



# Hopeful Happenings

Providing Hope and Options to Families

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## The Battle for Life in Oregon

Most of you are aware that Oregon law allows abortion at any stage of pregnancy. We live in a state that is known for laws that allow and promote the death of preborn babies and those who would choose euthanasia. Many of us are saddened that our state would be known for death, and we are praying for changes in Oregon.

What is not widely known, however, is a new tactic that the enemies of life in Oregon may be getting ready to use against pro-life crisis pregnancy centers (CPC) and clinics like ours. On December 7th, the Oregon House Health Care Committee discussed using the state's Unlawful Trade Practices Act against CPCs who they claim mislead women and offer services not recognized by medical professionals as medical services. They are pushing for legal action against CPCs and for educating people to report deceptive advertising and practices. They stated, "CPCs vastly outnumber abortion care clinics in Oregon (44 to 13)." (We see that as a good thing for women and babies, they do not.)

Those who promote abortion are concerned that CPCs are a threat to abortion numbers (which translates to dollars), so their tactic is to try to negatively influence how CPCs are perceived in the media and to use legal means to try to shut them down.

Most of us have heard and seen misleading news stories that misrepresent CPCs. Their goal is to discredit those who try to provide options other than abortion. As the waves of opposition grow, it only underlines how important it is that we continue to defend and speak up for the preborn in these times. Who will speak for them if we don't? We cannot let fear cause us to shrink back from the battle lines in Oregon.

The Bible is clear, we are to fear God only. Not protesters, governments, or what people will think or say.

*"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?" (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)(NKJV)*

We have nothing to fear because God is on our side. Like David standing before Goliath, it doesn't matter how much strength and power comes against us. God is the defender of the helpless and He is SO MUCH more powerful. Many were surprised with the result of the Dobbs Supreme Court decision. God worked to make it happen in His timing. He is well able to implement the shifts in Oregon that need to happen to protect life.

While we must trust in God's protection from the threats on the state level, we also rejoice in His blessings at the local level. Our community strongly supports our pregnancy care center, and our client numbers are increasing. One client recently wrote, "I'm happy I found your center. The lessons have helped me prepare for being a mom and raising my son the best I can. I love that I can do them from home and not have to go anywhere because it's hard to go places with a newborn and it being cold outside. I think the boutique is awesome because I can get stuff for my son that he needs." When clients and

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donors come into the center, most remark about how nice and welcoming it is. We are so grateful that God put us in a space that works well for us.

No matter what happens at the state level in Oregon, we trust that with God's help, Hope With Options will continue to be here defending life one child at a time and spreading hope throughout our community. We ask for your prayer covering as we seek to remain available to meet the needs of families here in Umatilla County.

## Sarah Edmonds Completed Additional Training



Our Nurse Manager, Sarah Edmonds, completed the Love Approach Ultrasound Clinical Training in January. She passed with flying colors (99.4%), and we are so grateful for her skills and diligence for excellence. She did 83 scans during training and has done a total of 252 scans in her career at Hope With Options. Sarah loves getting good pictures of preborn babies for mothers and fathers.

## Monthly Drop In Prayer Gatherings

- **Thursday, March 16 from 4:30-6pm**
- **Thursday, April 13 from 4:30-6pm**

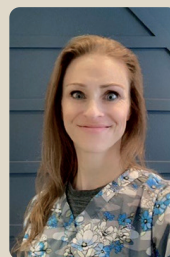
We are gathering once a month to pray together. Please join us and stay for a few minutes or the entire time. We will provide prayer prompts for those who want them. If you cannot make it here, pray at the same time wherever you are. Your prayer support is crucial for healthy families in our community. We are asking God for miracles in the lives of our clients, donors, board, staff, and volunteers.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7) (NKJV)

## Our Staff



Camie Britt  
*Executive Director*



Sarah Edmonds, RN  
*Nurse Manager*



Amber Klimek  
*Office & Client Services  
Manager*



Brandi McGarva  
*Office Assistant*

*Hope With Options is a Christian ministry dedicated to the success of the family and the preborn child. We envision a community that promotes God-honoring pregnancy decisions.*

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## Hours of Operation

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135 SE 1st Street  
Pendleton, OR 97801

Monday	10 am — 4 pm
Tuesday	10 am — 4 pm
Wednesday	10 am — 1 pm
Thursday	10 am — 4 pm
Friday	Closed

**Phone: (541) 276-5757**

## Volunteer Spotlight: 30 Years of Service



*Phyllis Lindner*

Phyllis has been volunteering faithfully since 1993 (30 years) and has served this pregnancy care center in many areas. She knows the history of this ministry well and has worked to build a record of those involved over time. She has been involved in providing pregnancy tests, served as a client advocate, gathered sponsors and prizes for fundraisers, answering phones and so much more. Phyllis is a great example of the impact of a faithful volunteer to this ministry.

*“I wanted to help where I could to let clients know there is hope and someone to stand beside them to help them through.”*



**SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH**

**Birch Creek Golf Course**

69772 Pendleton-John Day Hwy,  
Pendleton, OR 97801

***Save The Date***

# Thank you Pendleton Knights of Columbus for your Support



*We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.*

“The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.”  
(Proverbs 11:25)(NKJV)



## Make A Difference as a Monthly Supporter ...

## Be a Partner For Life!

My Investment in Hope With Options Pregnancy Care Center (Choose one option)

- One-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check enclosed or  Credit/debit card # below
- Monthly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_/Month  First check enclosed  Credit/debit card # below
- Automated monthly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_/Month  Voided check enclosed  Credit/debit card # below

To be transferred on the  30th or  15th

### Credit/Debit Card Authorization

Amount to be charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_  One-time or  Monthly

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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