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Defending hope...

~A Message from our Director, Sarah Ann Brummitt

When you were in your darkest moment, feeling the weight of the world on your shoulders, what did Jesus do for you? I can tell you that for me, He met me there. He got in that moment with me.

What would it be like if we did that with other people? Got in the pain with them. Felt their hurt. Carried that weight with them while teaching, nurturing, and loving them. What an example of Christ. What a description of defending hope—the hope for pro-abundant life! You see, to “defend” is to protect from harm; to make a case for the accused; plead for; to speak on behalf of. And you cannot do any of this unless you get in the moment with them. With every client we serve at HPC, the staff and volunteers are doing just that! You see, getting in the moment could mean discussing the options a young girl faces with a positive pregnancy test; teaching a mother how to care for a newborn; weeping with her over a miscarriage or loss of her infant. It’s creating a budget outline; preparing a job resume; helping study for the Rules of the Road or GED tests. It means moving quickly with the resources we have to relocate an abused client and her child out of town for safety; gather food for a young family who has been without. And I could go on and on with more examples of what “getting in the moment” with our clients has been so far this year, but you get the point. It’s all about being present!

Another way HPC is defending hope, is in the case for life. HPC, along with many other Illinois Pregnancy Centers, is standing for life as the battle continues in Illinois regarding abortion. Last year we were granted a preliminary injunction protecting centers from having to refer for abortions. The judge that granted this injunction has now retired and there is a new judge reviewing the case. Also, the State has replaced their two original attorneys with four more aggressive attorneys. Currently there are several pregnancy centers who will be called to provide depositions speaking for all Illinois centers once a court date is set. In the meantime, NIFLA (National Institute of Family and Life Assoc) has encouraged us to put the call out to all prayer warriors as “This is a battle”, and could go to the Supreme Court for decision. As of now, we are not expecting a decision to be made until early 2020.

HPC is pro-life, and not just that, we are pro-Abundant life! We thank each one of you for your continued prayers and financial support as we put on the armor of God daily defending the hope of life for the unborn and pro-abundant life for the young mothers and fathers. We ask that you would join us in being a spokesperson for the Hope Pregnancy Center ministry. Spread the word and bring awareness to how we are serving Livingston County, and why you support HPC. Then, encourage others to partner with this life-giving, hope-defending ministry.

In love and hope,



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Volunteer Profile: Kia Whitney

Hello! I'm Kia Whitney, a new member of the HPC family. William, my husband, and I left the busy city life in 2016 to enjoy the hard work of the country life (Blackstone, IL) with our eight kids. Our mission was to better steward what the Lord has graciously entrusted to us... and to slow down. Since leaving Aurora, IL, life has only become fuller and



busier... yet more meaningful! As only the Lord can do, He added two more children to our crew which amazes people but not more than it amazes ME! Yes, I am intimately aware of how God has a plan that He is actively working out in the lives of His people!



Today, our little homestead and farm is home to our family of twelve where we raise Milking Shorthorn dairy cows, chickens, ducks, pork, and beef. All this is the Lord's doing and a testimony to Jesus working all things together for good to those who are called according to His will.

Before having kids, I taught elementary school in New Jersey, Maryland, and in Chicago but nothing has been as stretching, exciting, and sanctifying as choosing to homeschool my kids!

We are members of Living Word Bible Church in Morris, IL and often have someone from church mention volunteering at crisis pregnancy centers or sending out prayer requests. The Lord kept prompting ME to find a way to actively stand for life outside of my home. Though, admittedly, my plate is full with raising, teaching, and caring for my own crew, my husband and I believe me being at HPC and supporting their ministry assists us in showing our kids Jesus! It is far better doing the tough things that matter and that He calls you to than just "having a comfortable life." While life is still super busy, it is a blessing carving out time to serve others on the HPC team as a receptionist!



