

## CELEBRATING 2017... ANTICIPATING 2018

BUILDING HOPE AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES... ONE AT A TIME!

### Building hope...

~A Message from our Director, Sarah Ann Brummitt

Interruptions... How do you view them? How do you handle them? We've all experienced some type of interruption during our planned day. Some can be only minor—You start the day with a dead car battery; A meeting runs longer than planned; You hit every red light on the parkway; The doorbell rings just as you rolled the first swipe of paint on the wall; and so on. Some interruptions can be life-changing—Perhaps your job position was eliminated; You didn't get into the college program you were working towards; Maybe you've received a phone call with news that in an instant, changed life as you know it.

Interruptions can be seen as an inconvenience, or seen as an opportunity. And how we handle them can not only affect us, but can affect others!

An unplanned pregnancy can be an interruption in the life of a client. And how it is viewed and handled, most definitely has its affects. At HPC, we see this first hand. Clients have dropped out of school, not working, and living off of whatever public aid they can; some are kicked out of the home, be it of parents or boyfriend, now couch surfing between friends; many fathers do not marry, leaving them with little or no support. For some, this is a cycle continued from the previous generation. At HPC we believe that God is leading us to do something about it. With our HOPE Program, our Client Coaches can help clients capture a vision for their life, create a customized plan with attainable goals, and celebrate with them, one accomplishment at a time. With this in place, the interruption of inconvenience, now offers an opportunity with an outcome for a different life empowered to overcome whatever obstacles are in their way, so they can finish

High school, pursue college, secure jobs, become independent, and raise their children in stable, healthy homes breaking generational cycles and having less repeat unplanned pregnancies.

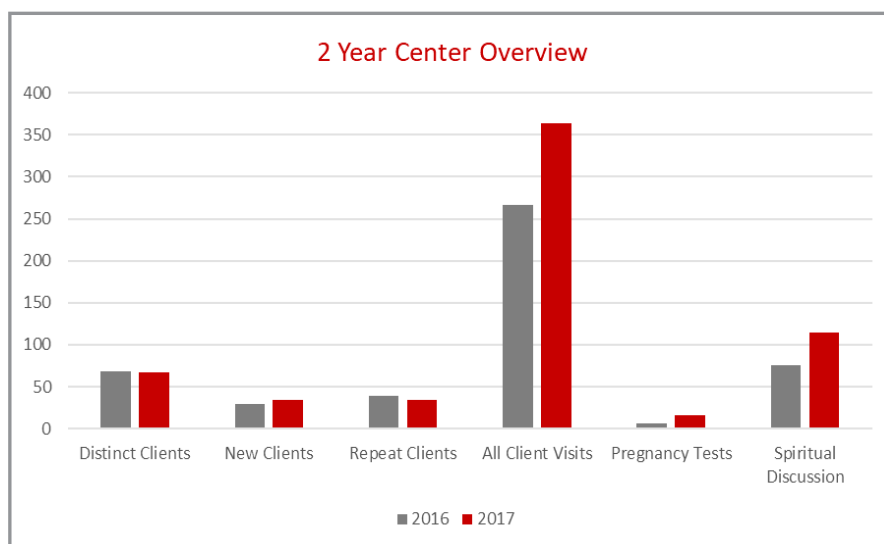
We often think of our clients as the ones needing to change their view and how they handle "interruptions". And while that's true, I have been reminded that I, too, need to view the interruptions that come my way, in the same manner, placing my trust and hope in the hands of a God who gives us endless opportunities.



At Hope Pregnancy Center, 2017 was without a doubt, a year of "building"... From brick and mortar- we now have a beautiful and strong exterior wall; From interior renovations- we now have a medical floor, offices, and the HOPE Store. From familiar faces to new faces- we have staff and volunteers who serve this ministry with their talents, time, and big hearts!

Yet, the reason that we can celebrate 2017 and anticipate 2018, is because our mission remains the same— to build hope and strengthen families, one at a time! We celebrate the lives that have been saved and changed over this past year. As you can see from the chart below, the Center stats are building. We were thrilled to see the number of new clients increase, along with the number of client visits. While HPC is only open 3 days/week, we still served 364 client visits in 2017, which kept the staff and volunteers very busy!

As we step into this new year to serve our repeat clients and to reach new clients in our HOPE program, we anticipate the opportunity to serve the community by continuing to offer pregnancy tests, along with the ability to offer ultrasounds.



## Meet our New Volunteers

### Volunteer Profile: Alesha Kendrick

I was born in Tyler, Texas in October of 1975. I have two younger brothers, one of which passed away in his 30s. I was born to a 16 year old drug addicted, run away, who chose life! Though my childhood was ravished by poverty and abuse, I was a happy child. I often went to church with family and friends and came to know Jesus as my savior at age 11 or 12. Though life didn't get any easier, I felt the Lord's presence. I knew I was being held. I met my husband, Derek, when I was 13, after he gave his life to Christ at church camp. We were High school sweethearts and married after we graduated in 1994. We welcomed our daughter, Brittani, in 1996. She and her husband recently blessed us with our first grandchild, Annabelle Grace. They farm; rice, wheat, and soy beans in Arkansas. In 1997 we welcomed our son, Mason. He is currently majoring in both Political Science and Cultural/Geospatial Studies at Arkansas Tech University. My husband's employer, NRG Energy, brought us to Illinois a year ago. We are currently remodeling a 125 year old farmhouse in Emington.

