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#### BUILDING INSPIRING DEFENDING RESCUING

#### Hope rescues...

~A Message from our Director, Sarah Ann Brummitt

Hope rescues! Jesus is our hope, and in Him we are rescued. There seems to be many songs on the radio lately with this truth in the lyrics. Songs such as Lauren Daigle's -Rescue - "I will send out an army to find you in the middle of the darkest night it's true, I will rescue you. I will never stop marching to reach you in the middle of the hardest fight it's true, I will rescue you." And Zach Williams song -Rescue Story - "You were the voice in the desert calling me out in the dead of night fighting my battles for me, You are my rescue story. Lifted me up from the ashes, carried my soul from death to life bringing me from glory to glory, You are my rescue story."

Each one of us has a rescue story, a testimony, to share with others of how Jesus saved us and filled our lives with hope, And how He can do the same for them! The staff and volunteers at HPC are not only living testimonies that hope rescues, but we get the opportunity to share this with our clients.

HPC brings hope to our clients in various ways. Practical ways, such as education on pregnancy, parenting, life skills, etc., and material items needed to care for her baby, brings hope that the client can be a good mother and has the support needed to do so. Emotional ways, such as one-on-one visits with an HPC Coach who listens, encourages, and guides the client in a loving manner. This brings the hope to her that there is someone who cares! And Spiritual ways, such as sharing the gospel and testimony, praying with the client, and providing her with a bible (and her child with a children's storybook bible). This whispers the hope of Christ upon the heart of a client as she is searching for someone to love her and fill the void in her life.

You bring these three ways together, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the lifting up of prayers from our prayer warriors, and the financial support of our partners, and there is no doubt that at HPC, hope rescues! In love and hope,

Hi! My name is Lexi.

I've been coming to HPC for almost a year.

When I walk in the door, I know that I am in a safe place... I can just breathe! The ladies at the front desk always greet me with a warm and inviting smile, and I am always offered something to drink. As I meet with the Coach

to start my lesson, I'm not only excited to learn something new, but I am also grateful for encouraging



conversation and a listening ear. The relationships I now have with the coaches and staff have helped me navigate through many situations. When my fiancé and I found out we were expecting, we weren't in a good position. I had been working 2 jobs to make ends meet, but due to an injury and it's restrictions, I was taken off the work schedules. My fiancé had just undergone surgery and we went several months without income. Bills as you can image were rather haywire! We moved and I become very isolated. So, I started looking for outlets, and found the Hope Center! HPC is not just a place for handouts, it is a place where you are set up to win! The people at the center are incredible! The lessons they offer range from pregnancy, the infant and toddler years, all the way to finances and budgeting!

I began going to HPC weekly, and let me tell you, the amount of weight lifted after attending my appointments was amazing!

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#### Volunteer Profile: Heather Gallagher



Hello my name is Heather Gallagher. My husband's name is Tim, and we have 3 grown children: Sawyer, Parker, and Emma. Emma is married to Luis.

I attend Pontiac Bible church and our small group at church was given the opportunity to come alongside of Elizabeth Home in helping with training of the girls or maintaining the home with repairs. While taking on that ministry, the Lord opened

my heart to the idea of coaching the girls at HPC. A lot of girls that come to Elizabeth home also come from Hope Pregnancy Center, so I would be given an opportunity to get to know the girls at the center as well as in the home. I recently attended training for biblical counseling, and that has really grown my desire to help these girls even more than before because I feel a little more equipped.

Coaching the girls was not a desire that I have always had, but it is a desire that the Lord has been growing and nurturing in me these last several months. My prayer is that He continues to grow me in my knowledge of Him so that I may be better at helping others to know Him better.

#### Volunteer Profile: Deena Rodino



My name is Deena Rodino. My husband, Mike, and I will have been married 37 years this September.

We have two grown children-Jacinda, who is married, lives in Flanagan, and has three adorable girls. Our son, Devin, lives in Missouri and is to be married in May.

We love to travel and we especially like spending time with our granddaughters.

I have been a registered nurse for over 40 years, working many of those at St. James, and semi-retired last year. I knew I wanted to volunteer somewhere after retirement and happened to run into Sabra Molen who told me about her work at HPC.

I am a "behind the scenes" kind of person, so helping Sabra with the Hope store seemed like a perfect fit.

The other team members I have met at HPC are great. I enjoy the camaraderie of the group as well as knowing we are making a difference in the lives of the women and children who come to HPC.



#### Volunteer Profile: Greta Janis



My name is Greta Janis. I live in Minier with my husband of almost 6 years, Darrin, our beautiful miracle of a baby boy, Jake, who is 8 months old, and our three dogs. I am a work-fromhome realtor for Coldwell Banker so that I can be at home with our son as much as possible. Jake is our "five years in the making baby" and during that five years I

felt my heart being prepared more and more for the role of being a mother. When Jake finally arrived, the ugliness in the world being directed at human life hit my heart in a new way. I have several women very close to me who have faced unplanned pregnancies, many of whom have had abortions and I see how that has affected their lives. Women in those situations deserve the same love their babies deserve. I really felt myself being pulled in the direction of volunteering in crisis pregnancy. I knew I wanted to volunteer at a center that was faith based and in a geographic area (either very urban or a rural setting) with great need. I had spoken with other centers but when I spoke with Sarah, she explained how they were so short staffed due to harvest season, how they like volunteers to arrive early so that the entire staff can listen to a devotional and pray prior to seeing clients, and talked about the program offered. I knew Hope would be a great fit. I also liked the idea of working in Pontiac since I lived there when I was younger and it still feels a bit like home. I am a client coach and even though I am a new mother and don't have the parenting experience that some of the other coaches have, I go into each session with an open heart and pray I am able to show each mother and their babies the love and respect they deserve and share with them the love that I experience through Jesus Christ. As I interact with the clients, I feel God work in my life even more.