On June 6th, the Fairbury United Methodist Women, and Healthy Families joined HPC to host an "Unbirthday Bash" REAL Event for our

clients and their children.

In celebration of everyone's birthday for the year, we grilled hot dogs and had all the picnic fixings thanks to many who donated.

We enjoyed playing games with prizes.



The desserts were delicious! Each client went home with a birthday gift, and knowing how special they are!



SPONSOR A DAY

This is a fundraising opportunity for those who love this ministry and would like to sponsor one day this year, to invest in the lives of young women and their families. It currently costs \$300/day to operate the ministry of Hope Pregnancy Center.

How to sponsor a day:

- Pick a day of the year you would like to sponsor, such as an anniversary, child's birthday or special event.
- Pay through check, pay pal, debit card or credit card.
- You can make a one time payment of \$300 or a \$25 monthly payment. If you pay with a card or pay pal, please visit the Donate option on our website at www.pontiochopepc.com and make sure to put "Sponsor A Day" in the comments along with the date you've chosen. Our Hope Team would like to pray for you throughout the day that you've chosen, so please include any prayer requests you might have. If you pay by check, send to PO BOX 417, Pontiac, IL 61764.

All donations are 100% tax deductible!

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

*Invites you
to our Annual Fundraising Dinner*

Defending HOPE

THURSDAY, OCT. 24, 2019

6:30PM

Doors open at 6pm

Guest Speaker: Jill Savage

Walton Centre

100 W. Locust St. Fairbury, IL

Thanks to our underwriters

There is no cost to this event

An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended.

Please make your reservation by Oct. 10th

Meet our Guest Speaker:

Jill Savage is an author and speaker who is passionate about relationships.

Founding Hearts at Home, a national organization that served moms for 24 years, Jill now speaks to thousands of men and women each year about their priorities, their passions, and their purpose.

She has been called one of today's most exciting female speakers. Her honest, engaging communication is strengthened by her ability to make her audience laugh while they learn.



Jill is the author of eleven books including *Real Moms ... Real Jesus*, the best-selling *No More Perfect Moms*, *No More Perfect Kids*, *Better Together*, and *No More Perfect Marriages*. Jill and her husband, Mark, live in Illinois and have five children and three grandchildren. You can find Jill online at www.jillsavage.org.

HOPE NEWS e-newsletter

A simple way you can help HPC, is to sign up for our *free* emailed newsletter. This form of delivery helps decrease ministry costs, while still providing you with the complete newsletter.

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When you give to HPC, your return on investment is life—saved and transformed.

We are in the life-saving and life-changing business. When you partner with us, 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 partnership, HPC can continue to meet physical and spiritual needs, educate, and bring hope to those who come in our doors, all free of charge.

YOU MAY DONATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS

On-line: Credit Card, Debit Card, or Pay-Pal
Electronic Funds Transfer, Check
Or by Memorials and Honor gifts.

Donations are 100% tax deductible

HPC Wish List

New Convertible Car Seats

Jesus Storybook Bibles

Crockpots (6 quart)

Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner

Post-It Notes
Blank Business Envelopes

Pull-ups, Baby Bottles
Sippy Cups, Baby Gates, Puffs, Juicy Juice
Enfamil Gentle Ease Formula

Please Pray with Us.....

- Praise for healthy babies born
- Pray for New Volunteers to join HPC
- Clients to apply the life skills program, open hearts to Christ, and thrive
- Physical, emotional, spiritual protection over HPC volunteers, staff, and board

HPC Staff

Executive Director-Sarah Ann Brummitt
Business Coordinator-Normandie Lyon
Program Coordinator-Ashley Diaz
Administrative Assistant-Holli Paine

HPC Board Members

Board President-Lisa Watson
Vice Chair-Janelle Zotz
Secretary-Marie Haag
Jill McCulloh; Joel Paine; Nick Feldman

PRAISE REPORT:



1405 Baby Bottles went out this year
for the HPC Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you to all who participated!