

HOPE CENTER Newsletter

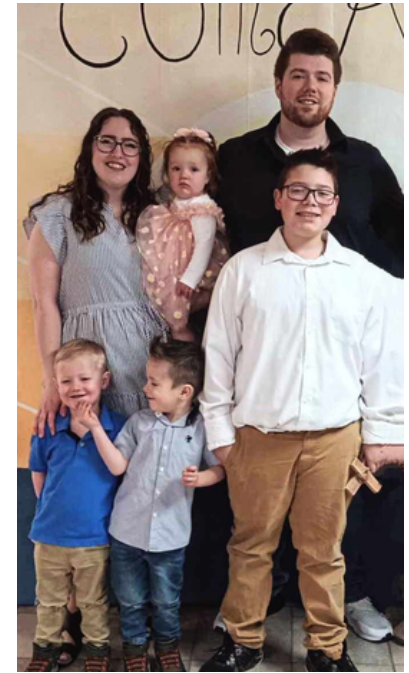
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“To truly put into words just how much the center has been a huge part of my life seems impossible. Walking through the center’s door, I was a young mom who had just lost her home and was filled with fear of what was to come. Fear of failing to provide the necessities for my child, fear of failing to provide a roof over my child’s head and fear of not being a good parent. The center was there to with open arms and encouraging words that made the journey into motherhood not as scary. Through all of the trials and tribulations life has thrown my little family, the center has always been there to offer their shoulders to cry on, encouraging words and prayer. The Hope Center stands by its name, a place of HOPE filled with women that feel like family.

My family went from two scared young parents to flourishing young adults with a toddler. I truly could not thank the women in the center enough for just how much they have done for myself and my family.”-

Testimony from a current client



“The lessons I watch at Hope Center have helped me to be more attentive and understanding with my children, impacting the way I talk to and encourage them.”-*Testimony from a current client*

“Hope center has made a huge impact on my family, I truly learn a lot with their services and it goes beyond the parenting videos. I got companionship and trusted advice. They made becoming a mother less frightening and prepared me for the new chapter in my life!”

-Testimony from a current client

“The Hope Center has helped me so much over the years I have been going. They have not only helped supply diapers/clothes and other needs but they have been a great support team. They always are there when you need someone to talk to and they will even say a prayer for you after every appointment. They never judge people and always are so accepting of everyone! I couldn’t suggest a better place to go! I love every single one of their employees.”-*Testimony from a current client*

MINISTRY IMPACT

Your support is what makes all of this possible. Because of you, clients have received:

- Education
- Pregnancy Testing/Counseling
- Bibles/Devotionals
- Group Classes
- Post-Abortion Healing
- Abuse Recovery Ministry
- Food/Clothing
- Transportation to Safety

Your support has also kept our building up and going, assisted in staff training and wages for staff to continue to pour into the clients’ lives.



Fight for Life

INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FAMILY AND LIFE ADVOCATES

Pregnancy centers have been the target of the radical pro-abortion agenda for decades. Still, the attacks intensified since the Dobbs decision in 2022, reversing Roe V. Wade. Pregnancy centers are being targeted because of their pro-life beliefs and mission. It is clear that the pro-abortion side not only wants to promote unlimited abortions radically but also eliminate any help to those who choose life through pregnancy centers.

After the big US Supreme Court win against California in the 2018 case NIFLA V. Becerra, you would think that the government officials would be careful not to force pregnancy centers to speak a message that violates their beliefs. But in Illinois and potentially in Delaware, the government is once again trying to compel our speech. In 2016, ADF, on behalf of NIFLA and several centers, sued the state of IL, challenging a law that would force pro-life pregnancy centers to discuss the “benefits” of abortion with their pregnant clients and refer them directly to abortionists. A preliminary injunction was obtained to prevent the law from going into effect. The trial occurred Sept 2023 (Hope Center’s Executive Director attended this trial, and we still await the judge’s final decision. PLEASE PRAY!

