the body of Christ, we must commit to helping women and men—often alone and frightened—discover the wonder of the new life they carry. In the name of Jesus we must offer truth, love and resources to enable them to find God's plan for themselves and the baby. Hope Women's Center offers clients the facts they need to make informed decisions, plus other free services like pregnancy testing, confidential peer counseling and physical help like maternity clothes, baby supplies and diapers.

You can be involved in protecting these

sacred lives. Volunteer, donate and pray. Call Hope Women's Center to find out more about how you can help.

Life is Precious

Every life is amazing, every life is beautiful and every life has value. God created each one of us with love and care, knowing our beginning and our end, even before we were born. No life He has ever made was a mistake, and everyone has value and worth. From the youngest baby to the oldest adult to all those in between, God sees every person as an amazingly beautiful, precious creation.

God's view of every human life is clear; but what about our own views? Do we see each person as an amazing creation loved and known by God? Do we realize the beauty He has build into our minds, hearts and souls? Do we know the value that God gives to each one of His precious creations? And, when we see, realize, and know all that, what should we do? Will you support Hope Women's Center to help the unborn, hold up the down trodden or show God's love to those with special needs? Each person, born or unborn, is precious to God and should be precious to us in both word and action.

Celebrate Life

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?" Proverbs 24:11-12

Legislation

Two bills have been introduced in the South Carolina Senate relating to the "personhood" of the unborn.

S 0083 and S0087 amend the Code of Laws to establish that "the right to life for each born and preborn human being begins at fertilization and the rights of due process and equal protection begins at fertilization." These are both good bills and would go far to protect the life of the unborn child in SC. Please let your legislators know that you would like to see these bills passed.