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THE PARENTING INITIATIVE

Hope is launching a new platform of services to our patients. It is a teaching curriculum with rewards to help us better equip them for motherhood. We're calling this new venture the Parenting Initiative.

We will roll out a few phases of the Parenting Initiative, starting first with the "Earn While You Learn" program in February. This is a big first step, where patients will work through online learning modules with Hope volunteers while also earning points for the work they do. They will then redeem their points for baby clothes or equipment such as car seats, Pack 'n Plays, or strollers. It will allow us to bless them in three ways - the learning, the rewards, and the mentoring by Hope volunteers.

You might want to help us start this new program. Here's how you can participate:

- 1. We'll be hiring a part-time Coordinator.
- 2. We'll need volunteers to help with the skills training.
- 3. You might want to help provide the \$38,000 needed for the first year costs (every dollar of new giving for the program will be matched by a generouse sponsor).
- 4. You might directly purchase some of the reward items (these will also be matched).
- 5. Please pray for our patients to successfully learn and earn in the Parenting Initiative.

Parenting REWARD ITEMS

- ► Graco SnugRide Essentials 30 infant car seat
- ► Graco Verb Lightweight Baby Stroller
- ► Graco Pack 'n Play On the Go Playard
- ► "Bumbo" Multi-purpose porta seat
- New or gently-used baby clothes
- ► Check out our Amazon Wish List for more items



Have you visited Hope since the completion of our expansion? Call us at 503-364-2464 to schedule a tour!

DATES TO REMEMBER

FOR—

2020

Baby Bottles for Hope

Mother's Day to Father's Day (May 10 - June 21)

Hope For Salem Run/Walk

August 15, 2020

An Evening with Hope Dessert & Celebration

November 14, 2020

MAKING THE HARD CALL

When Jess* first came to Hope she was already 16 weeks along in her pregnancy. Living in her van and using meth, she had lost custody of her other four children. In spite of all this, she really wanted to parent her baby.

The medical staff at Hope Pregnancy Clinic are mandatory reporters, so Jess' nurse was required to report her drug use to DHS. This is always a tough duty because it feels like a betrayal of confidence with the patient.

Due to Jess' lack of address and phone we had no way to contact her or follow up with her. She did, however, come back to Hope just before her due date for a car seat and a baby gift bag. She said she was no longer using meth but that DHS was now involved because of our call to them. DHS was requiring her to go to an inpatient drug treatment program.

A few months have passed since the birth of Jess' baby. She has been clean from meth for nine months and is living in temporary housing provided by the treatment program. Best of all, she has custody of her little baby girl. She has even reconnected with a couple of her older children.

Jess has come back to Hope a number of times with baby in tow, receiving services and connecting with our staff. Amazingly, she trusts us. She told her nurse, "I was mad at first when you reported me but now I see you were doing what was best for me and my baby." What a blessing for us to walk alongside this remarkable young mother!

*name changed for privacy

WELCOME WHITNEY!

Hope is delighted to have Whitney Ned join our team as Development Assistant.

She will be working closely with Mike Reid to strengthen our relationships with churches, businesses and other Hope partners.



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Parenting Initiative Coordinator

The Parenting Initiative Coordinator will oversee the volunteers, teaching subjects and curriculum, and reward items that will make up phase one of the Parenting Initiative.

This position is part-time (20 hrs/week). Please find the complete job description and application at hopeforsalem.org



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We are in need of new or gently used maternity clothes of all sizes & all seasons

Host a maternity shower Shop our Amazon wish list Clean out your closet

Drop off your donations at the clinic









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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



"Unplanned pregnancy is very stressful and it is a relief to find the type of support that we found in going to your clinic. Thank you all so very much." — A Hope Patient

