

Hope

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HOPE PREGNANCY MINISTRIES
FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Friday September 10, a wonderful group of supporters gathered for the 2021 Hope Pregnancy Ministries Fall Fundraising Event, THE VOICE of Hope. As always, our event was graciously and generously hosted by Easthaven Baptist Church, where Hope originated more than 22 years ago! This year we celebrated the many ways this ministry is THE VOICE of HOPE in the Flathead Valley. Our special guest, Todd Tilghman, inspired our theme, as the Season 18 winner of THE VOICE, and he helped us kick off a grand time!

Out of an abundance of caution due to COVID19, our process this year remained streamlined. Guests received a beautiful and delicious refreshment, individually boxed especially for them and prepared by none other than THE Jeannie Schelling. After being seated, we shared inspiring stories of how Hope has been instrumental in changing the lives of the women and men we serve! So much is happening! We shared stories about how the ministry of Hope has brought hope and healing to so many—the young woman considering abortion, but after support choosing to carry her baby to term; the dad who is learning to be a better parent; the middle-aged woman who is finding emotional health through regular visits with our professional counselor; the young gay man who didn't think Christians cared about him; the couple who were planning to abort and divorce, but now they're keeping their baby *and* going to counseling together. This ministry is bringing hope and healing to those we serve, and it was a night to celebrate that!

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Todd
TILGHMAN



The Staff of HPM with Todd Tilghman



I stand today
because I
want others in
this valley to
know that
they are not
alone.

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Another highlight of our evening was a concert by Todd Tilghman, Season 18 winner of THE VOICE. Todd shared his gift of music with us, as well inspiring and hilarious anecdotes about his life and family. What a blessing to be able to share this fun concert with our donors! To end the evening, guests joined us in a moving candlelight ceremony reflecting on how God has rescued each of us from our own place of vulnerability and need. Our willingness to share our journey with others is often the key to *their* redemption and rescue. In lighting a candle and standing, guests declared that our God is a God of rescue, and that they stand with those we serve. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

We were honored to have almost 250 of Hope's strongest supporters with us, and what a wonderful time we had! While the number of those attending was less than our numbers pre-COVID, almost \$119,000 was raised, close to our projected goal of \$140,000! We could not feel more blessed, and can't wait to see how God provides the remainder of our need.

If you weren't able to attend (all are *always welcome!*), we hope this helps you to feel updated with the ministry of Hope. We would be especially grateful to know that you continue to keep us in your prayers. God has done marvelous things over the last 21 years through this ministry, but there is much left to accomplish in the coming years! If you were unable to attend, but would like to contribute, you may do so from our website or in the enclosed envelope. Simply indicate that your gift is for THE VOICE of Hope. Because it is.

As you can see, Hope Pregnancy Ministries has become THE VOICE of Hope in our community. We are humbled and energized when we consider what He has done here, and it is our pleasure to share this good news with you.



In Memory

Hope Pregnancy Ministries recently lost two dear friends and co-laborers in ministry. Mark Moerkerke served as a member of the HPM Board of Directors from 2008 to 2010 and was instrumental in offering much needed business expertise during the early years of Hope's growth. Jerry Meerkatz served as a board member from 2008 to 2012, and led the board as Board Chairman from 2008 to 2010. Jerry graciously offered his services as "the man of peace" during the 2017 Clear Choice Clinic expansion and remodel, allowing the Executive Director to focus on her duties rather than being distracted by a large building project. Both men were champions for this ministry, and both loved Jesus. Many will miss them. Please join us in praying for their families and friends, who are mourning their loss. Mark and Jerry, rest in peace until we meet again.



Jerry Meerkatz
August 27, 2021



Mark Moerkerke
July 16, 2021



Special Thanks!

