



# Hope Women's Center

Winter 2016

## *From the Director*

God blessed HWC with a wonderful year in 2015 as we were able to assist many 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 2016 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, and that is 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 Human Life Sunday Jan. 17*

We believe that human life is of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, including the pre-born, the aged, the widowed, the mentally and physically challenged, the unattractive and every other condition in which humanness is expressed from the single-cell stage to natural death. In short, human life is sacred and respect for human life should be at the center of all we do. The Bible establishes that human life is sacred in Genesis 1:27 - "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." To be created in the likeness of God means that each human bears His image and with it, a value beyond our unique characteristics or individual attributes. Nothing else in God's created order has the distinction of reflecting His image; it's a privileged status reserved only for humankind. Contrary to cultural messages, our value isn't determined by our ethnicity, race or gender; nor by our age, ability or location. It's our divine membership in the human family that sets each of us apart as sacred. Men, women and children (including pre-born children in the womb) should be respected, regardless of their mental capacity, physical ability, or social position.

The concept of human dignity comes from the sanctity of human life. Since humans are made in God's image, we hold a distinctive status that sets us apart. Human dignity is bestowed upon us by God. Our failure to recognize and honor human dignity is apparent in phrases like "quality of life." The sanctity ethic reminds us that God is ultimately sovereign over the affairs of our lives, including our frailty and infirmity. The cornerstone of living out this fundamental truth is to recognize the value of our own lives and the lives of others. To live out the sanctity truth requires action: to remind those around us of the value of all human life by speaking out for "those who cannot speak for themselves" (Proverbs 31:8). Together we can live out and communicate the beauty, wonder and reverence our Creator intended for each person in the human family.... From Focus on the Family

## *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 low on long sleeved onesies in the 6 mo. to 24 month range and summer short sleeved onesies in the 18-24 month size. We could also use both heavy winter and lighter weight summer sleepers in sizes 12 to 24 months. Girls sizes 18-24 month winter clothes and summer sizes 0-3 month (the cutest age to buy for) are both low. In addition, boys size 18-24 months summer clothes are low. Boys seem to wear out before they out-grow clothes at this age so we appreciate any donations for them. Since babies tend to quickly out grow the newborn and size 1 diapers, we do not need that size, but could definitely use sizes 3-5. We always have a need for soap, shampoo, lotion, and other baby toiletries. Thank you ever so much for your consideration of these needs.

## *Walk for Life*

WALK FOR LIFE was very successful this past September with a lot of hard work from volunteers and Board members. We had 60 sponsors and 200 people signed up to walk. Although it was a rainy day, many people showed up anyway with rain gear and umbrellas and walked in spite of the rain. We are so thankful for those committed to helping the mission of Hope Women's Center. With God's help we raised \$11,000.00--\$3000 more than our first Walk in 2014. We are already planning the Walk again for September 2016. All of us who are a part of the Center pray for even more involvement from the community so we can touch the women that come for help.

## *WELCOME and GOOD BYE*

We would like to welcome Linda Burroughs and Glennon Britton on board with us at HWC. Linda has been a volunteer counselor for 3 years and will be coming on the Board of Directors. She will continue as a volunteer as well. She has a heart for the work we do here at HWC and is loved by all the young girls and mommies we assist. She is a minister of the gospel and truly loves the Lord. She is a great assist to the Center. We are so blessed to have her.

Glennon has just joined us this past year and is doing an outstanding job working with us and the young girls and mommies who come in our doors. She has a loving heart for all we do. She loves the Lord and is not ashamed to share it with people she comes in contact with. Like Linda, she is going to be a great assist to the Center. She also will be taking on the position of Assistant Director in Joan's place.

We hate to see Joan Johnson leave but she felt the need to step down as the Assistant Director. Joan has been a vital part of the Center for many years. Although she will no longer be the Assistant Director, she will continue to be a volunteer and will be on call when needed. She will be greatly missed. Thank you, Joan!!!

Life Is Sacred...Life is Precious  
Celebrate Life January 17, 2016

## *Legislation*

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

S 25, 28, 130 and H 3114 are known as the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" and would prevent abortions on the pre-born capable of feeling pain. S96 is the "Human Heartbeat Protection Act." S 129 is the "Personhood Act" defining when personhood begins. H 4538 would defund abortions. All of these are good bills that would help protect the unborn. Please let your state Senators and Representatives know you support these bills.

## **THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

Is being challenged in our country and the world. Some states now allow people to choose the time and method of their death. The number of murders continues to soar. Every single minute 80 abortions occur worldwide.

While the "death culture" is so prevalent among us, the GOOD NEWS is there is HOPE. Hope Women's Center has seen many babies saved from the tragedy of abortion over the years and the lives of moms changed forever. Thank you for your part in this work.

## **LITTLE ONES TO HIM BELONG; THEY ARE WEAK BUT HE IS STRONG**

"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

**PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

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