

Parenting Initiative Update

It was March 24th. We had finally completed substantial preparations and were on the brink of rolling out our new **Parenting Initiative** program. We would provide patients with mentoring and parenting skills, and in the process of learning they would earn many free baby items such as furniture and clothing.



Then COVID smacked us. Those days were hard on all of us. We adjusted course, and last week we "graduated" our first patient, Tasha*, from the new program!

The Parenting Initiative gives us numerous opportunities to go deeper with our patients. Trained mentors meet weekly with their "mentorees," going over parenting skills for their new little ones. We use an on-line curriculum and utilize a lot of one-on-one interaction.

When we say Tasha graduated, we mean she completed her first six-week module. Our hope is for her to complete many more modules. For her efforts so far she has earned an infant car seat. There is much more she can earn, and she will keep learning in the process. Plus she will have the dignity of not receiving a hand-out but of working to provide for herself and her baby.

*Names changed for privacy

Matching Grant Opportunity!!

A very generous Hope partner has put forth a matching grant offer for up to \$20,000 for our new Parenting Initiative. This program is an extension of the heart that Hope has for helping to transform the lives of our patients. No program is without cost, and we hope you will partner with us so the Parenting Initiative can be available to as many families as possible.

You can use the enclosed giving card for the Parenting Initiative and **your donation will be doubled!** Will you help us meet this match?

A Short Trek from the Coast

There are a lot of reasons women come to Hope Pregnancy Clinic. Many are considering abortion or have challenges that could lead to an abortion. Others are life-minded and come because of our wonderful, compassionate medical staff. Nearly all are in need of our free services.

For Angela* to come here was unusual - she drove all the way from the coast! COVID closures had prevented her from seeing a doctor there in a timely manner. She had some concerns about her pregnancy and was worried about waiting. A friend had spoken highly of Hope Pregnancy Clinic. We said "of course" when she called us and she drove out the next day. Just like that! It turns out her little baby is 10 weeks along and doing fine.

If you know anyone (anywhere) who needs Hope's free, compassionate, life-changing services, have her give us a call!

We're Thankful for Celeste!

The genius behind our Parenting Initiative is **Celeste Gupta**. She is an exceptional Coordinator and has been an amazing addition to Hope's staff. She trains and leads the volunteer mentors who meet with the patients in our "Earn While You Learn" program.



Celeste needs more volunteer Mentors — Might you become one of them? We're looking for wise, mature women, and we also need some men to mentor the fathers. If you're bilingual, we need you twice as much! Come and join this new initiative!

We also need more **volunteer Advocates** to help patients make healthy, life-affirming decisions. To inquire about either position, please send an email to beth@hopeforsalem.org.



Katie Black with Usborne Books & More started a book drive for Hope earlier this year. Every dollar that came in during the drive went towards purchasing a variety of books that we gift to our patients. The many unique ways people find to partner with Hope amazes us. We're grateful for partners like Katie whose support makes an impact in the lives of our patients.

HOPE FOR SALEM RUN/WALK VIRTUAL EDITION

2020

What are you doing Saturday, August 15th?

We think you should join us for a *Virtual Edition* of our **Hope for Salem Run/Walk**!! Although we won't be able to come together in person at Minto Brown Park this year, you can still partner with Hope wherever you are (this is the *virtual* part).

How it works in 2020: Everything is the same **except** the location. **Register** to run or walk, then **raise funds** to help us provide our free services to women who need help and HOPE in our community. *On August 15th, run or walk your distance wherever you choose* – in your neighborhood, at a park, on a treadmill, you name it! Then submit your time via email or text to let us know you participated. You'll have until August 25th to run/walk and submit your time.

There will be prizes for the fastest male/female in the 10K and 5K, as well as for the top fundraising individual and team. **Join us on Facebook** (Hope for Salem) **for a live kick-off at 9 a.m. on August 15th** and share your photos, videos, and training tips in our event group.

For event information or to register today visit **runsignup.com** and enter **Hope for Salem** in the search field — or you can follow the link on our website, www.hopeforsalem.org.

35 Years of Hope

July 1, 2020 marks the 35th year since Hope opened its doors in 1985. We want to thank those who came before us and helped make Hope Pregnancy Clinic what it is today. You saw a need in this community, and we're honored to continue filling that need.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 14, 2020
*An Evening with Hope
Dessert + Celebration*



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