**Hope Pregnancy Ministries gratefully acknowledges
the following businesses and organizations
for their generosity:**

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Highlighting Generosity

BOTTLES for BABIES

Many people admire the Flathead Valley for its beauty and wide array of recreational activities. Hope Pregnancy Ministries sees something vastly more remarkable. We view our valley as one known by the GENEROSITY of its churches. We're blessed to have 44 churches actively engaged in our annual Bottles for Babies Campaign! Isn't that amazing?! We think so, and we are immensely grateful. The 2021 campaign has now raised more than \$61,000 with coins continuing to show up at our office! That number (our highest total ever!) represents hundreds of families from our local churches who value life and chose to fill a bottle with cash, coins, or a check. We would also like to acknowledge the churches named below, who make this campaign possible. If you don't see your church on this list, please call 257-5700 and we will help you to introduce the next campaign, beginning on Mother's Day 2022!

Your contribution means that women, men and families in our community can experience hope and healing through Clear Choice Clinic and Hope Family Resource Center. **Every penny truly does make a difference.**

Active Word Ministries	Liberty Fellowship
Bible Baptist Church	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God	Polson Foursquare Church
Calvary Chapel of the Flathead Valley	Purpose Church
Calvary Lutheran Church	Real Life Church
Canyon Community Church	St. William Catholic Parish
Central Bible Church	Stillwater Free Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Church	Swan Chapel
Church of Christ	The Church at Creston
Cornerstone Community Church	The River
CrossRoads Christian Fellowship	The Rock Foursquare Church
Easthaven Baptist Church	Trinity Lutheran Church
Faith Lutheran Church	True Life Church
Faith Covenant Church	Veneration Church
Family Life Christian Church	Whitefish Assembly of God
Fellowship Alliance Church	Whitefish Church of the Nazarene
First Baptist Church of Bigfork	Whitefish Foursquare Church
First Baptist Church of Polson	
Happy Valley Missionary Baptist Church	<i>Special thanks to Grizzly Security for</i>
Hope Church	<i>transporting many hundreds of pounds</i>
Hungry Horse Chapel	<i>of coins, and the fabulous tellers at Glacier</i>
Journey Church	<i>Bank, Buffalo Hills Branch, who tirelessly</i>
Lakeside Community Chapel	<i>processed our coin. You are a blessing to us!</i>

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Welcome, Laura!

Hope Pregnancy Ministries is happy to welcome Laura Simpson, RN, to the Clear Choice Clinic team! Laura joined the staff in August of 2021 and will split her time between clinic nursing and the Community Liaison role. This fulfills Laura's lifelong dream of serving her community in a pregnancy medical clinic, meeting physical needs while loving people as Jesus does. Laura grew up in Ohio and earned her Bachelors of Science and Nursing with a minor in Spanish from Wright State University. Shortly after graduating, her position as a traveling nurse took her to Atlanta, where she practiced pediatric emergency nursing. Laura is grateful that God's grace has allowed her to be present in some of the most critical moments with her patients. Whether through performing tasks or praying over them, she considers it an honor to help in a time of need. In 2018, Laura earned a Masters of Biblical and Theological Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. She published her first Bible study, "Why the Wait, Lord?" in 2021. She lives in Kalispell and serves at Fresh Life Church on the worship team. Welcome, Laura!



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Diapers & Motorcyclists

Christian Motorcyclists Bless Resource Center



One wouldn't naturally put together *motorcycles* and *diapers*... unless, of course, you were a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association of Kalispell! Once again, this generous organization helped us further our mission by collecting almost 21,000 diapers and 17,000 baby wipes for Hope Family Resource Center, more than any diaper drive in recent memory! Resource Center clients earn diapers and wipes by attending parenting education classes at HFRC, and have an important need met by this resource. The generous outpouring of community support for this event is overwhelming, and the dedication of the Christian Motorcyclists Association is humbling. The CMA reminds our community that there are *many ways* to get involved in the ministry of Hope. We're so happy to call these amazing men and women friends of Hope.

Thank you, Christian Motorcyclists Association!

A special "thank you" to Wal-Mart, Smith's in Kalispell and Columbia Falls, and Super 1 and Safeway in Whitefish for supporting Hope Pregnancy Ministries by allowing the CMA to set up booths in front of your places of business! Your support was vital to our success, and we are so grateful!