

# HPC news

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~A Message from our Director, Sarah Ann Brummitt

"Life decisions need life support." This statement came from a Directors Chat with CareNet's President and CEO, Roland Warren. The moment I heard this, I tucked these words into my heart and thoughts because it's so true. If you are like me, when I'm faced with a decision to make, I look for and need the support that stands behind that decision. Oftentimes that comes from the people around me who I trust, the resources available to me, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I not only considered this statement for its truth in my own life, but held it up to the statement of mission of Hope Pregnancy Center and to what HPC provides to our clients, because life decisions do need life support! This year begins the 36th year of HPC serving Livingston County! 36 years ago, Judy Dewald and several other women met with a desire in their hearts to provide a place, a pregnancy center, that offered love and help. With much prayer, faith, and God's provision, the doors were opened to this ministry to serve the young woman who, faced with an unexpected pregnancy and life decision, would be given life support through the educational program, material items, options information, and one-on-one visits with a client coach. And this support continues strong today. Throughout these 36 years, Judy Dewald has faithfully served this ministry. She has volunteered countless hours in the center. She and her husband have been faithful supporters in multiple ways. She has been a mighty prayer warrior—praying for the ministry itself, the clients, the babies born and unborn, the staff, the volunteers, the board members and the donors. That is life support!

From the moment this ministry came into being to this very day, the pregnancy center has acknowledged that life decisions need life support, and that is what the center offers. God placed this pressing truth upon the hearts of Judy and many others, and during these 36 years countless lives have been impacted. All of us from HPC would like to thank Judy for her love, dedication and faithfulness to this ministry. Though she will no longer be volunteering at HPC as a receptionist, Judy will continue to serve as a mighty prayer warrior as 2022 unfolds.

In love and hope,



NEW!

## SURRENDERING THE SECRET

HEALING THE HEARTBREAK  
OF ABORTION

This year, HPC is launching a new program within our ministry! With the desire to be the extended hand of Christ to those hurting from abortion, HPC will be offering *Surrendering The Secret* (STS) by Patricia Layton.

This is a video-supported Bible study that leads a person through a powerful life-changing process that will heal the heartbreak and bring freedom from the shame, loss, confusion, and bondage of a past abortion.

STS is a time-proven process that follows a pattern similar to many post-traumatic stress recovery programs and designed to be completed over an 8-week period. Its use has led thousands of women into the truth about abortion, the restoration that comes through forgiveness, and the hope of God's plan of redemption.

Many women not only cry out silently for such a ministry but also are waiting to be used by God to reach others.

HPC is thankful to be able to bring STS to our community. The program is set to begin on Wednesday, April 20th.

Hope Pregnancy Center provides a safe, secure, confidential and non-judgmental environment in which restoration and reconciliation can occur.

**For more information contact HPC at  
815.842.2484 or email at [www.pontiachopepc.com](http://www.pontiachopepc.com)**

Psalm 61 tells us Christ was sent to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for captives, to release prisoners from darkness, to comfort all who mourn, and to exchange beauty for ashes and praise for a spirit of despair.

## Volunteer Profile: Tammy Staley



Hello my name is Tammy Staley and this is a little about myself. I started working at Dwight Cor. Center in 1984 and transferred to Pontiac Cor.Center in 1999. I retired in 2013 when I turned 50. I worked 29 & 1/2 years for corrections. I had my daughter in 1988 and I was a single mom. In 1994 I

got married. At that time, I wasn't a Christian, and I found myself in a divorce in 2002. My husband was unfaithful and fathered a child with another woman. I was hurt and was devastated thinking what did I do wrong. I needed help and felt all alone. My daughter was going to the youth group at PBC and accepted Jesus as her Savior. She came home and asked me if I would go to church and wanted to tell me all about God. Since I was not a Christian I said "no" and said don't bring God stuff in the house. 1&1/2 years later my daughter (Casey) came home and said "Mom I know you don't want me to talk about God, but I am going to be playing the bongo drums in church. Will you come and watch me play?" I loved watching her do things like that with band at the high school so I said yes I will come. She told everyone at church I was coming. When I got there everyone made me feel so welcome and no negativity. That began my journey to becoming a Christian. I liked the way people made me feel accepted. I kept going back to church. On April 11, 2004 I accepted Jesus as my Savior. Found out also my daughter had prayed for this for 2 years. I was Baptized February 26, 2006. Because I was a mom who wasn't there for my daughter, I chose in 2008 to be devoted to the Student Ministry Team. It has been 14 years now that I have been a youth leader. My daughter Casey was married in Sept of 2006 to an amazing man of God, Joseph Dixon, and they have four children now Luk 13, Micah 11, Ruth 5, and Hannah 2.

I went on a mission trip to Guatemala with my church in 2014 and then I met at my church, my current husband Steve Staley. We married on July 30th 2016. I began volunteering at HPC in 2017. My husband and I went to Brazil on a mission trip and helped build a church on the Amazon River Feb 2017.

As you can see in the beginning I wasn't perfect at all but with God I began healing. Now I love devoting my time to helping in student ministry and coaching young moms at HPC. I love being married and being a grandma. I'm known as Grammy. And my daughter and I have a wonderful relationship.



## Volunteer Profile: Deanna Albertson



Hi, I'm Deanna.

I've been a part of this great center off and on since 2000. When I started here I was a stay at home mom, my daughter had just started kindergarten and I felt God telling me to use that time for His service. I was friends with the director at that time, God led me to talk with her. I

am fiercely pro-life. In 2000, I started as receptionist, moved to counselor, did a maternity leave as temporary Assistant Administrator and when I had to go back to work full time served on the Board of Directors. That has been a while and I served under different directors and it has been a pleasure already to work with Sarah. I am back as an HPC Receptionist. I came here to bless others but as I'm here I find that I am the one being blessed as I reach out to others.

