

HPC news

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~A Message from our Director, Sarah Ann Brummitt

Reach...Rescue...Renew... Isn't that what hope in Jesus can do?! It reaches into areas that seem hopeless; it rescues us from hopelessness; and it renews, thus, making us like new.

2020 certainly was a year of unprecedented happenings in our world and lives. Our everyday "normal" took on a new look and seemed to change daily. However, the hope that we have in Jesus remained constant. It is the hope in Him which allowed us at HPC to stay focused on our mission of serving families, meeting needs, encouraging, listening, and walking beside our clients. With God's provision, we had the ability to continue our educational program virtually, without any hitches. We were able to provide the material needs such as diapers, formula, clothing, etc., to our clients via curbside assistance and delivery.

We certainly missed having our clients in the center, and being able to meet the new babies that were born. Yet so thankful to continue the one-on-one hour appointments with clients virtually.

As 2021 begins, and we move forward in building a culture of LIFE and HOPE in these days, HPC has the confidence that we are right where we need to be and are doing what we need to be doing! Even in the state of our world, we can walk with peace and calm assurance that we are doing all He desires for us to do!

Isaiah 33:6 reads, "He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure." Jesus is our hope, our firm foundation, and with that, we can reach the young girl facing an unplanned pregnancy and give her hope. We can be a rescue for the unborn with hope for life. And we can renew the lives of young girls and families with hope, with love, and with an opportunity for abundant life where brokenness and hopelessness once prevailed.

It is truly an honor to serve and stand in these days for life! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making what we do possible. Thank you for joining HPC to REACH, RESCUE, and RENEW in the year 2021!

In love and hope,

The HPC fundraising events may have looked a little different this past year, and yet the faithful support and encouragement we received, allowed us to serve 66 clients, add 25 new clients into our program, complete a total of 556 client appointments, participate in local outreach events, and provide material needs.

In May, we kicked off the HPC WALK for HOPE virtual event.



Mid-summer, as churches began to re-open for services, the Baby Bottle campaign began. 1,038 bottles were passed out, and we were grateful for each penny, dollar bill, and check placed into these bottles.

Due to restrictions on group gatherings, HPC was unable to host our annual Banquet in October, so we created a mailing campaign "the HOPE invitation" to provide center information to all of our partners. This included center stats, service, and outreach, volunteer opportunities, client messages, along with areas of ministry impact that your donation provides. HPC would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who responded to this mailing!



As most of you know, HPC relies heavily on these fundraisers. They are vital to the sustainability and continued growth of the ministry!

The 2020 pandemic has greatly affected small businesses, even causing some to close their doors. Though we are very grateful to still have our doors open, it did affect HPC financially with a \$38k decrease from the year before. We know it has impacted each of us individually, and we cannot begin to express our gratitude for the love and support you have shown.

Volunteer Profile: Sharon Morgan

Hello, my name is Sharon. I am a volunteer at HPC as a Hope Store Attendant. I reside in Chenoa after relocating three years ago from Indiana with the passing of my husband of 46 years. I have three grown daughters. My oldest daughter, Lesley, resides in Conroe, TX with her husband Mike and their three daughters and six grandchildren. My middle daughter, Deana, resides in Bloomington with her husband Rod and two sons. My youngest daughter, Kimberly, resides in Chenoa with her husband Jason and their son and daughter. My hobbies include spending time with my family, reading, bird watching, going to garage sales and resale shops. I decided to get involved with HPC after seeing an advertisement in the newspaper. I felt it was a wonderful organization that offered hope and the love of Jesus to all who walk through the doors. My middle daughter had an unplanned pregnancy many years ago, and volunteering is a way for me to give back, to offer hope for young mothers, and a strong support system with a place they could turn to for love.



Volunteer Shout-Out

HPC would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for going above and beyond to help the staff and serve the clients during the pandemic. For the Coaches who participated in extended training to help provide virtual appointments to our clients; the Receptionists who helped with additional tasks; and for the Hope Store Attendants for helping with deliveries of material items, specific sorting of clothing, and much more.

Joanne Costa, Joni Russell, Alesha Kendrick, Sabra Molen, Deana Rodino, Sharon Morgan, Marie Haag, Pam Neander, and Judy Dewald...

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!

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 along their journey. You will build relationships with clients by meeting with them one-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

THANK YOU to our many churches who participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign. Together, we are bringing HOPE, HELP, LIFE & the LOVE of Jesus to our community.

