



# Hope Women's Center

Winter 2015

## *From the Director*

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE.”

God has been so good to us at HWC. He has given us one of our best years. Our finances have been great. Because of our Walk for Life directed by Gail Porter and the support of many churches and individuals we were able to purchase a new computer with programs for our client intake and donations. This year we were able to assist so many mommies and babies who were in need. God has also made it possible for us to help young girls in making a decision to know they have a choice to not abort their babies. Please continue to pray for HWC as we let the Lord lead us to do His will. There are so many needs out there and we want to be a part of helping and leading these young Mommies and Daddies in the right direction. We want to be able to show them Jesus and to let them know just how much He loves them and wants them to belong to Him. As we have said so many times for every little one who is saved from abortion thru our witness you as a supporter will always have a part in it, May God bless each of you for caring. Judy Pace, Director

## *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*

January 18, 2015

National Sanctity of Human Life Day will be celebrated on January 18, 2015. The celebration of this day is an observance declared by several U.S. Presidents who opposed abortion. President Ronald Reagan designated January 22, 1984 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The date was chosen to coincide with the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case that first recognized the constitutionally-protected status of abortion in the United States.

Reagan issued the proclamation annually thereafter, designating Sanctity of Human Life Day to be the third Sunday in January, which represents the closest Sunday to the original January 22 date. His successor, George H. W. Bush, continued the annual proclamation throughout

his presidency. Bush's successor, Bill Clinton, discontinued the practice throughout his eight years in office, but Bush's son and Clinton's successor, George W. Bush, resumed the proclamation, and did so every year of his presidency.

What does it mean to lose **fifty-six million** lives? When a nation loses a population larger than that of countries like Spain, Poland, Argentina, Canada, Venezuela, South Africa, Iraq, or the Sudan, it can't help but have an impact. **Fifty-six million** fewer lives means not just fewer diapers, baby bottles, baby toys being made and sold, but also fewer jobs for teachers, barbers, nurses, college professors, farmers, manufacturers, and business, and eventually, fewer innovators, entrepreneurs, medical researchers, artists, athletes, and even political activists and community organizers. In comparison to the number of abortions that have been performed since 1973, the total dead and wounded US citizens from 1775 to the present in all conflicts and all wars is only 2,717,993. We do, indeed, have much blood on our hands. May God be merciful to us.

## *On Going Needs*

Hope Women's Center tries to provide anything a pregnant girl or 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. Thanks to God's goodness through you, we do not currently have any great needs. That doesn't mean we don't need anything. It only means that we don't have a "great" need for any one particular thing. It also means we are not overflowing with any one thing. Our greatest need right now is for maternity clothes. We would welcome any size and need dresses, pants or shirts. Of course, there is always a need for wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo or baby oil and, of course, diapers. Baby furniture, such as bassinets, high chairs and strollers are always welcomed. Due to current laws, we cannot use car seats unless they are brand new. And cribs, due to recent recall, cannot go up and down, they have to open from the front by pull out.

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. Thank you for your generosity to Hope Women's Center.

### *Walk for Life*

Our Walk for Life held on September 20 at Rock Springs Track was a huge success. God very graciously gave us good weather that day. Thanks to Gail Porter and all the volunteers and especially all those who came to walk. We made \$8270 that went towards our work here at the Women's Center.

### *New Board Members*

We welcome two new board members to the Hope Women's Center—Suzanne O'Dell and Rev. Matthew Tietje. Suzanne is a school teacher and Matthew is the lead Pastor at Golden Grove Wesleyan Church. We are looking forward to a long, productive relationship with them. Welcome Suzanne and Matthew.

### *NOTE*

If you are interested in participating in the Baby Bottle campaign (filling baby bottles with your loose change), please call the Center. We'll be glad to get some bottles to you. It's a great project for a family, Sunday School class or Bible Study group.

### *Legislation*

Several bills have been introduced in the South Carolina Senate (and one in the House) relating to the "personhood" of the unborn.

S 129 amends 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."

S 25, S 28, S 130 and H 3114 all define "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection" and would prevent abortions from taking place 20 weeks or more after fertilization.

S 96 would prevent abortions if a heartbeat can be heard.

S 92 would require that anyone performing an abortion not only be a certified OB/GYN doctor, but also have admittance rights to the local hospital.

All of these are 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 them passed.

### *Sanctity of Life—The Reason We're Here*

Life is a precious gift from God. Each baby born has the opportunity to experience joy, to learn to love, and to glorify God. Yet every day desperate young women in our community make the choice between life and death for their unborn baby. The pressures they face can be intense and the value of the innocent life in their womb is often diminished. But we are here to help. At Hope Women's Center we offer counseling, support, and truth. In this loving atmosphere our clients can learn to see hope in a situation that may have seemed hopeless.

We walk alongside them in their situation giving God's perspective of both their value and the value of their unborn baby. We give them the tools they need to make it through their pregnancy. We equip them with the knowledge and information they need to make the choice between parenting and adoption. We are there for them in their moments of pain and hard choice. Won't you join us in this work?

Hope Women's Center is powered by your prayers and support. Our daily work is truly life and death. It is because of people like you that we are able to be there to make a stand for life. Will you volunteer? Will you pray? Will you partner with us financially? Will you make a difference in the life of a young mother and baby? To find out more, please contact us at Hope Women's Center at 855-8500. Thanks, and may God bless you.

### *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