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From the Executive Director

Another Open Door

Since 2007, Clear Choice Clinic has provided sexual healthcare services to our community, including pregnancy diagnosis and options education, and STD testing and treatment for women and men. As we've seen a need, we have added services such as our mobile medical unit and professional counseling. All along the way, our goal has been to reach more women and men with life-affirming care, and I think we've accomplished that.

I'm thrilled to share with you that Clear Choice Clinic has further expanded our scope of practice! We have added Well Woman Care to our services. This includes an annual exam with Pap test,

"As we navigate a world that is ever-changing, it's important to consider how we should change along with it." lab work and care for basic diagnoses that may arise during an exam. Well Woman Care is now available for any woman—the

un-insured, the under-insured, those without a provider, or those seeking a new provider. For *every woman*, Clear Choice Clinic will be a long-term solution to her ongoing feminine needs, offering more than just medical care, but care that addresses her whole person and builds real relationships. This will further our goal of becoming the "go-to clinic" for sexual healthcare and expand our reach to many more women in the demographic we aim to serve, expanding our influence when patients find themselves facing an unexpected pregnancy. As always, the patient will not be charged for an office visit but will pay a reduced lab fee for testing that may arise. We think this strikes a good balance between compassion and encouraging patients to take responsibility for their health.

It's exciting to note that we've hired a nurse practitioner for this position. Four years from the day we hired Stefanie Schelling as our Nurse Manager, Stefanie saw her first patient as a Nurse Practitioner at Clear Choice Clinic. Over the past four years, Stefanie was a stellar staff member and leader at Clear Choice, while she obtained her education

as a Nurse Practitioner. Now that she has attained her goal, we are most pleased to have Stefanie on board in this new capacity. She joins a strong group of nurse practitioners and physician assistants already practicing as volunteers at Clear Choice.

Here at Hope, we have a strategic plan. As we navigate a world that is ever-changing, it's important to consider how we should change along with it. If our primary mission is to offer life affirming alternatives



Stefanie Schelling, NP

to abortion, perhaps we should begin creating relationships with women *before* they find themselves facing this most difficult decision! What if that relationship changed the trajectory of a patient's life, and she never found herself having to make this choice? With this addition, we're choosing to be *proactive* rather than *reactive*. Since the Dobbs decision in June 2022, more and more women are choosing abortion by mail, and our opportunities to interact with them are decreasing. Opening another door to relationships and broadening our area of influence is strategically wise, but it's also compassionate. Because with every patient interaction, we create an opportunity for the life-changing work of Hope Pregnancy Ministries to make a difference. That's what we do. And now we have another opportunity to do it.





Since 1999, Hope Family Resource Center has offered parenting education to moms and dads in the Flathead Valley. Our goal has always been to come alongside parents during what can be a very lonely and vulnerable time, growing new moms and dads into confident and loving parents. Parents help their kids grow, but we help their parents grow!

Recently one of our HFRC clients graduated from the parenting program after two years. She left this note:

There are no words to adequately share what these past two and a half years of mentorship have meant to me. You have seen me through many valley and mountain seasons and seen me through many valley and mountain seasons and your support has been the constant that I needed. I can't your support has been the constant that I needed. I can't your support has been today without you and everyone imagine being where I am today without you and everyone at Hope. You all are remarkable! Truly the hands and feet at Hope. You all are remarkable! Truly the hands and feet of Jesus. My husband, son, and I are forever grateful and have been blessed beyond measure. We are praying for an outpouring of blessings on all of you and on Hope.

With so, so, so much love,

(signed by client)

We don't always know how our work will impact a life. And many days we wonder if we've made a difference at all. But when we received this heartfelt letter from our client, we were reminded that investing in the lives of people is always worth it. And it's done so beautifully by the staff and volunteers at Hope Family Resource Center.

(Photos): HFRC Lobby and Mentor Room

HPM FALL FUNDRAISER 2023



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, September 22, 2023** friends of Hope will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of the last year and look forward to the future of Hope Pregnancy Ministries! This year we want to bless you, our donors,

with a night of fun! For this special event, we've invited the renowned **321 IMPROV** to share their hilarious comedy with us! This year we have a lot to celebrate, so let's do it with a smile on our faces! Consider it a date night with a purpose. Enjoy good friends, an update on your favorite ministry, delicious food, and lots of laughter. So, mark the date on your calendar, invite your people to this year's event, and put your seatbelt on—because 321 Improv will inspire, encourage and (frankly) crack you up! **Stay tuned for more information in the coming months but SAVE THE DATE today!**

"321 Improv is a one-of-a-kind group.
Unique in their presentation is
audience participation, jaw-dropping
spontaneity, and belly laughter.
All is pleasantly wrapped up with
honor to the only One who gives good
gifts and allows us to express ourselves
in endlessly creative ways."

-Kathy Troccoli Singer, Author, Speaker

321 Improv creates a unique, interactive comedy experience unlike any you've been part of before. 321 Improve instantly turns audience suggestions into hilarious scenes that will bring tears to your eyes, a pain to your side and will make your face ache with laughter!

Since its inception in 2004, Carl, Mike and Jeremy have created clean, hysterical and unpredictible comedy that has made them the most trusted name in improv comedy. They've performed all over the world bringing true joy and laughter to almost a million people. Audiences ranging in size from 50 to 10,000+ have enjoyed the experience of laughing together in an evening of hilarious, clean entertainment while building stronger bonds within marriages, families, friends, communities and churches.

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Every year the HPM Bottles for Babies Campaign gains more momentum, and this spring we're looking forward to another resounding success! So start saving your change...bottles will be available at your church on Mother's Day, May 14th. You can make a huge difference by encouraging your friends and family to fill a bottle with cash, coins, or a check. Return your bottle to your church on Father's Day, June 18th, and look for the grand total in the following newsletter!

Last year, 846 bottles were collected from 45 participating churches, raising a whopping \$73,600 for the babies of Hope Pregnancy Ministries! What a blessing to see you sacrifice at a greater level than ever before... the average bottle held \$86.99! Your gift, whether large or small, makes a difference in the lives of the women, men and families served by Hope Pregnancy Ministries, and we're so blessed to have you invest in Bottles for Babies! YOUR CHANGE IS CHANGING LIVES!

Whaaaaaaat???? Your church doesn't participate? Join in the fun! Call our office and we will happily place some bottles in your hands!