I have long had a strong passion for ministering to women. After serving in women's ministry, mentoring moms of young children, mentoring homeschool moms, and working behind the scenes of a new pregnancy help center in Hamburg, New York. I am so blessed to have an opportunity to serve the women of Hope Pregnancy Center. I have had moments where I feel inadequate for this calling, but the Lord has prepared me for such a time as this and He will sustain me. I know He will use my life experiences to bring glory to Himself and I am honored to be used by Him at HPC.

### Volunteer Profile: Hollie Paine

I am originally from Indiana. I grew up in a Pastor's home and have always loved ministry. Shortly after I married my husband Joel, we began doing Youth Ministry. I have been involved in Youth, Children's and Music Ministry, and currently we are serving in our first Lead Pastor position. I have four children: Maddi 13, Jaxen 12, the twins Markus and Julien who are 20 months old.

I really felt lead to love on our community here in Pontiac, but wasn't sure exactly what to do. I heard about HPC and what they do, and felt like that was something I wanted to be a part of. I wanted the opportunity to share God's love with others who need it, as they find themselves in a difficult situation.



### Board Member Profile: Joel Paine

Pastor Joel and Holli Paine moved to Pontiac, IL at the beginning of 2017 to begin as lead pastors at Livingston County Assembly of God.

Prior to their arrival in Pontiac, they served three different churches as associate pastors for 15 years, spending most of their time and energy with the youth ministries.

Pastor Joel and Holli have four children: Maddison (age 13), Jaxen (age 12), and twin boys, Markus and Julien (age 20 months).

They share a passion for life, and helping people find the true gift of life: a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Here are some thoughts from the Paine's about why it is so important to support the Hope Pregnancy Center...

"In Matthew 18, Jesus tells us the parable of the Lost Sheep. He said that He would leave the 99 for the 1 that wandered away. To keep the story of the lost sheep in context, you have to remember that Jesus was speaking about the importance of children. This is why at the end of the story, Jesus says '...it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish.' This tells me that GOD VALUES LIFE! He values the life of every person, no matter how big or small.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I must value life in the same way. It is our desire that every person faced with the choice, would choose to protect life, and find people that will help them in that choice."

# "BOWL FOR LIFE"

## HPC Bowling Fundraiser 2018

Saturday, February 17, 2018 | 1pm to 4pm | Fiesta Lanes Pontiac



Powder your hands, grab a ball, and hit the lanes!!

**BOWL FROM 1-4pm**

**\$100 MIN. PLEDGES TO PARTICIPATE**

**TEAMS OF 4 TO 5 BOWLERS PER LANE**

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

**STEP 1:** Call or email HPC for pledge forms.

**STEP 2:** Ask everyone you know to sponsor you.

**STEP 3:** Bring your completed Pledge Form(s),  
and collected pledges with you.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, SMALL  
GROUP, YOUTH GROUP, AND NEIGHBORS!

**JOIN THE HOPE TEAM AS WE  
BOWL ...FOR... LIFE**

### FIESTA LANES

955 W. Reynolds St.  
(Rts. 66 & 116)  
Pontiac, Il

### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER A TEAM:

#### STOP BY THE CENTER:

202 N. Main St, Pontiac, IL

**CALL: 815-842-2484**

**EMAIL: [office@pontiachopepc.com](mailto:office@pontiachopepc.com)**

**[www.pontiachopepc.com](http://www.pontiachopepc.com)**

Hours: Monday 10-6; Tuesday and Thursday 9-4

The HPC "BOWL FOR LIFE" Fundraising **GOAL** is for each bowler to raise \$200!  
Make a difference, BOWL FOR LIFE and help build HOPE!

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16*





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**"BOWL FOR LIFE"**  
HPC's Bowling Fundraiser  
Saturday, February 17th  
**Baby Bottle Fundraiser**  
Mother's Day through Father's Day  
**"REAL" Event**  
March TBA  
**Pastors, Pastries and Purpose**  
Wednesday, August 8th  
**HPC Annual Banquet**  
Guest Speaker: Melissa Ohden  
Thursday, October 25th

**HPC Wish List**

New Infant Car Seats

Large Storage Tubs

Pack-n-Plays

8' Step Ladder

Diaper Bags (for newborn gifts)

Size 4 & 5 Diapers, Wipes, Sippy Cups,  
Baby Gates, Enfamil Gentle Ease Formula

**Please Pray with Us.....**

- Praise for our clients that have chosen life, and the precious babies born
- Praise for the New Volunteers that have joined HPC
- Clients to apply the life skills program, open hearts to Christ, and thrive
- Physical, emotional, and spiritual protection over all HPC volunteers, staff, and board

**Board Members**

Lisa Watson – Board President; Daryl Evans – Vice Chair; Marie Haag – Secretary; Jill McCulloh, Darcy Woodburn, Janelle Zotz, Joel Paine

**Staff**

Executive Director-Sarah Ann Brummitt; Administrative Assistant-Normandie Lyon; Program Coordinator-Jayna Vroman