

news

Summer/Fall 2018

Inspiring hope...

~A Message from our Director, Sarah Ann Brummitt

As I sit here writing to you, my heart is overflowing with awe and gratitude. I am beyond words and beyond blessed to share the amazing things happening at HPC. We have prayed that all who enter through our doors would know that they have entered a place of hope. A place that offers safety, the warmth of love, encouragement, and the support to take a leap into life-changing ways. I am so very excited that our Hope Program is going full speed ahead and the clients are learning great Life Skills for themselves and their children. We have seen major changes in everything from the facility, to the program, to increased clients and visits, and more people getting involved in so many different ways... volunteering—serving—supporting. This summer, we have given Center tours to various church groups. The insight to what HPC offers our community has not only provided opportunity for others to get involved, but also, resources for us to offer our clients. (If you would like to come for a tour, please email or call HPC, and I would be most happy to show you around. I look forward to hearing from you.)

As we continue to build upon the free services we currently offer our clients, we are in the process of developing innovative ways to increase client connection. We are not only excited about bringing these visions to life, but we are expectant to see what God has in store, and we are most thankful for the Holy Spirit that leads, guides, and directs us with each step.

In closing, as you read through this newsletter, please continue to pray for the staff and volunteers. No day is the same at HPC, however, almost every day we find ourselves face to face with each of these... from smiles on clients faces, to looking into the eyes of hopelessness and tears. Thank you for praying for us as we show others that through the love of Jesus, what seems like a hopeless end, can become endless hope!



THANK YOU!

With overwhelming gratitude, we would like to thank each one of you for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign.



On May 3rd, women from Fairbury United Methodist Church joined HPC for our REAL WOMEN Event.

This is an evening where the HPC staff, volunteers, and clients together, enjoy a meal, each other's company,

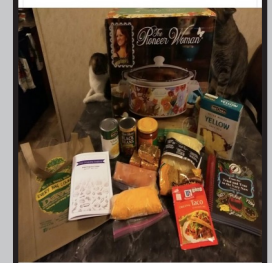
and the opportunity to learn. It is an evening FOR the clients, ABOUT the clients, and BECAUSE the clients

are worth it! The UMC women hosted the evening, and they not only made an amazing dinner for us all to enjoy, but they lead the teaching of how to make several types of crockpot meals. HPC gifted new

crockpots to each client, and the UMC women provided ingredients for the next meal, a cookbook, and more.



A huge thank you goes out to Hope Pregnancy Center of Pontiac! We had an amazing meal, great laughs, were taught some valuable skills and were given all of this for FREE. This group is truly a god send. I'm so happy I found them when I did!



Over 20 clients with their little ones were able to attend! There were great conversations, lots of laughs, and at the end of the evening, the question was asked... "When are you having the next REAL event? This was so fun!"



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

**Invites you
to the HPC Annual Fundraising Dinner**

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Dinner and Program 6:30pm-9pm
(Seating begins at 6pm)

Come see how God might be calling you to **inspire hope** in the lives of real people with real dreams, real fears and real hurts. Learn about being a part of this exciting ministry.

Walton Centre

100 W. Locust St., Fairbury, IL 61739

Dinner reservations are \$15/person
Host a table of 8 for \$120
Invite and sit with your family & friends

RSVP by October 2nd!

An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended.



Meet our
GUEST SPEAKER:

MELISSA OHDEN



Melissa is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Despite the initial concerns regarding Melissa's future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived, but thrived. With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, and also child welfare.

Melissa was formerly a College Outreach Speaker with Feminists for Life and is the former Patron of Real Choices Australia. She has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, and the Australian Parliament.

Melissa is on the Board of Directors for the Vitae Foundation, a national organization which uses media to advance a culture of life. In 2012, Melissa founded The Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). ASN seeks to educate the public about failed abortions and survivors while providing emotional, mental, and spiritual support to abortion survivors. Since ASN's inception, Melissa has been in contact with over 210 survivors.

Melissa has been featured on television and radio programs including: The 700 Club, EWTN, Fox News, Focus on the Family, American Family Radio, the Mike Huckabee show, and the Teresa Tomeo show.

