



Hope Women's Center

Winter 2017

From the Director

I pray you all are looking forward to a great New Year. God has blessed us with another year to be able to assist 651 families. We also had 2 babies born to our Mommies.

We were privileged to visit many churches and ladies groups and also to have groups meet here at the Center to let them know what we do. We have been able to help young girls and mommies to know how to take of themselves and their babies. Our prayer is that God will use us as a lighthouse on the side of this road to reach young girls and mommies who are in need of our assistance. May the Lord continue to bless each of you for caring.

– Judy

Sanctity of Human Life Remembrance

Sunday January 15, 2017

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court handed down a ruling that held a woman's right to an abortion fell within the right to privacy protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The decision gave a woman total autonomy over the pregnancy during the first trimester and defined different levels of state interest for the second and third trimesters. As a result of that ruling over **56 million** abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973.

Our Judeo-Christian tradition teaches us the sanctity of human life. The Bible says 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." Having been made in the image of God means so much more than receiving certain abilities and attributes. It means we actually are the images of God. Without a doubt, human life is sacred! What a privilege!

At Hope Women's Center, we believe that all of human life is of inestimable worth and significance, including the life of the pre-born. Yet today, over 85 million people have participated in an abortion-related decision—including boyfriends, husbands, and parents. The scars of those decisions will remain forever with the family. Yet,

God, in His infinite wisdom and love, is able to forgive. He cannot restore the aborted life, but He can give forgiveness that will meet each person at her point of need, and His sufficiency will abundantly supply. One way He often does that – in fact, the most common way – is through His people. And that is the primary purpose of Hope Women's Center.

This month, as you celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life on January 15, pray that God will begin to change the society in which we live by changing the hearts of people to whom we minister. Pray for the families that have been affected by the abortion decisions. And pray for the ministry of Hope Women's Center right here in Pickens County.

Help from H&R Block Partnership

Hope Women's Center is pleased to announce a new fundraiser for 2017. We are partnering with H&R Block of Pickens County to participate in their Nonprofit Referral Program. The franchise owners of these H&R Block offices, Larry and Julie Waters, are long-time friends of this ministry and are excited to have an opportunity to help generate some additional funds.

The program is simple and there is No Cost to HWC! For every new client that comes to H&R Block for tax preparation, Larry and Julie will pay \$20 to Hope Women's Center! There is No Limit to the number of \$20 rewards that can be generated!

To help in this fundraising effort, obtain a referral form from Judy at HWC and take it to the Easley, Pickens or Clemson H&R Block office.

Feel good knowing you helped the ministry of Hope Women's Center and you received exceptional tax preparation service!

Hope Women's Center Web Site

Hope Women's Center has a web site 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.

WALK FOR LIFE

We had another great Walk for Life in September under the direction of Gail Porter. We had 106 walkers and 64 sponsors and God gave us beautiful weather. We were blessed to receive \$9,575.05 with the help of so many community participators. Those funds were used to repair drainage issues at the Center that included removing all the shrubs, replacing the handicap ramp, work on the ground at the basement door and work on the AC and heat units. We are so thankful for all those who participated so we could get those necessary repairs done. We look forward to another great Walk in the fall.

Did You Know ...

You can change and save lives simply by volunteering, giving and praying?

That over 60% of women choose abortion because they are not being supported by the father and/or parents?

That you can help support young women in crisis pregnancies through your local Pregnancy Care Center – and Hope Women’s Center is the only local such center?

That telling others about why you are pro-life can save a life in the future?

That getting our there and helping a woman in crisis speaks much louder than just saying you are pro-life?

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. In planning for the summer months we are a bit low on size 18-24 month sleepers, and girls sizes 3-6 months and 18-24 months. While we have an abundant supply of diapers in size newborn to 2, we are in need of sizes 3, 4 and 5. We can never get enough wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo or baby oil. Baby furniture, such as 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. Thank you for helping us to do this with gently used or new items. Your donations are what keep us ready and able to supply needs for families here in Pickens County. And, should we have an abundance of donations, we pass them on to other organizations in Pickens County that may need them. Nothing is wasted.

Baby Bottles

A big “THANK YOU!!!” to so many churches for being a part of our Baby Bottle campaign. We have received many bottles filled to the top with change. If you would like to take part, just pick up some bottles at the Center for your family, Sunday School class or Bible Study group. At the end of the day put your loose change in the bottle and when it is full, drop it off at the Center.

SOMEONE

Someone told my Mommy, that I didn’t have to die,
Someone reassured her, and it made my Mommy cry,
Someone said that babies are a blessing from above,
Someone cared to listen, and it filled her heart with love,
Someone helped my Mommy, when her thoughts were running wild,
And that very special someone ... Saved this very happy child.

Psalm 139:13-16 – For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.