

Hope

AUTUMN 2023

PREGNANCY MINISTRIES

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In case you missed it...

On Friday, September 22nd, a wonderful group of supporters gathered for the 2023 Hope Pregnancy Ministries Fall Fundraising Event. We planned a *Late Summer Evening of Fun*, and the evening proved to be just that! Guests arrived in summer and Hawaiian attire, and got into the spirit of summer, even on a brisk fall evening! As always, our event was graciously and generously hosted by Easthaven Baptist Church, where Hope originated more than 24 years ago! This year, the event was also heavily supported by Canvas Church, which has partnered with us in ministry for many years. The support from these two churches allowed us to keep our costs very low, thus enabling us to focus your generosity on the people we serve! Thanks, Easthaven and Canvas!

For this event we were blessed to be welcomed into Easthaven's newest space, where we entered a tropical paradise created by our fabulous event planners Andi Heide and Jeannie Schelling! Every detail was meticulously planned to make each one of us feel the laid back, easy breezy summer vibe, and it worked! The HPM Shrimp Bar was back (!), and guests feasted on delicious fusion bowls, provided *at no cost to us* by 406 BBQ. What an amazing meal it was! Many thanks to Stephen and his crew at 406 BBQ for so generously *donating* our meal, for the second year in a row. We can't get over 406 BBQ's generous outpouring of love for our ministry. Please stop by their food truck, wherever you see it! You won't be disappointed!!

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This year we wanted to bless you, our supporters, with an *evening of FUN*. Much of the time, the work we do, and the subject matter surrounding it, is hard. So, we wanted to remind all of us that there is JOY in

Jesus, and that even in the middle of the

hard, the spirit of God is one of true joy! Our special guests, 321 Improv, brought exactly what we needed! Through their hilarious improv comedy, we laughed and laughed, until our faces hurt! Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in HOPE." 321's Carl reminded us that our Hope is in JESUS, and in that, we can have true JOY... different than happiness. Happiness is temporary, but JOY in Jesus is eternal. And if laughter is the best medicine, we all should be very healthy for a long while.

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As always, we were thrilled to share 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 man whose life was transformed after regular sessions with our professional counselor; the woman who came to Clear Choice Clinic believing she needed an abortion—but after visiting with our team and seeing an ultrasound, chose life for her baby; and the dad who is engaged at Hope Family Resource Center, whose life is being changed by his relationship with his male mentor. This ministry is changing lives, and it was a night to find JOY in those wins!

We were honored to have more than 300 of Hope's strongest supporters with us, and what a wonderful time we had! Almost \$151,000 was raised, close to our projected goal of \$165,000!



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 24 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 2023 Fall Fundraising Event. And next year, be sure to join us! We'd love to have you.

As you can see, the compassionate work of Hope Pregnancy Ministries is something that's easy to get excited about. Thank you for joining our effort to bring hope and healing (and true JOY!) to those we serve.



Staff of Hope Pregnancy Ministries

Did you Know in 2023:

- Clear Choice Clinic expanded our scope of care at Clear Choice Clinic to include Well Woman Care!
- CCC continued to offer free counseling to patients in need, with a professional counselor in the clinic every day of the week.
- As part of Mobile Medical Unit services, we began teaching Life Skills Classes at an inpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Browning.
- Hope Family Resource Center completed their first cycle of clinical rotations for MSU Nursing Students.
- Clear Choice Clinic welcomed a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, allowing us to provide support to patients with perinatal mood disorders.



Farewell, Friend.

When Clear Choice Clinic was established in 2007, one of the most important needs was to have the guidance and supervision of a reputable and skilled physician who would serve as our Medical Director. This position was critical to opening the medical clinic; without a Medical Director, Clear Choice Clinic could not operate. When Dr. John Lavin (Jack to his friends) signed on in this position, we were aware that we would be working with one of the most loved OB/GYNs in the Flathead Valley. Dr. Lavin is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and has delivered generations of babies in our area, including some of yours! When he "officially" retired from his practice in 2020, he remained a co-medical director at Clear Choice, continuing to review every ultrasound performed in our clinic. The importance of this cannot be overstated—without his expertise and willingness to serve, our clinic could not operate, since reviewing ultrasounds is a specialized skill which is not possessed by every physician.

This month, Dr. Lavin will officially, *officially* retire from his position as Medical Director of Clear Choice Clinic. During his tenure, Dr. Lavin has "read" more than 4,000 ultrasounds and made it possible for us to see changed minds and life-affirming decisions from countless women who, but for their visit to Clear Choice Clinic, would have otherwise chosen abortion. We can't think of a better legacy for Dr. Lavin to leave behind.

Over 16 years at Clear Choice Clinic, Dr. Lavin remained true to his humble nature. Every time he was thanked for his work with us, his reply was always something like, "We're all just doing our part. Thank you for what YOU do," or, "All for Jesus. Just like you all." When we told him we wanted to honor him at our recent Fall Fundraising Event, his reply was, "**Just honor Jesus. That's good enough.**"

Jack, you've taught us so much. You've modeled compassion to the least of these, just like Jesus did. You've given us a tremendous sense of security by sharing your vast wealth of knowledge. You've freely shared your time and talent, and we believe that you will receive boundless treasures in heaven for the work you have done here. In your time here you've made us better clinicians, better humans, and better Christ-followers. **Thank you. You will be missed.**



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BOTTLES *for* BABIES

Summer 2023 marked another amazing success for the annual Hope Pregnancy Ministries Bottles for Babies Campaign...and 46 churches caught the vision! We want to give a shout of thanks to the pastors, leaders and members of the churches and organizations listed below. The enthusiasm of hundreds of participants who filled bottles with coins, cash and checks resulted in **over \$60,000** to help keep Hope on mission!

Your contribution means that men, women and families in our community can experience hope and healing through Clear Choice Clinic or Hope Family Resource Center. Every penny truly does make a difference. If your church isn't listed, call 257-5700. Your church can still participate in the 2023 effort by hosting a Fall Bottles for Babies Campaign! Join in the fun! Fill Bottles for Babies!

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