Current litigation/investigations targeting pregnancy centers because of their pro-life beliefs are another way that government officials have been intimidating pregnancy centers.

Being able to hire like-minded people is being challenged at all kinds of ministries across the nation. The US Constitution and federal law protect the rights of religious organizations to hire people who share their faith and further the organization’s mission. But laws are being enacted that would prevent pro-life organizations from hiring or firing people based on their “reproductive choices”. This would mean no more screening about abortion or sexual integrity, no more adherence to a code of Christian conduct, etc.

Since the Dobbs leak, there have been 94 documented cases of violence against pregnancy centers nationwide, and arrests have occurred in only a few incidents. One of the most recent incidents was against Aid for Women in Chicago following the DNC on August 22, 2024. Another incident included evidence of witchcraft associated with it. This is Spiritual warfare!

WHAT IS HOPE CENTER DOING FOR THE FIGHT FOR LIFE?

We are pro abundant life here at Hope Center. With the attack both on our rights as a pro-life organization as well as physical attacks on other centers, we are standing firm in our rock, Jesus Christ. Here are just a few of the things that Hope Center is doing for the fight for life in our community.

- Continue to meet with clients, sharing Jesus with them, supporting their spiritual, emotional and physical needs
- Provide ACCURATE medical info about abortion
- Work closely with NIFLA to keep our policies/services relevant and up to date with legalities.
- Offer free pregnancy testing with 1 on 1 visits to provide resources and discussion so that clients do not feel alone in their journey
- Educating and supporting the importance of the nuclear family
- Keeping our staff up to date on training and legal issues
- We are laying the plans to provide ultrasounds for abortion minded clients in the near future.
- Keep in weekly contact with our prayer warriors because prayer is the most important aspect in this fight!





We are Grateful!



Thank you to our wonderful churches that have thrown us baby showers this year! All of the material items donated to the center go directly to bless our clients by meeting their physical needs! Also a big thank you to OB Cervezaria for hosting our Bingo Nights! All proceeds go directly to immediate needs at the Center.



1916 PROJECT

The 1916 project is a documentary taking the audience through the dark reality of planned parenthood. With the pro choice agenda being so obvious in todays political climate, Seth Gruber aims to shed light on the secular moral revolution that skyrocketed with the start of Planned Parenthood in 1916. This movie is free to stream at ther1916project.com

PRAYER ROOM

Hope Center relies heavily on the power of prayer. We even have a prayer room that is open to our supporters located in our building directly over our client meeting room. This allows you, our prayer warriors, to physically pray over our clients, staff and volunteers. The prayer room is stocked with active prayer request and we at Hope would love to see it utilized more. If you are in town running errands or have a few minutes before a meeting, please think about stopping in and taking the time to pray with us here at the center.


SEVEN WEEKS COFFEE

Seven weeks coffee is a ministry dedicated to protect every beating heart. The name represents at seven weeks of development the baby is the size of a coffee bean and the heartbeat is clearly detectable for the first time.


Hope center is so excited to partner with seven weeks coffee! We have a direct link that you can order whole bean, ground, or K-cups and 15% of the sale will go directly to Hope Center.

www.sevenweekscoffee/?ref=pontiachope



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2025 Hope Events

Trivia Night

Feb. 7, 2025

Baby Bottle

Campaign

May 11-June 15

Bingo

3rd Thursday of the

Month @OB's in

Chenoa

Worship Night

TBD

Hope Wish List

Size 4-7 diapers

24mo-3T girls and boys clothes

Infant grooming kits

\$20 Aldi or County Market gift
cards

Laundry Detergent

Yellow Can Enfamil Formula

Jesus Story Book Bibles

4t-5t Pull-Ups

Becoming a Hope Circle Member

What: A monthly financial
partner

How: Give a monthly donation via
ACH, check or cash

Why: Consistent giving provides
ongoing support of the HOPE
program, client immediate needs,
operational costs and training,
while propelling the ministry into
new avenues of growth.

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