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FALL 2020



FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

GOOD NEWS!

The GOOD NEWS of HOPE!

On Friday, September 18th, a small but mighty band of just over 100 people gathered for the 2020 Hope Pregnancy Ministries Fall Fundraising Event. As always, our event was graciously and generously hosted by Easthaven Baptist Church, where Hope originated over 20 years ago! And just for fun, we went back in time, to the 1950's, where times were simpler and the news was GOOD. The staff of Hope and some of our guests caught the vision and even dressed the part! What fun!

This year has been unlike any other and the same holds true for this event. Out of respect for the social distancing requirements in place due to COVID-19, we streamlined our process. Guests were served a beautiful and delectable dessert, individually and carefully boxed especially for them, and then seated with minimal social contact.



From the earliest planning stages, it was our intent to focus on GOOD NEWS, especially during these trying times. Guests heard inspiring stories of what God is doing within the ministry of Hope, including: victories at Clear Choice Clinic and on its mobile medical unit; new programs Hope Family Resource Center is offering to the community; the joy of hosting a clinical rotation for MSU nursing students at Clear Choice Clinic and their surprise when they learn who we are and how we serve people; an update on the success of the *Earn While You Learn* program hosted by HFRC in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Kalispell Regional Healthcare; and other wonderful stories of GOOD NEWS!

The highlight of our evening was the beautiful story of Abigail, who shared how her connection with Hope brought her through an unexpected pregnancy, and reminded her of the grace available to all of us. Abigail shared her journey of anguish, pain and ultimate redemption, and how the ministry of Hope changed her heartbreak into GOOD NEWS. Visit hopepregnancyministries.org to view the video for yourself. You'll be glad you did.

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The Staff of HPM.



GOOD NEWS!

In the midst of COVID-19, we didn't know what to expect of this event, and our supporters exceeded every expectation! While the number of those attending was less than one-quarter of the normal attendance, the combined gifts of those who attended (and those who did not) raised over 75% of our projected goal for the evening!

We are blessed by the kindness of you, our contributors. Through your generosity, and your gifts of more than \$113,000 for this event, we are able to continue serving women, men and families in our community into 2021. We could not feel more blessed, and can't wait to see how God provides the remainder of our need! If you were unable to attend, but would like to contribute, you may do so from our website or in the envelope enclosed. Simply indicate that your gift is for GOOD NEWS. Because it is.

As you will see in the video, Hope Pregnancy Ministries is affecting change in the lives of people in our community. We are humbled and energized when we consider what He has done here, and it is our pleasure to share the GOOD NEWS with you.



Beloved

Medical Director Retires



Congratulations are in order on the retirement of our beloved Medical Director Jack Lavin!

After a 39 year career in Obstetrics and Gynecology, most recently practicing at Kalispell OB/GYN where he was a partner, Dr. Lavin has officially retired! Jack has served as the Medical Director of Clear Choice Clinic since its inception in 2007, and will continue part-time in that role. He is now joined by Co-Medical Director Dr.

Ken Graham, who will share CCC duties with him. Many thanks to Dr. Lavin for many years of service to the Flathead Valley. Scores of families and children have been blessed by his care, and his gentle nature and godly wisdom that "made everything right" in what can be a scary time. We at Hope are grateful for his continued service to Clear Choice Clinic, where he remains a source of wisdom and knowledge. **Congratulations on your retirement, Dr. Lavin!**

Welcome



Pastor Chris!



One of the core beliefs of Hope Pregnancy Ministries is that our faith is central to our conviction that *life is sacred*. In a large organization, even a non-profit, it can be tempting to focus on things like fundraising, a business plan or an advertising strategy. All of those things matter, but nothing is more important than remembering *why we do what we do and Who we serve*. To that end, the Bylaws of Hope Pregnancy Ministries state that the Board of Directors will always include a pastor. This requirement helps the board remain focused on scriptural principles and beliefs, a necessary and desired practice in any Christian ministry. In August 2020, Hope welcomed Fresh Life Campus Pastor Chris Gwinn to the Board of Directors. Chris was enthusiastic about our organization long before becoming a part of it. Now he brings a fresh zeal to the discussions around the table and offers solid biblical wisdom to the board and staff alike. Chris has been the Kalispell Fresh Life Campus Pastor since 2016. He and his wife Alie have one precious baby daughter named Parker. This addition to their family has brought Chris a renewed passion for the sanctity of life, an appreciation for the challenge of being a new parent, and a deeper understanding of the unending joys of raising a child. **Welcome, Pastor Chris!**

Did You Know...

- Clear Choice Clinic has safely and conscientiously served patients without interruption during the COVID-19 pandemic!
- Hope Family Resource Center's ***Earn While You Learn*** program is educating parents of the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) patients, empowering and equipping them to take better care of their newborn preemies!
- Clear Choice Clinic is a **clinical host for nursing students** from Montana State University! This means that each MSU nursing student spends one day immersed in the clinic, seeing compassionate care in action!
- Clear Choice Clinic's **Mobile Medical Unit (MMU)** serves patients in Eureka, Hungry Horse and Browning, offering the same services as are available in the clinic!
- Hope Pregnancy Ministries is financially supported by 139 faithful monthly **donors**, 22 **churches**, 22 **organizations** and many, many **individuals**. What a generous community of support!
- Local **pastors** periodically join the staff to present a **morning devotional**, to encourage and inspire the compassionate work being done within the ministry. If you're a pastor or ministry leader and would like to offer a devotional to our staff, call the office to schedule!



Update!

2020 has been a year of firsts in so many ways! As we've learned to cope with social distancing and functioning within a pandemic, we've been challenged to find new ways of doing things. One change (pun intended) for Hope was how to handle the long-standing tradition of our Baby Bottle fundraiser. Historically, over 2,000 bottles were distributed at churches on Mother's Day, and returned on Father's Day, full of coins, cash and checks! This year, due to local restrictions, many churches weren't meeting during that timeframe, and we had to think outside the box. And so, the 2020 Bottles for Babies Campaign went virtual! What we thought was a slam-dunk for simplifying the giving process turned out to be more challenging than we imagined. It seems not everyone was as excited as we were about the virtual approach being "as easy as the click of your mouse!" Imagine, change not being widely accepted! Who knew? With only 13 of the usual 60 churches participating in the virtual campaign, we were left a bit short of our goal of \$52,000. Nevertheless, we remain ever grateful for those of you who contributed either online or through bottles distributed to your churches this summer! In a difficult time for so many, we are still blessed to report that the 2020 Bottles for Babies Campaign raised \$34,614.59 to date, with bottles still coming in! If you didn't have the opportunity to participate by virtually filling a bottle, it's not too late! Simply visit hopepregnancyministries.org and click on the link for this campaign. Your contribution means that women, men and families in our community will experience a touch of Jesus. *Change* is hard, but it's worth it!



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