



# Hope Women's Center

Winter 2021

## *Director's Report*

Hello! My name is Glennon Britton and I would like to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Hope Women's Center. I have been at HWC for a little more than five years now. I began volunteering at HWC in 2015 and Judy asked me to be her Assistant the following year then Director in August of this year. I am so blessed and thankful for the time spent with Judy Pace and truly miss her, but I'm so happy for her and her much deserved retirement. I'm honored to be a part of such a wonderful ministry and enjoy working at HWC. I am a Christian and love the Lord with all my heart, a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I love my family and enjoy the time we have together. I would also like to introduce my Assistant, Tiffany Porter. Tiffany and I make a great team. We would appreciate your prayers for us as we strive to make HWC a successful ministry.

With the COVID and the shut downs we decided it was the perfect time to freshen up the Center. Therefore, we did a lot of updating, painting and reorganizing the Center. It was a lot of work, but we are very happy with the results.

Through the craziness of 2020 God still supplied our needs through our faithful supporters. So, a big THANK YOU for believing in us and our ministry. May God richly bless you all in the New Year!

## *Walk for Life 2020*

Our Fundraiser for Hope Women's Center is a Walk for Life! Rock Springs Baptist Church allows us to have it at their track! We do not have a time limit on how much you have to walk and supporters rain or shine will show up and walk. It puts joy in our heart to see them. This is the seventh year and we cannot believe the support we get from caring people. We raised \$8196 this year with a lot of hard work from all the volunteers and Board Members. This money allows us to do projects at the Center or buy

supplies that we need for the young girls that visit us!! We need to have a good supply of diapers, clothes and especially formula. If donations are not coming in at least we have money to fall back on.

We love and care for each girl that needs our assistance and hopefully we can continue to do the work at the Center with the support from the community and our Fundraiser Walk For Life.

## *Sanctity of Life*

National Sanctity of Human Life Day will be celebrated on January 17, 2021. National Sanctity of Human Life Day is an observance declared by several U.S. Presidents who opposed abortion. President Ronald Reagan designated January 22, 1984 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The date was chosen to coincide with the 11th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case that first recognized the constitutionally-protected status of abortion in the United States.

Reagan issued the proclamation annually thereafter, designating Sanctity of Human Life Day to be the third Sunday in January, which represents the closest Sunday.

Churches around the United States continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. They use the day to recognize that human beings are created in the image of God and that all human life is sacred – set apart for the worship of and service to Him. They commemorate the many lives lost to and impacted by abortion, and commit themselves to upholding the sanctity of human life at every stage.

If we honored each baby aborted since 1973 with a moment of silence, we would be silent for over 100 years.

## *Legislation*

The 2021 Legislative session convenes on January 12, 2021. However, there were 984 bills prefiled in Columbia in December. Several of them we need to keep in prayer. If you have any interest in them, please let your legislators know.

**H3163** is a House bill that requires testing for fetal heartbeat and prohibits abortion if it is found.

**H3512** is another House bill that would make an abortion a criminal act during any trimester if the sole reason is that the unborn child has a fetal anomaly.

**H3568**, another House bill, would enact the “Personhood Act of South Carolina” to establish the right of life for each born and pre-born human at fertilization and guarantee the rights of due process and equal protection guaranteed by Article 1 of the SC Constitution.

In the Senate, **S1** would enact the “South Carolina Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act.” It would require a test for a detectable fetal heartbeat before an abortion is performed and then prohibit the abortion if a heartbeat is found.

**S399**, another Senate bill, would enact the “South Carolina Stands for Life Act” by requiring testing for a detectable heart beat before an abortion is performed and would prohibit the abortion if a heartbeat is detected.

On the other side, **S341** a Senate bill would enact the “South Carolina Pro Birth Accountability Act” to require compensation of certain women giving birth to a child who but for a fetal heartbeat law could choose to terminate the pregnancy. This bill would provide financial and medical aid to such a woman and her child until the child reaches 18 years of age.

## *Considering Volunteering?*

Hope Women’s Center is here to serve those in unplanned pregnancies and we can always use your help in this ministry. No matter your skill set or interests, your gifts can be used to make a profound difference in the lives of women in our community. Please consider volunteering at Hope Women’s Center. Call 864-855-8500 for more information.

## *On Going Needs*

There are always things we need, but there are also some things that God has blessed us with abundantly. We currently have plenty of little diapers. However, we are in low supply of the large size diapers. We could also use some 18-24 month size sleepers for boys and girls and 18-24 month winter clothes for girls.

## *Baby Bottles*

You can use our baby bottle campaign as a competition among family members, Sunday School classes, or ladies’ groups. At the end of the day, empty your loose change into the baby bottle and see who can fill it most quickly. Then simply bring it back and rejoice with us as we watch God use your gifts to change the lives of women and unborn babies.

## *Give a Voice to the Vulnerable*

It’s hard to imagine a time when more people were confused about the value of human life than today. With one breath, some call for compassion for those in need. With the next, they protect the deaths of untold millions of babies and the right of individuals to end their lives as they see fit.

As Christians, we have a unique opportunity to give a voice to the vulnerable among us – the unborn, infirmed, impoverished, and aged – and show Christ’s love to those who are hurting; to speak the truth in a compassionate way to those around us; to appeal to our political representatives for change; to show practical care to women who have had or are considering an abortion; loving the elderly, and helping the needy.

But to do that well, we need to know what God’s Word says about the value of human life. For many of us, what we find in Scripture won’t be new information. We know that all humans are made in the image and likeness of God, unique among all created beings. We know that God forms each of us uniquely in our mother’s womb, and deeply cares for the most vulnerable among us. This information may not be new, but God has given it to us to change our hearts, challenge our assumptions, and give us compassion for those who are suffering or at risk.

God wants us to know the value of all human life so that we might defend human life.