





From the Executive Director

#### A Year with No Roe

One year ago, I shared with you a Q&A regarding the Dobbs Decision, which overturned Roe vs. Wade and returned the abortion decision to the states. In June of 2022, we knew the decision didn't change Montana law, but we were unsure how the ruling would affect Hope Pregnancy Ministries. But we knew for sure that the decision wouldn't change the way we care for women, men, and families. We renewed our pledge to continue to offer the same compassionate, dedicated care we always have.

A year later I can tell you that we have remained true to our word. Clear Choice Clinic is still a safe space of compassionate care for all who walk through our doors, and parents continue to engage in parenting education and mentorship at Hope Family Resource Center. So, has anything changed?

Sadly, yes. Leading up to the Dobbs Decision in June 2022, the abortion industry began a push to make the abortion pill more readily available than ever. Their efforts ultimately made it permissible to prescribe the abortion pill via telehealth and send it through the mail, without the patient ever seeing a doctor or having an ultrasound. Local pharmacies and corner drugstores can now dispense the abortion pill, thanks to another regulation change early this year. This leaves women alone: alone to determine how far along they are in their pregnancy, alone to ingest the pill, alone to suffer the side effects of the pill, alone to see their babies pass into the toilet or into their hands, and alone to determine whether their recovery is normal or not.

How much bleeding is too much? Was the baby fully delivered, or are there dangerous remnants left inside of her? Is this pain normal? Was her pregnancy ectopic, because the abortion pill is not just ineffective with an ectopic pregnancy, it could be lethal. These new 'norms' in medication abortion seem nonsensical, even coldhearted. And yet, medication abortion is on the rise, and visits to Clear Choice Clinic by women considering abortion have decreased 34% since the Dobbs Decision, despite our best efforts. Competing with "abortion by mail" has been challenging, resulting in fewer opportunities to interact with women and men who desperately need to understand their pregnancy options before making a decision.

So, what can we do? How do we fight what can feel like a losing battle? Are we still making a difference? These questions resonate

"We'll never stop advocating for our patients and walking hand-inhand with the hurting." in my mind, and the answer is, yes! The battle is worth it. We are changing lives. Every woman who

comes in with abortion questions and leaves with *truth* is a win. Each baby that is born because of his parent's visit to Clear Choice Clinic *matters*. Yes, the landscape has changed. Sure, it can be discouraging. But we aren't giving up. We'll never stop advocating for our patients and walking hand-in-hand with the hurting. And every day I remind myself that, while the world has changed, God has not. He's still in this. And the battle is His.





Hope Pregnancy Ministries
FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT
Friday | September 22 | 6:00 pm

#### Easthaven Baptist Church

Purchase tickets by September 8, 2023 Adults only please.



## You are Invited!

If you've never joined us for the Hope Pregnancy Ministries Fall Fundraising Event, you don't know what you're missing! Every year, faithful friends of Hope gather to hear what we've accomplished over the last year, and it's a celebration, indeed! This year we want to honor you, our faithful donors, by providing an evening of fun, laughter, and encouragement as we celebrate LIFE together! All are invited to come and enjoy the company of likeminded friends while we celebrate one last late summer evening of fun. We'll feast on wonderful summer fare provided once again by 406 BBQ, and laugh till our sides ache with the comedy of 3-2-1 Improv. And of course, you'll hear all about what's happening at Hope Pregnancy Ministries, and how you can get involved!

We have a lot to celebrate this year, so invite your tribe, purchase your tickets, and get excited—because you're not going to want to miss this!

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In April two young women in our community reached out to Hope Pregnancy Ministries with an offer: could their scouting troop hold a benefit talent show, with Hope as the recipient of their fundraising efforts? OF COURSE, the answer was YES! Weeks later, Troop MT2300 of the local chapter of the American Heritage Girls enthusiastically shared their talents with their family and friends and raised \$750 for Hope Pregnancy Ministries!

This effort walks out the mission of American Heritage Girls, which is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age, and this troop has been active in Kalispell since 2021. Two ambitious young ladies, Trinity and Kyra, earned their Abigail Adams Award (AHG's top-level award) for their hard work, but we think they earned more than that. They earned our respect and gratitude and reminded us that,

"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible—and achieve it, generation after generation."

~ Pearl S. Buck.

We at Hope are inspired by the ambition, generosity, and community-mindedness displayed by these young women. When we grow up, we want to be just like them!

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For many years, the Christian Motorcyclists of America (CMA) have taken to the streets (well, actually, taken to the local grocery stores) to host a diaper drive to bless the clients of Hope Family Resource Center with an abundance of diapers. This year, they joined forces with other local motorcycle clubs to host the most creative event yet! Our CMA friends were joined by the Vanguards, the Sacred Seven, Via Bellator, the Christian Crusaders, and the Misfits. These faithful and devoted friends of Hope spent the day collecting not only diapers, but monetary donations and new baby clothes! At the end of the day, this amazing group stocked the Hope Family Resource Center baby boutique with more than 19,000 diapers, 45,000 wipes, and over \$3,700 worth of new baby clothes!

These diapers and clothing will be a tangible expression of God's love to our hard-working moms and dads who complete parenting education at HFRC. Thank you to these faithful motorcycle clubs and their members, and to all who contributed to this year's CMA Diaper Drive. We at Hope are grateful for the friendship of our motorcyclist friends in leather.

Thank you to the businesses who hosted the drive at their store locations: Albertson's, Safeway in Whitefish, Smith's in Columbia Falls and Kalispell, Super 1 Foods in Kalispell, and Wal-Mart. When you shop there, please thank them for their support of Hope Pregnancy Ministries.