



From the Executive Director

Healing Hearts

It has been said that people start to heal the moment they feel *heard*. At Clear Choice Clinic, it's our goal to offer a listening ear, compassionate heart, and equipping tools that allow each patient to begin their healing journey. However, we know that some of our patients come to us with many years of painful life experiences and deep wounds. While our nurses can identify these wounds, they are not equipped to give long term care for the profound emotional needs of these patients. Often, our nurses feel like they're putting a Band-Aid on a gaping wound and then sending the patient back into battle. It just isn't enough.

Three years ago, Hope Pregnancy Ministries took the bold step of adding professional counseling to our scope of care at Clear Choice Clinic. Nurses who identify a patient in need can offer counseling

to that patient *at no cost to them*, and arrange for the patient to be seen right here in our clinic. Clear Choice has partnered with two like-minded counseling practices

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Thrivology, Inc. and *Advance Hope Mental Wellness*. Professional and caring counselors from these two practices walk through some of life's most challenging circumstances with our patients who don't have the resources or sometimes even the ability to seek counseling on their own. In the refuge of our clinic, where the patient already feels loved, patients and counselors enter the sacred space of pain, betrayal, and brokenness, and find a path to emotional healing.



It has been such an encouragement to see change written on the faces of those who have benefitted from this service! The woman who couldn't make eye contact, now smiling and upbeat as she arrives for her counseling appointment; the man who was addicted to pornography, now proudly stating that he's "screen free" for the first time in years; the couple who was ready to throw in the towel and end their marriage, arriving for their appointment together, with a renewed HOPE for their marriage. This is compassion ministry. This is the love of Christ. THIS is healing.

Adding professional counseling was a big step for the ministry of Hope. We recognize that while this service is free to our patients, it does not come free to our donors. Everything worthwhile comes with a cost. For the 2021–2022 fiscal year, we budgeted \$16,000 for this line item... we'll spend every penny, and then some. There is *so much need*. Next year this budget will increase again. We won't stop (we can't stop!) the healing. Your continued support allows us to bring hope and healing to so many. If you'd like to join us on this journey, you may contribute to it using the envelope included with this letter or go online to give a gift of any amount. I wish you could see the long term change you're allowing people to experience. I hope you'll trust me when I say it's worth it.

Michelle



HPM Fall Fundraising Event

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

OCTOBER 14, 2022

It's never too early to plan for the Hope Pregnancy Ministries Fall Fundraising Event! Mark your calendar today and **SAVE THE**

DATE! On Friday, October 14, 2022, friends of Hope will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of the last year and look forward to the future of Hope Pregnancy Ministries! Consider it a *date night with a purpose!* Enjoy good friends, an update on your favorite ministry, and lots of delicious food! Plan to join us for a fun evening with likeminded friends, and support the good work being done right here in our community. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months but **SAVE THE DATE** today!



BOTTLES for BABIES

**As Easy as
1, 2, 3!**

**CAMPAIGN
DATES:
Mother's Day
thru
Father's Day**

We all know that baby bottles are a source of life-giving nutrition for babies...but did you know that baby bottles are also a source of financial sustenance for the ministry of Hope? Last year, 49 churches joined the Bottles for Babies Campaign, and a whopping \$64,840 was raised by people like YOU who 1) Took a HPM baby bottle home from church, 2) Filled it with coins, cash and checks between Mother's Day and Father's Day, and 3) Returned the bottle to church! Hope counts and reports your total. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3! **Won't you be one of many who fill Bottles for Babies?**

For more information about Bottles for Babies, or if your church isn't involved in the campaign, please call us! We'd be happy to help launch this effort in your congregation!



MAN TO MAN

***"Without consultation,
plans are frustrated, but
with many counselors
they succeed."***

-Proverbs 15:22

We know there is wisdom in the counsel of many. Even in the midst of overwhelming heartache and confusion, we may have some vague idea of what we want or need to do, but out of a sincere desire to do the right thing, we prefer to secure a measure of validation from others before we proceed. This is why options education for couples considering abortion is so valuable. At Clear Choice Clinic, it has always been our practice to offer evidence-based options education to women, including those who are considering abortion. This allows a patient to fully understand her options before making a decision. Unfortunately, too often the father of the baby is left out of the equation during this process. Many fathers come to their partner's appointment but spend a fair amount of time alone in the waiting room,

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until they are brought into the ultrasound room. We have tried to address their needs by providing a "dad bag" loaded with information and encouragement, but it has never felt like we were honoring the significant role every man has in the decision-making process.

In March, all that changed. We're pleased to share that we have brought on Aaron Scofield as a male advocate for fathers of the baby who attend their partner's appointment and desire a one-on-one consultation. Aaron is a longtime friend of Hope Pregnancy Ministries and is a perfect fit for this position! He is the Montana Director for Promise 686, a local nonprofit that mobilizes churches to support foster care, and a former staff member of ChildBridge. Aaron has a heart for children and families and understands the ministry of Hope! A former pastor, Aaron has a way of making men comfortable enough to share their hopes and fears, and challenge them to think for themselves! Aaron's caring demeanor and friendly approach allows for thoughtful conversations with men who are conflicted and hurting, and often overlooked.

Patients are informed when they schedule their appointment that a male advocate is available to meet with the father if he would like to do so. Many patients express surprise that this is an option and are eager to have their partner attend. While the patient meets with the nurse, the father is brought to Aaron's office where he is given a "dad bag" and engaged in conversation. There is no format, just a genuine offer of care and concern, and the benefit of wisdom given "man to man." In his first three weeks, Aaron met with eight fathers, to wildly favorable reviews! One father said that if he could, he would *"rate it a 15 out of 10!"* Another wrote on his exit review, *"Aaron really was able to encourage me in a way I had not expected."* Several have asked if they could return to the clinic, just to visit with Aaron! We know that good mentorship teaches someone how to think, not what to think. Allowing these dads to ask the tough questions, express their deepest fears, or just talk through what fatherhood might look like is empowering and necessary. Being able to do it "man to man" is just *right*.

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Stan's the **MAN**



After years of faithful service to the ministry, Stan Pine is leaving the Board of Directors of Hope Pregnancy Ministries. Intermittently since 2008, Stan has served as a member of the board, most recently in the position of Board Treasurer. During Stan's tenure, the ministry of Hope has seen substantial growth including the addition of STD testing and treatment at Clear Choice Clinic, a major building expansion and renovation, development of the mobile medical unit, and the achievement of accreditation by Hope Pregnancy Ministries. Stan's business expertise and spiritual wisdom have contributed to the success of Hope Pregnancy Ministries, and his

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legacy with Hope will continue well beyond his time on our board. We at Hope Pregnancy Ministries wish to express our sincere gratitude for Stan's contributions and wish him the best as he moves into the next phase of life. **Thank you, Stan! You're the man.**