Melissa is the author of *You Carried Me, A Daughter's Memoir*, released in January of 2017. After years of searching for her biological family and offering them forgiveness for the decision that was made to end her life, Melissa's story, and her life, is so much more than one of survival. It's evidence of the intergenerational impact of abortion on all of our lives. More importantly, it's a testament to the beauty of God's grace, the power of love, and the transformational power of forgiveness and in answering God's call for your life.

Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her from the certain death of the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless.

HPC HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteer Profile: Jackie Mustread



My name is Jackie Mustread, and I live in Pontiac. I was raised in Odell where most of my family is from. My husband, Bruce, and I have four children: Jennifer is 34 years old and lives in Woodridge, IL. Keith is 32 years old and lives in Baltimore, MD. Josh is 24 years old and is living in Bloomington. And Abby is 21 years old and also lives in Bloomington. All

our children are married with the exception of Abby, as she will be starting her final year of nursing school next month.

Bruce and I have two grandchildren: Ryan is 5 years old, and Madalyn is 2 years old. We enjoy spending our free time with them, swimming and playing games. They both are truly a gift from God. I believe Hope Pregnancy Center is doing great things for women and their families. I am honored to be a part of this ministry.

Volunteer Profile: Debbie Underwood



My name is Debbie Underwood. I'm a happily married mother of 6 grown kids between my husband and myself. We also have 6 grandkids, 1 foster grandchild, and a granddaughter on the way, so they keep us very busy! I retired 3 years ago after working at Caterpillar for 25 years. I've enjoyed being retired but kept feeling as though I needed to be doing something else.

I volunteer for Chenoa Library, trying to raise funds for a new library. Our town library is too small and also not handicap accessible, which is very important to me since my son Kyle was in a wheelchair and loved to read. We were constantly finding places he couldn't go due to the accessibility, so joining this committee seemed to be something I was called to do.

I still felt as though I needed to be doing more with my life and time, and had been asking God to help me figure out what I could do. I knew I wanted to help others and when I heard about Hope Pregnancy Center, it seemed like the perfect fit. I love children and I know what a struggle it can be to raise a child. I also know how much people sometimes just need someone they can count on to be there for them, to listen and care for them. Hopefully, I can be one of those people.

New Board Member: Nick Feldman



Pastor Nick and Meredith moved to Pontiac from Texas in January to be a part of the exciting ministry and movement happening at Pontiac Bible Church. Nick has been in ministry for 10 years. Nick and Meredith are passionate about doing ministry together, seeing God glorified in healing hurting marriages, and seeing the gospel advanced to as many people as possible. The Feldman's enjoy their daughter, Summer (age 4), son Michael (almost 2), and they look forward to meeting #3 this fall.

The Feldman's are eager to be involved in the work of HPC because they know and have experienced the hope of Jesus, the love of Jesus, and the joy of Jesus. They've been able to lean on Jesus and these gifts from Him, in times of trouble, fear, and heartache when the world has offered an "easier" way.

Those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy are often overwhelmed by the range of emotions that can come along with such news, and are understandably drawn to the idea of an "easier" choice for their circumstances. Nick, with the support of Meredith, wants to partner with HPC as the ministry continues to draw on the hope of Jesus as they offer His truth and grace to the hopeless and hurting.



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When you give to Hope Pregnancy Center, your return on investment is human life—saved and transformed.

We are in the life-saving and life-changing business. When you invest in the HPC ministry, you are investing in lives—those yet to be born and those of women and men who are desperately seeking help and hope. With your gift, HPC can continue to meet physical and spiritual needs, educate, and inspire hope to those who come in our doors, all free of charge.

YOU MAY DONATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

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We thank you for your gracious and self-less support!

Mark your calendars:

HPC Annual Fundraising Banquet
October 25, 2018

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HPC Wish List

New Infant Car Seats

Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion

Gas Cards for Clients

Taxi Vouchers/Show Bus Vouchers

Laundry Detergent

Diaper Bags, Sippy Cups, Baby Gates,
Enfamil Gentle Ease Formula

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