



Hope Women's Center

Winter 2018

From the Director

Another year has come and gone and God has richly blessed Hope Women's Center. We were able to assist many Mommies and babies. It makes our hearts so warm when the mommies come in and express appreciation for our services and when a child gets so excited over receiving a pair of shoes or a coat.

Through your love and support we are blessed to be able to enjoy these experiences. We look forward to 2018 and the many blessings God has in store for us. May God continue to bless each of you for caring.

Sincerely
Judy Pace

Sanctity of Human Life

Sunday, January 21, 2018

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States used the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. This year it will be celebrated on January 21.

In Time of Need

Hope Women's Center is here to serve those in unplanned pregnancies and we can always use your help in this ministry. No matter your skill set or interests, your gifts can be used to make a profound difference in the lives of women in our community. Please consider volunteering at Hope Women's Center. Call 864-855-8500 for more information.

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 12 to 24 month range. We could also use both heavy winter sleepers in sizes 18 to 24 months and lighter weight sleepers in sizes 6 months to 24 month. Girls and boys both in sizes 18-24 month winter clothes are low in our stock. Since babies tend to quickly out grow the newborn and size 1 diapers, we do not need that size, but could definitely use sizes 3-6. We always have a need for soap, shampoo, lotion, baby powder and other baby toiletries. And we could use Sooth baby formula – please check the expiration date. So many of you have been very generous in the past, and we – and our mothers and babies – thank you ever so much for your consideration of these needs.

Walk for Life

Our 2017 Walk for Life was a big success. We very much appreciated the support from the community, the hard work from our volunteers and Board members working to find sponsors, and all the walkers who participated – it was a big challenge. We had 67 sponsors and 100 walkers. The Walk provides us with money to pay for expenses that we have throughout the year to keep the Center going. We are a nonprofit so your help with donations and the Walk makes it possible for us to be able to do everything from providing items like formula, diapers, etc. to even keeping the Center open. But with the love and concern of others we seem to always have enough.

We counsel many young mothers to keep their babies and provide help after their baby comes. The love and participation from everyone is very much appreciated and God's love for what we do is always a blessing. Our next walk will be in October 2018. Thank you so much.

– Gail Porter, Walk for Life coordinator

Baby Bottle Campaign.

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.

Legislation

There are two bills currently in the SC Senate in Columbia. In order to become law each bill must go through the Senate and be passed by the House and signed by the Governor by the end of May 2018. If you are in favor of either of these bills, please let your Senator know.

S217 is a bill to enact the Personhood Act of South Carolina to establish that the right to life for each born and preborn human being begins at fertilization and that the rights to due process and equal protection, guaranteed by the Constitution of this state begins at fertilization.

S467 is a bill to require abdominal ultrasounds be conducted prior to performing or inducing an abortion to determine if the ultrasound detects a fetal heartbeat; to provide that an abortion cannot be performed or induced on a woman during the 13th to 19th week of pregnancy if the ultrasound detects a fetal heartbeat; and to require that a woman be notified of her right to know if a fetal heartbeat was detected during the ultrasound.

How Many Abortions is Too Many?

Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, quietly released its 2016-2017 annual report over the New Year's holiday weekend. The report shows a decrease in the abortion giant's number of patients from 2.5 million in 2015 to 2.4 million. The number of patients seen at Planned Parenthood has dropped almost 23 percent from the 3.1 million they reported ten years ago in 2006.

Indiana University's Court "Victory"

A recent decision by a federal judge in the state of Indiana will allow Indiana University to continue using brains, livers and kidneys from

aborted babies in grisly experiments.

As Life News reported, Chief Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana sided with Indiana University researchers, arguing that most of the law was unconstitutional. The university sued the state in 2016 after lawmakers passed a law prohibiting the acquisition, receipt, sale or transfer of aborted baby body parts. Violations would be a felony.

The purpose of the law is to stop the sales of aborted baby body parts. It came about after a series of undercover videos by the Center for Medical Progress exposed Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities potentially illegally selling aborted baby parts. Earlier in December, news broke that the U.S. Department of Justice officially is investigating the abortion chain.

Now IU can continue the grisly experiments and the ruling means Indiana is blocked from enforcing much of the law aimed at prohibiting the trafficking of parts from aborted babies in Indiana.

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Eye Contact Makes a Baby's Brain Waves Sync with Yours

The more we learn about God's creation, the more we should be moved to worship and stand in awe of him – because his creation is amazing! It seems no matter where researchers look, or what kind of research they do, they discover layer upon layer of complexity. And researchers just discovered another layer of complexity to our brains.

A recent study found that when adults and babies make eye contact, their brain waves actually fall in sync, giving them shared patterns of brain activity. This happens as brain waves "meet in the middle" – baby's waves become more like the adult's, and the adult's become more like the baby's. Scientists believe this may help babies and their caregivers communicate better.

Our brains really are incredible! And the more research that's done, the more we realize what they are capable of. There's no way our complex brains could come about by random chance processes – they clearly show the fingerprint of an Intelligent Designer. And that Designer is the Creator God of the Bible, who has made us "fearfully and wonderfully" (Psalm 139:14).

– From Answers in Genesis