

Prayer Makes the Difference

An important way Hope's partners serve our patients is by praying for them. **575 individuals and couples receive our prayer blasts** (one or two emails each week) requesting prayer for a specific patient. Usually it's for a patient who is considering abortion.

Akina* was one of those prayer requests. The day she came in we sent this message to our prayer partners:

We have an international patient who says she is considering an abortion because she has no family nearby and no support network. Her first pregnancy was high risk and she fears that with this one, too. Please join us in praying that her fears and uncertainties would fall away and that she would find the strength to choose life.

Akina was a sweet patient who legitimately felt isolated. Her husband uses their only car for work and she stays at home alone with their toddler. She has marginal English skills, no family or friends to help her, and was overwhelmed by the thought of having another child. Her isolation and the great difficulty of her first pregnancy made for big obstacles to her choosing life. She said her husband wanted to have this baby and she wished they could but she was **“not leaning in that direction.”**

Then we all prayed for her.

Akina's volunteer advocate and nurse here at Hope kept in touch with her. A few weeks after her visit she said **she had decided to carry and parent her baby**. Now, as of this writing, she recently came back to Hope to pick up her baby gift bag. Her little boy will be born any day. It was delightful for our staff to see her again and rejoice with her. It was quite a celebration.

She is so grateful to Hope for standing beside her through this. If she knew she had over five hundred people praying for her, she would be just as thankful to you!

** Name changed for privacy*

You're Needed More Than Ever

Hope is as busy with patients as we've ever been. More and more women seem to know we're here for them, and they are coming. (*Thank you Lord!*) Our nurses are quite busy. **But here's the thing – our volunteer patient advocates** (options counselors) **have dwindled to two**. Before COVID that number was eight. Now most of our team is at home teaching their children or staying safe with COVID-vulnerable loved ones.



Have you ever wondered if you might become part of Hope's volunteer team?

There is no better time than now. We really need you.

Our nurses are subbing for the volunteers along with

their own patient care duties. We guarantee you will love being part of our team. It is a remarkable family here at Hope.

Hope also has a great need for more volunteer mentors with our Parenting Initiative. These women (and hopefully a couple of men) will spend an hour each week with one or more patients who have chosen to give birth, helping prepare them for parenthood.

Hope will supply you with plenty of great training for both of these volunteer roles.

If you choose to move forward, here's the process you'll experience ...

1. Please contact beth@hopeforsalem.org for more information and to apply.
2. A live interview usually follows the application.
3. The Volunteer Training is one 3-hour session five weeks in a row, usually during daytime hours.
4. Those completing the classroom training will continue with personalized on-the-job training to ready them to serve with patients.

Please consider joining our team! We need you. There is no better time than now!

Parenting
INITIATIVE



A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in our matching grant for the Parenting Initiative. Together you gave more than \$20,000 dedicated to that new program, qualifying Hope for the \$20,000 matching donation. Thank you to our benevolent donor (!) and “thank you” to YOU!

The total of these donations will cover all the first year costs of the Parenting Initiative to patients, which provides mentoring and equips them to get the best start possible with their new little ones. Bravo!

The Dessert Goes On

Please plan to join us for our **Fall Dessert** on November 14! This year's **video event** will be held in your family room, your kitchen, or wherever you're connected to the internet. You may decide to view it with others (we hope so) and may even sign up to be a Group Host (we really hope so).

This is probably the best line up we've ever had for a dessert or banquet! For example, you'll be glad to see a **tour of Hope through the eyes of a patient, a presentation of the Parenting Initiative along with testimonies, and a Hope patient telling her amazing story about saving the life of her unborn baby.** The event will be 30 minutes – a short but very impactful half hour.

We ask that you and your "guests" register in advance. You may view it on that Saturday either at noon or 6:30 pm. We hope you'll be a Group Host, which simply means you'll invite others to register, too. You can watch it alone or you can host a viewing party for you and your guests. Our Fall Dessert has always been our best opportunity to meet new Hope partners and we really hope this year will be the same in that regard.

You will receive an invitation in the mail next week with instructions on how to register, to view the event and/or sign up to be a Group Host. Thanks for choosing to join us!



We ran more K's than ever!



Our 2020 Virtual 5K/10K happened all over the Willamette Valley. Because our runners and walkers ran and walked wherever they wanted, it covered miles all over the place. We were in McMinnville, Portland, Salem, Silverton, Dallas, Silver Creek Falls, and across the valley. Nice job, folks!

92 people participated in this year's event. Thankfully, many individuals raised money to help Hope serve more patients. **Congrats to this year's Golden Binky winners Keizer Church of Christ, who raised \$1,170.** The total income from the event was \$10,248. Next year we will be back in lovely Minto Brown Park running together our 1, 5 or 10 kilometers together. See you then!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



"They are so helpful and super considerate. I went there for my first ultrasound and they made the experience better than I thought it would be."

- A Hope Patient



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