## Hope Center of Livingston County

# NewsLetter

Spring 2025

## Trivia Night







Thank you to everyone who came out to support our annual Trivia Night! We had a lot of fun and as always are blown away with the community that comes to support the Center!

#### THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE DONORS!

- Duffy Pil's Memorial Home
- Kilgus Farmstead
- Jill McCulloh-Permalinx Jewelry
- Chenoa Meat Locker
- Serendipity Mercantile
- Nature's Design
- Livin' in Color
- Once N Again
- Emancipation Brewery
- Dream Cabin Coffee
- WC Market
- Nussbaum Ace Hardware

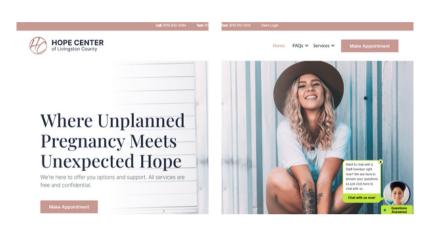
## **Volunteer Training**





We are so thankful to our volunteers who continually give themselves selflessly to the good of the ministry. We enjoyed a morning of training and of course included morning treats.

## Website Feature w/ HopeSync



#### www.pontiachope.org

Our brand new website was launched on January 14, 2025. The website has up-to-date information about pregnancy, abortion, our services, etc...

Much more than a pretty page, the website utilizes key words and SEO to bring our website up in google searches so that more people can find us and get the help they are looking for.

A person on our website has the ability to fill out an appointment form or to chat with us through our widget (see that explained under "availability"). This connects us more quickly with the potential client so that we can meet them in their time of need.

Our goal is to reach the abortion-minded/abortion-vulnerable girl and give her compassion and information that will help her to make an informed decision about a crisis pregnancy. This new website and the use of HopeSync are powerful tools to help us accomplish that goal.

#### HOPESYNC EXPLAINED



#### Communication

With Hopesync, communication is made easy. Staff and volunteers can live chat with potential clients, make a phone call, or video chat all through the HopeSync site.

#### **Education**

Hopesync has hundreds of videos featuring educational, professional, and relational perspectives. These videos are topical and can be sent to a client with the click of a button for them to watch on their phone at any time. Also available are literature brochures in mobile form.

#### **Availability**

Have you ever stayed up late at night scrolling on your phone? Studies have found that most people will reach out and ask questions AFTER normal business hours. The widget on our website gives the opportunity for people to ask questions or start up a conversation with us at any time, day or night.

## New Faces at Hope Center



My name is Lynn
Stoller and I recently
joined the Board of
Directors at Hope
Center. Currently I
am the secretary for

Stoller International. I am married to my wonderful wife, Elaine, and we have four daughters all are married and have blessed us with 15 grandchildren. Previously I was on the board for the Elizabeth Home and Lam thrilled to continue in ministry supporting young families and the unborn. Other ministries that I am a part of include the Salem 4 Youth Ranch, where I serve as president of the board, and I serve as a chaplain at the women's prison of Logan County in Lincoln, IL. I am excited to be a part of the Hope Center Ministry and see how God moves here.



My name is Jill McCulloh and I
joined the Hope Center in March of
2014 serving on the Board of
Directors. In January 2025 I came
on the staff as Business
Manager/Administrative Assistant. I
have been married to Randy
McCulloh for 40 years, and we
reside in Chenoa where Randy is the
Funeral Director for Duffy-Pils

Memorial Home. We have three children Trevin (Krystal), Carlee (Andrew Gerber), Tanner (Melissa) and eight grandchildren. In the past I worked with area families in Livingston County doing home visits with young mothers providing family support. During this past year of extreme personal changes, I was able to volunteer at Hope Center and I have had the honor of coming on staff which helps me to continue to fulfill my passion of helping families grow into having an abundant life of HOPE.



Hello, my name is Savanna Birky and some of you may recognize me as the intern for Hope Center from 2022. I am so excited and blessed to have the opportunity to come back to the Center as staff being a Client Coach. Since finishing my internship, a couple of things have

changed. I now have a 1 year old named Sutton! He is keeping us on our toes especially now that he can walk. We are currently living in Gibson City where my husband, Connor, is from. My husband works at Bayer and is GCMS's JV Boys coach. I am so ecstatic to be back at Hope Center working alongside some of the most amazing women I have ever met. This is such an answer to prayer for my family and I can not wait to see how God blesses this journey!

## **Prayer Room**

As a ministry, we are so reliant on the prayers others offer up on our behalf. We love sharing prayer requests weekly with our "Prayer Partners" (email us at office@pontiachope.org if you would like to join our prayer group) and also praying for you all! We have a dedicated prayer room in our building that we have open to anyone who wants to come and pray over our ministry or pray with our staff. Please come check it out and join us in the MOST important way to support this wonderful ministry!

Return Service Requested



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## Hope Wish List

- 2t/3t Boys and Girls Clothing
- LaundryDetergent
- Women's Body Wash
- Like new Pack N Plays
- 2t/3t Pullups
- Crockpots

#### Hope Center staff

Executive Director-Sarah Brummit
Business Manager-Randi Schaffer/Jill McCulloh
Client Services/Development Manager-Ashley Diaz
Client Care Manager- Paulette Zimmerman
Client Coach-Savanna Birky

#### **Hope Center Board Members**

President- Jill McCulloh Vice-President- Christine Stark Secretary- Marie Haag Treasurer- Sharon Cutrell Member- Lisa Watson Member- Lynn Stoller

## **Upcoming Hope Center Events**

Baby Bottle Project: May-June Bingo: Every 3rd Thursday Banquet: TBD date in October