Finally! Some Good News!

Fall Fundraising Event Will Continue

Can we all agree that 2020 has been kind of a terrible year so far? We have seen so much fear, uncertainty and turmoil in our communities and in our nation. COVID-19 and political unrest have affected us in ways small and large; it seems as if 2020 has been the year of relentless BAD NEWS. But Jesus said in John 16:33, “...in this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

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There is true hope in knowing that the God of the Universe cares about you and me. He wants to give us joy and hope, even in a world that seems to be spinning out of control. Take heart! He is in control!

As we considered how to address our upcoming Fall Fundraising Event amidst a global pandemic, we decided that some GOOD NEWS is in order. As you may know, this event provides almost 1/3 of our annual fundraising budget. It’s a big deal! And yet, some of you may not be comfortable gathering as we usually do, and we at Hope understand that and are committed to the health and wellbeing of our donors. We know you don’t come just for the shrimp bar or beautiful displays of scrumptious food—you come to support a ministry that’s close to your heart! This year, our event will look a little different than in previous years, but the heart of the event will remain the same.

We will share GOOD NEWS of what’s happening within the ministry, and you’ll be inspired by the heartwarming story of a young woman’s journey from a painful beginning to a beautiful end. You’ll hear GOOD NEWS about the state of the ministry and how you can be involved and, as always, you’ll be invited to join us by hopping onboard to financially support this ministry that you love.

And more GOOD NEWS? We’ll do it all in one hour, in an atmosphere that welcomes social distancing for those who prefer it. We won’t leave you wanting for scrumptious treats, either—just wait until you see your individually boxed dessert, prepared especially for you by Loula’s Café and Delectable Desserts! And if you aren’t comfortable attending? We know your financial support won’t end—we’ll be sure you have a way to continue to be involved from a distance.

GOOD NEWS, friends! We can adapt to our current situation, and you can continue to support a ministry that never stopped supporting women, men and children during the COVID-19 crisis. Join us on September 18, 2020 for some GOOD NEWS, and let our event take you back to the 1950’s where the news was good and times were simpler. You’ll be glad you did.

Michelle
and so do the lives of those serving with Hope Pregnancy Ministries. Two longtime employees of Hope, Sandy Hanson and Debbie Otto, have retired and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with them.

Sandy was the Office Manager at Hope Pregnancy Ministries for the past 8 years, and was the glue that held us all together. Her sweet spirit and calming presence made the office a better place. Sandy was well-known for her ready reply, "It always works out", and she was right. It really does.

Debbie has been a part of the ministry of Hope almost since its inception, working in various roles including After Abortion Care and as a member of the Board of Directors. Most recently Debbie managed Hope Family Resource Center, which reached its highest potential under her leadership.

Both of these women will be dearly missed, and we at Hope pray many blessings over them as they enjoy their retirement! Thank you for your faithful service, Sandy and Debbie!
Bottles for Babies Goes Virtual!

Remember back when you picked up a baby bottle at church and stuffed it full of money for Hope? Those were the days! As you know, our annual Bottles for Babies Campaign typically launches in churches on Mother’s Day and runs through Father’s Day. Obviously, this was impossible for us this year because of COVID-19, so we changed our approach! The Bottles for Babies Campaign has gone VIRTUAL! We’re very excited about this opportunity, and hope you are, too! Simply visit the Hope Pregnancy Ministries website at hopepregnancyministries.org and “fill” your bottle! The funds generated from this campaign cover a significant portion of our yearly budget, and without it, it will be challenging to continue to serve women and men. As we face these uncertain times, we covet your prayers and your ongoing support as we continue to care for women facing the difficult decision created by an unexpected pregnancy. Your support means everything…and EVERY PENNY COUNTS!
What a year 2020 has been! We cannot seem to catch a break for any normalcy. Although the 2020 Diaper Drive was nothing like previous years, God provided for Hope Family Resource Center with the help of our friends in the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA). We were able to collect over 8,000 diapers and 3,000 wipes from generous supporters in Columbia Falls, Kalispell and Whitefish! Current circumstances are tough, but nothing is too tough for CMA! They provided warm welcomes to all, entertained customers with their goofy personalities, and were the hands and feet of Jesus. CMA members mentioned that the Diaper Drive is one of their favorite events, which was demonstrated by their passion for making the event both fun and successful! Thank you for blessing us, CMA!

Thank you to the businesses who allowed us at their store locations: Smith’s in Columbia Falls and Kalispell, Safeway in Whitefish, and Wal-Mart in Kalispell.