PONTIAC

Central Christian Church
First United Methodist Church
Livingston County Assembly of God
Pontiac Bible Church
St. Mary's Catholic Church

CHENOA

Christ Community Church
1st Baptist Church
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

CHATSWORTH

St. Peter's & Paul Catholic Church

CORNELL

Cornell Baptist Church
New Life Christian Church

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist
New Life Assembly of God
St. Patrick's Catholic Church

EL PASO

Community Bible Fellowship
Grace Fellowship

FAIRBURY

Faith Fellowship Ministries
1st Baptist Church of Fairbury

FLANAGAN

Flanagan Community Church
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

FORREST

Forrest United Methodist

GRIDLEY

Christ Community Church
Prairieview Mennonite
Salem Church

LONG POINT

Long Point United Methodist



2020 HPC BABIES BORN

Rosalie

Emmanuel

Kaleb

DJ

Riley Dawn

Damian

Ivee Jordon

Elliana

Lucy

Tadgh

Rainee

Dawson

Jackson

Baby H

Leila

Adelyn



SHE DID IT!

And YOU helped make it happen!

CONGRATS DESIRAE!



On October 2, 2018, Desirae and her boyfriend walked through the doors at HPC to sign up for the HOPE Program. Since that day, they have faithfully attended every appointment, applied the educational lessons learned, and earned material items needed for their baby. They have grown in their relationship with one another and are wonderful, devoted parents to their little girl.

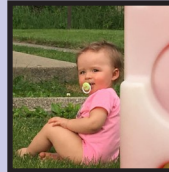
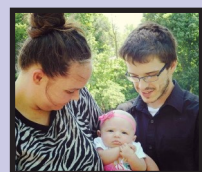
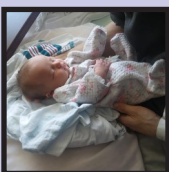
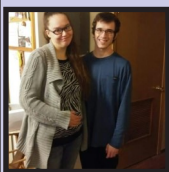
She did it, and you helped make it happen through your support of this ministry, be it through your faithful prayers, the material items you have donated, and because of your financial support. You've prayed for her prayer requests. You've met her needs through donated diapers, wipes, a crib and changing table, baby clothing, and much more. Your financial support to HPC first and foremost, made it possible for our doors to be open and for staff to serve, so Desirae (and clients like her) could find support, encouragement, and love. And it provided the educational lessons/materials from which she learned, along with gas cards to help get to her appointments.



Hear from Desirae...

"Hello everyone, my name is Desirae. I started going to the Hope Center about 2yrs ago when I found out that I had become pregnant. I heard about the center through the WIC program. My boyfriend and I started going to HPC originally because even though we both have siblings and I have 2 nieces, we didn't know much about pregnancy stages in itself, or anything about how the baby grows inside the womb. We also didn't know anything about the birthing process, so we figured it would be a good place to go and learn about these things. We continued going to the Hope Center even after we had our daughter, Lily, because we wanted to continue our education on the milestones of our daughter as she grows up. I also decided to take the life lessons, and learned a lot of valuable information such as how to avoid debt by not impulse buying and to manage my credit card use. As well as home health and screen time, and the effects both of these can have on you. Because of this, I have a deeper cleaning list throughout the house to maintain a clutter-free and cleaner house for the whole family. I have also set screen limits on my phone, and used that time to spend more time with my family and doing things that are more important to me. Since we were new parents, we did ALL the lessons on parenting, baby's first year, and then finished up with the toddler lessons. I've gained not only a great group of people that I can always turn to whenever I would need to talk about anything without judgment, but I've also gained a lot of knowledge about what to expect throughout my daughter's toddler years. Such as potty-training, how to deal with her tantrums, and what to expect in general. As well as how to prepare for our future and manage debt in order to stay out of debt, and so we can save money as we go."

Below are photos of Desirae, Justin, and Lily throughout the past two years



HOPE IN ACTION

The pandemic has not stopped HPC from caring for our clients!

Just as Jesus is always our hope, no matter what comes our way, HPC continues to offer hope to our clients, their unborn child, and/or their children. Through our BrightCourse program (photo right), we are able to provide virtual appointments on all lessons offered. And just like an in-center appointment, the clients are able to earn credits as they learn, to get the material items they may need. The HPC staff has provided curbside and doorstep deliveries of material needs since the beginning of the pandemic. The center has also had the ability to provide toilet paper, food, and furniture to our clients with immediate needs thanks to the quick response of donors following our requests placed on the Hope Pregnancy Center Facebook page.



As we continue to move into 2021, HPC will serve our clients with the love of Christ, the support of you our partners, and with the hope of abundant life for each one, born and unborn.



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SPONSOR A DAY

HOPE T-SHIRTS



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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



THANK YOU

We want to say a huge thank you to the organizations and businesses who have donated many different items. We were able to bless many clients, due to your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The 2021 events such as Trivia Night, Walk for Hope, Baby Bottle Campaign, and Annual Banquet are TBA

HPC Wish List

New Convertible Car Seats

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, Juicy Juice Enfamil Gentle Ease Formula

HPC Staff

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