### **Volunteer Opportunities at HPC**

Client Coach— A client coach literally is a coach who comes alongside our client, no matter their current life circumstances and encourages them long their journey. You will build relationships with clients by meeting with them ono-on-one, guiding them through the hope program. Hope program consists of educational topics such as parenting, pregnancy, relationships, finance/budgeting and much more.

**Receptionist**—A receptionist warmly greets and welcomes the clients and guests of HPC. Duties include scheduling appointments, answering the phone and performing light office duties.

**Hope Store**—A hope store volunteer processes all of the physical items donated to the center. This includes sorting clothes, stocking, maintaining and organizing the store.

#### Other Volunteer Opportunities—

Assist with HPC fundraising events, Church Liaison, Handy Man, RDMS (Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer)

#### Other Support Opportunities—

Prayer Partner, Material Goods donor, Financial Partner

## HPC kicks off the BrightCourse Program

Hope Pregnancy Center continues to grow and develop our programs to provide clients with the most updated educational material and support possible.

We recently implemented the BrightCourse Program. This is a video-streaming service of our educational lessons which allows us to offer multiple client appointments at the same time, and it provides the option of texting the lessons to a client who is unable to attend her in-center appointment. Examples of this would be if a client is on bed rest, has transportation issues, has obtained a job and now works during center hours, or misses an originally scheduled appointment. With our BrightCourse program, the client will not miss a lesson! (This program is so invaluable at this current time as the Illinois Stay-At-Home Order is in place.)

How BrightCourse works: The client chooses which topics and lessons she is interested in. (See photo at right).

An HPC staff member then sends her the lesson through a text message. The text includes a link to the video lesson, the lesson worksheet and homework sheets, a FactSheet on the topic, and a Spiritual application sheet. The client can watch the video and complete the worksheet/homework sheets. Once completed, this is recorded in the client activity tracking and a staff member will contact the client to discuss the lesson, answer questions, be a listening ear, and share words of encouragement as the client prepares for the next lesson.





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In just a short time, my fiancé and I have been able to build our life back up and put all the pieces into place! Yes, we are still working through the same process and budget I learned through the center.

And in 3 years, our debt will be paid off!!!

I attend my appointments every week, continuing to educate and better myself so that I can be a better Mama! I've taken courses to teach me how to handle my older daughter's bully. And even courses on how to handle my wild little son by approaching what's going on differently. I didn't have parents that were hands on with me growing up. Having the center and the people there has helped me feel more confident and less lost as a mother! So, if you are a new mom or if you are on your third baby and you could use a strong support system, help budgeting, or even just help through a rough stage of motherhood, go to the Hope Center! Take notes, apply it to your life, and trust me, it will make a difference!

With each lesson and homework I complete, I earn points to shop in the Hope Store. They have baby items from clothes to cribs. Even hygiene stuff! And everything is always in such good condition! The ladies are always so excited to show me all the wonderful things they have in the store.

At the end of my appointment, I am sure to schedule another visit for the next week!





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#### Thank you for partnering with us! HOPE Pregnancy Center

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#### SPONSOR A DAY

#### HOPE T-SHIRTS



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.pontiachopepc.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!

## Did you know that something as simple as a t-shirt can impact lives?

When you purchase an HPC t-shirt, you will help to meet the needs of a mom and her baby. When you put on the t-shirt, say a prayer for our Clients and babies. When others ask what the t-shirt



means, let them know why you partner with HPC... to bring HOPE!

Hope for life of the unborn; hope for abundant life for the mother; and for all to know the HOPE of Christ.

Join the HPC mission and Bring Hope!

Sizes: S, M, L, XL \$15 2XL and up \$20

#### HPC Staff

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

#### **HPC Board Members**

President-Lisa Watson Vice President-Janelle Zotz Secretary-Marie Haag Joel Paine; Nick Feldman

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Due to the Stay-At-Home Order event dates will be announced at a later time

Baby Bottle Fundraiser
Trivia Night
Client "REAL" Event
HPC Annual Banquet

#### **HPC Wish List**

New Convertible Car Seats Pack n' Plays

Jesus Storybook Bibles

Crockpots (6 quart)

Laundry Detergent Adult Shampoo and Conditioner, body wash

Post-It Notes Blank Business Envelopes, Stamps All-Purpose Printing Paper (8.5x11)

Diapers (Newborn– size 6, name brand)
2T/3T and 4T/5T Pull-ups
Wipes, Baby Bottles
Sippy Cups, Baby Gates, Puffs, Juicy Juice
Enfamil Gentle Ease Formula