I am blessed to have 4 adult children, 4 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Most of them live close by except my daughter who lives in the Dallas area. They are the joy of my life.

Most of my growing up years I lived in the Normal/Hudson area then moved to Graymont, more recently in Pontiac and now have retired from a long and rewarding career with State Bank of Graymont.

I am currently blessed to serve on the board of directors for Elizabeth Home. I am a member of First Baptist Church of Graymont. I have served my church in many ways and enjoyed all of it. As I've retired I enjoy spending some time traveling. I consider myself to be a people person, love for people to share their stories with me, in the hope that all may find solace in Him. My faith in Jesus is my rock, my solid foundation, truly my all in all.

First HPC baby in 2022  
Born January 25th



Evie Roxane Meredith Malawe

# The HOPE Program continues to grow in training and education

*Equipping our Volunteers - Serving our Clients*

What separates Hope Pregnancy Center from other places is our educational (HOPE) Program. This program consists of our use of a website called BrightCourse that is responsible for creating and making lessons accessible to clients. BrightCourse has been a gift to our center, especially over the past few years as covid has caused us to change the way we offer lessons to those that wish to be a part of our program. This past year, BrightCourse has added something called BrightTraining to the mix. BrightTraining is a tool that our client coaches are able to access and offers continued education on many different topics that are specific to pregnancy centers. Soon after this training became available, our client coaches at HPC were asked to complete the 1st (of many) BrightTraining courses, called ***"Understanding Shame in Your Clients Lives"***. Lessons included in this course are: *Blame, Shame and History; Learning What We Live, Living What We Learn; Shame's Impact on Relationships; Working Through the Emotions; The Brain and Shame; Taking on the Blame; Boundaries*

After each client coach completed this training and received a certificate of completion, 8 new lessons became available to our clients in a course called ***"Parenting Without Shame"***. Once the client coaches completed the training, they were each equipped with the knowledge to understand how shame impacts not only the adult client, but the children she is raising as well. The course looks at how shame, "A soul-deep sense that you are flawed", starts to shape you as a child and affects your relationships, emotions, family and much more. This is just one of the many BrightTraining courses that our coaches have and will go through in order to better serve our clients. Other topics include: A bible study, sexual health, abuse awareness, abortion healing, and more.

## PRAYER ROOM

**The HPC Prayer Room will be opening to the community MONDAY, MARCH 14th!**

This will be the "war room for life"!

HPC personally invites you, our faithful prayer partners to visit the center on that day to say a prayer of blessing between 10am-5:30pm.

We would LOVE for you to join us!

Contact HPC if you would like more information.

\*During operating hours (Monday and Thursday 10-5:30pm, and Tuesday 10-3:30) our goal is to have prayer warriors lifting prayers continually on behalf of our clients and this ministry.

This will no doubt be life changing and faith-energizing! The prayer room ministry will not only benefit our clients, but also those praying, volunteering, and on staff.

## Q & A

*HPC Staff member, Ashley Diaz, took a moment to sit with Nicole, an HPC client, for a little "Q & A" time.*

**Question:** What initially brought you to Hope Pregnancy Center?

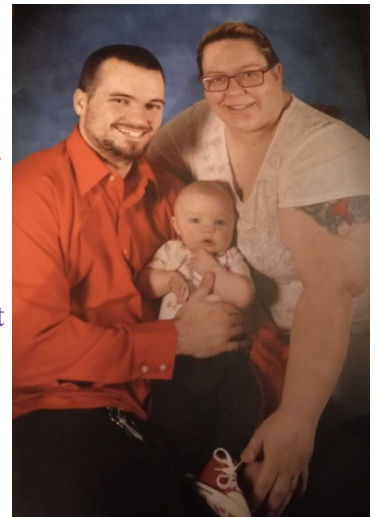
**Answer:** The people were so nice when I went with my sister, so I thought I would try the program when I found out that I was pregnant. I have been going there ever since.

**Question:** How long have you been attending appointments at HPC, and why do you continue to attend them?

**Answer:** I have been going to HPC since April 2021 when I just found out that I was pregnant. I had been a previous client back in 2012 when the center was CPC. Everyone at HPC is so polite, not rude. I really appreciate when the coach prays for me. The lessons I've learned have helped me as I care for my son.

**Question:** What are some things that you have learned which have helped in your pregnancy and parenting journey?

**Answer:** HPC has helped me through my gestational diabetes diagnosis and encouraged me to keep taking care of myself so



I in turn can care for my son. I really liked watching the Dunstan Baby Language lessons that helped me to distinguish between my sons cries to know when he was hungry, needed to burp, was tired, needed a diaper change, etc.

**Question:** Would you recommend HPC to your family and friends? Why?

**Answer:** Yes, I would because Hope Pregnancy Center has helped me and others, especially when we are struggling.

**Question:** Do you have any other comments that you would like to share?

**Answer:** I'd just like to say that there are great and awesome people at HPC!





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### 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.pontiachopepc.com](http://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!

## 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 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

## 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!

<b>Sizes:</b>	<b>S, M, L, XL</b>	<b>\$15</b>
	<b>2XL and up</b>	<b>\$20</b>



## HPC Wish List

New Convertible Car Seats

New Infant Car Seats

Baby Monitors

Laundry Detergent  
Adult Shampoo and Conditioner, Body Wash

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, Baby Gates

Enfamil Gentle Ease Formula

### HPC Staff

Executive Director-Sarah Ann Brummitt  
Business/Administrative Asst.-Holli Paine  
Program Coordinator-Ashley Diaz

### HPC Board Members

President-Lisa Watson  
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