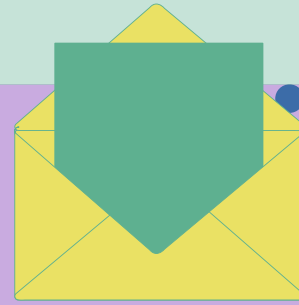


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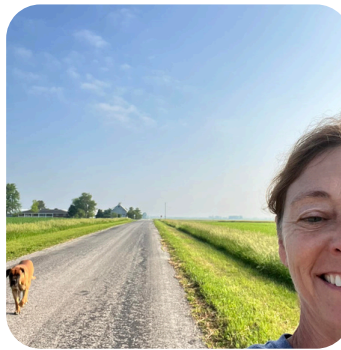


## **BABY BOTTLES**

We are yet again blown away by the outpouring of financial support from our local churches, organizations, and individuals during our baby bottle fundraiser. 1320 bottles were distributed. Thank you to all who have participated this year!

## **JUNE WALKING CHALLENGE**

This was the second year for our Hope walking challenge!



It was so fun for us to get out and get those miles in.

Thanks to all of those who donated to our staff and to those who jumped in on the fun by walking and getting their own sponsors!

We look forward to completing this challenge again next year!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE CENTER

## GOING MEDICAL: MEET OUR TEAM



**DR. JARED ZOTZ**  
Medical Director

Dr. Zotz is a Central Illinois Native, growing up in Roanoke and attending Illinois State University for his undergraduate degree and University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria for medical school. He married his beautiful bride, Janelle in the summer between college and medical school. They have 4 children, who are all currently teenagers. He completed his residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu and then spent four more years on active duty in the Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky before moving back to Central Illinois in 2015. He worked at OSF St. James in Pontiac from 2015-2019 where he and Janelle became involved in the Hope Center. Janelle was on the Center's board for several years and he was the medical director when the center first began performing ultrasounds for a short time. In 2019 he moved to Bloomington to join his partner, Dr. Rachel Dalton, a Pontiac native, at Heart of Illinois OBGYN. He's been assisting the Pregnancy Resource Center of Bloomington reading ultrasounds as well as recently becoming the medical director of the Danville Women's Care Clinic in Danville, IL. He is active in his church, and in his limited spare time, he enjoys travelling with his family, smoking meat, and spending time outdoors.

### **LISA WATSON, APN** Clinic Manager

I graduated from East Peoria High School in 1979 and Olivet Nazarene University in 1983 with a BSN. I went on to get my Master's Degree as a family nurse practitioner in 1990. I worked with Dr. Hough for 22 years and most recently Dr. Murphy with OSF. I retired from full time work on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 but continue to fill in various OSF offices and prompt care as needed. I have always respected life from conception to natural death and have served on the board for Hope Center for 12 years. I started the necessary study to become trained in Limited Obstetric Ultrasound after retirement and am anxious to serve Hope Center and clients with ultrasounds. I am married to Dr.. Doug Watson who operates Watson Vision Center in Pontiac. We have 5 children \*3 educators, 1 physician and 1 civil engineer) and 5 grandchildren. We attend Pontiac Bible Church where I have served in Children's Ministry, playing keyboard with the worship team and most recently started a ministry for 55+ folks at church called *The Classics!* I was active with Sports Boosters at PTHS with all 5 kids active in sports. I enjoy sharing my faith whenever possible, church, and family activities, cooking/baking, swimming/boating, gardening and serving widows and bargain shopping. God is so good!







## LINDA PATAROZZI, RN

(MEDICAL TEAM CONTINUED...)

I worked for OSF Medical Group from 2001 to 2022, first as a float nurse and then the past 16 years in the General Surgery office.

I loved my job there, feeling God had saved the best for last.

My previous nursing experience includes working in three emergency departments. My first nursing job was in Recovery Room. I have volunteered for the former Caring Pregnancy Center in the 1990's, working with Darleta Gramm on Abstinence Education in the schools. I also helped organize fundraisers.

I served on the board at Elizabeth Home for several years.

My husband and I attend the Chenoa Baptist Church. We were previous members of Central Christian Church of Pontiac until it closed in 2024. Other volunteer work includes working at Pontiac Helping Hands Resale Shop and Carroll's Timer Edge Farm. Hobbies include gardening, re-decorating my house, and reading. I look forward to serving in a new capacity at Hope Center as an RN with the Hope Medical Team.

# Meet our newest Board Member

## PASTOR GENE STRINGER

Hi, I am Pastor Gene Stringer. I have the joy of serving as the Pastor at First Baptist Church of Pontiac. I also work as a chaplain and do street ministry, which means I get to meet people in all walks of life and remind them they're not forgotten—that God sees them and cares deeply. Outside of ministry, I'm a husband, father, and grandfather, and each of those roles teaches me something new about grace, patience, and unconditional love. I've been around long enough to know that persistence isn't just a virtue—it's a lifeline. Whether I'm preaching a Sunday sermon, planning a concert, or having a conversation on a sidewalk, my heart is to help people live with eternal purpose. On the board, I bring a mix of theological depth and practical experience, but most of all, a desire to serve with integrity and keep Christ at the center of it all.





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## **UPCOMING BANQUET**

We look forward to an in person banquet this year as we talk about the ***"Image of Hope"***.

Please save the date for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and watch for more details soon!

## **TRANSLATORS NEEDED**

We are looking for individuals who can translate for our client coaches and nurses during client appointments and ultrasounds/pregnancy tests

Contact [office@pontiachope.org](mailto:office@pontiachope.org) if interested

### **Hope Center staff**

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Business Manager-Jill McCulloh  
Business Admin Assistant-Randi Schaffer  
Client Services/Development Manager-Ashley Diaz  
Client Care Manager- Paulette Zimmerman  
Client Coach-Savanna Birky

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