



Ministry Update

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Walk with a Purpose



Thanks again to our sponsor!

This year's Walk for Life was a success all around. April 28th's weather was perfect and the fundraising was outstanding. We set our goal at \$50,000 and thanks to you, we reached it. Many of our walkers raised over \$1000 a piece, and we could not be more grateful.

Hold on to Your Blessings

Many times girls leave their appointments at The HOPE Center still undecided as to what they'll do. With permission, we follow up with them by phone and even by text. "Melissa" left our clinic unsure, she had a lot going on in her life and felt that adding a baby to the mix was the worst option. She feared her family's judgment, and said she wanted no future with the baby's father. But the staff prayed and asked God to continue to let the words she heard while meeting with Center Director Samantha play over and over in her head. A few days later, Samantha received this text back! Isn't God good? Melissa found us online and continued her journey with us over text; methods we never knew we'd find so valuable. Thank you for your generous gifts that help us reach girls like Melissa.



Hi Sam! Just wanted to let you know I am keeping the baby!!!!

Tell me everything!!!!



!!!!!! I just couldn't do it! And I realized that no matter what life is gonna be hard and throw all types of twists and turns but this baby is a blessing and I'm gonna hold onto my blessing!

I'm so happy to hear this and I'm so proud of you! This is a choice you will never regret. I know you can do it!



Thank you so much!! I couldn't have done it without you. I'm happy we got to talk about it

Before I made such a drastic decision

save the date
banquet 2018



**who are
 you inviting?**

Things Can Get Better

"Sally" came in talking about how she couldn't carry this baby. Her family lived far away and she didn't feel like her relationship was sustainable. She said she felt very guilty for even talking about abortion because she had been raised to believe it was wrong, but she felt trapped and like she had no other choice. She cried when talking about her baby and decided to see the ultrasound after all, when she previously declined wanting to see it. Seeing her baby move on the ultrasound screen affirmed that she did in fact want this baby, she was just afraid and feeling alone. When we followed up with her via text a few days later, this is what she said.....

Hi [redacted] it's Sam at the Hope Center clinic. Just checking on you since your visit with us on Thursday. How are you feeling about everything?

Hi Sam. I'm feeling much better. Thank you so much for your support. I really appreciated that. Things are getting better at my home. And we are happy with the baby.

I'm glad you are doing better! You are welcome to come back in don't forget it takes a village and we are here for you! Keep in touch ok? I'll check on you again soon. :)

I will. Thank you so much 🙏

The Power of the Follow-up

Many times clients leave their appointments at The HOPE Center undecided. They have received a lot of information that they still need to process. They have friends and family they want to talk to. So we wait, and we pray. We pray that words spoken and ultrasounds seen will continue to echo in their hearts and minds. And then we follow-up, sometime by phone but many times it's more effective by text. We long to know the results, good or bad, always praying for a life decision. We try to keep the lines of communication open so they feel comfortable with us now and in the future. That's how we found out about "Sally" and "Melissa." Please pray that this would continue to be a powerful communication tool with our undecided clients.



**Seeds' new management team
Savanna Brown & Toni Parsons**

Seeds Gives back to clients and to The HOPE Center

Seeds Thrift Store has had some record-breaking milestones in recent months. It is a valuable resource for clients to get deeply-discounted items for their baby and their families. Proceeds from Seeds' sales go straight back to The HOPE Center.

How can YOU help? We need summer clothes — so clean out those closets and ask your friends to do the same! Remind them of all our donation and volunteer opportunities. Watch for pop-up sales and new merchandise by following Seeds Thrift Store on Facebook and Instagram. [f](#) [i](#)



Lives Revealed

When "Renee" and her boyfriend came to the Image Clear Ultrasound Mobile Unit, Renee was set on having an abortion. Already parenting two small children, she was feeling overwhelmed with the prospect of having a third child and afraid that she would lose her job due to pregnancy-related symptoms. Her mind was made up. She told the mobile staff, "I just don't want it. I'm sorry. I don't even believe in abortion. I never wanted to have an abortion. I feel bad, but this what I'm going to do." The Lord allowed the mobile team to offer information about abortion procedures, to encourage the baby's father to get

Renee to an urgent care facility for relief from the nausea, to schedule them back for their ultrasound the following week, and to encourage them both to be patient with each other. We reminded them that they are on the same team. Upon arrival for their ultrasound the following week, the mobile team immediately noticed that the couple's communication was flowing much easier, although Renee's plans for having the abortion had not changed. However, to everyone's surprise, their ultrasound revealed twins! Conversation in the ultrasound room began with the silence of shock, and then moved to the couple daydreaming about how they were going to prepare for their twins. Renee's boyfriend expressed that he had always wanted to have twins. The couple is now planning to add not only one, but two more babies to their family. Please be praying for them as they are looking for adequate, affordable housing and preparing for the birth of their twins.

