



Hope's Role in a Post-Roe World

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What fascinating and tumultuous times we are living in. Our country finds itself in the middle of ever changing history-making moments. The main topic of conversation is the overturn of Roe vs. Wade, ending the protected right to abortion for the last several decades. It's obvious that this issue is deeply emotional and complicated. You've likely experienced some very tense conversations even amongst your family and friends. The Church finds itself thrown into a spin of opposition and conflict around the topic of abortion.

What is Hope Pregnancy Clinic's role in a post-Roe world?

Personally, I believe it is fitting to rejoice when laws happen to align with God's heart for life. These moments are rare in a world that is fractured with sin and brokenness. **But our job is not done.** We are just getting started. We know that as citizens of Heaven, this world is not our home and the rules set up over this world will never reach and transform hearts the way Jesus can. Hope is after transformed hearts.

Our mission remains the same: "To empower women who are unprepared for pregnancy to make life-affirming decisions and to introduce them to Jesus Christ."

If you've been around for a while, you've heard us call ourselves the "Compassion Arm" of the pro-life movement. This is true more than ever in a culture starving for a safe place to land when life gets hard. Our staff and volunteers come each day eager to dispense the grace that is so freely given to them in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our doors remain open to everyone, and our culture is one of unconditional love. Whose life matters the most? Mother or Baby? Hope answers this question with a resounding: **BOTH.** Both lives are at stake, both

lives deeply matter to the Lord. Yet we fight the injustice of abortion with compassion.

It's important to note that as followers of Jesus AND pro-life citizens, we will be misunderstood. This road may be lonely. This is nothing new. We must remember our mission, stay on track, walk in grace and run this race with perseverance. This is when it gets good.

My vision for pro-life Jesus followers is that we'd be way less focused on "winning" culture wars, and more focused on gospel strategies to engage the community around us. More rolling up our sleeves to welcome outsiders into our home, more boots on the ground being with people who need it most. Maybe a few of you have considered giving financially or volunteering with

Hope and you are moved in your heart to start now. I hope you will join with us in this good work, or maybe even take some time to reflect on your heart when it comes to abortion. Is your approach one of compassion? Are you an active participant aligned with Jesus? We are just getting started and there is good work that Hope will continue to do as we link arms with people like you.

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Phil 1:27)

Hope Run 2022



The Hope Run is an active and fun way to financially support Hope. It's easy, too.

Register online today

to run or walk your choice of distance and then ask your social network to join you in this worthy fundraiser. You can print out a donation collection form on our website or use the online tools to invite people to donate.

Why is it important to fundraise? More and more women are coming to Hope and we are happy to provide our free services to all who need us. With increasing patient numbers come increasing expenses. We ask you to partner with us and join us at Minto Brown Island Park on August 20th.

The great news is that all funds raised **AND** all registration fees go directly to providing our compassionate services to women our in area, thanks to our event sponsor and friend, Blazer Industries, Inc.

We hope to see you there!

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A Mistaken Diagnosis

Madison* emailed us this week with a great news update.

Five months ago, she was given a terrible diagnosis. Back then, Madison did not have a regular doctor and she found Hope online. She told us she hoped she was pregnant. During the ultrasound scan our nurse, Annie, saw a large mass in her uterus. She immediately sent the scan to our Medical Director who confirmed there was a problem that needed prompt diagnosis. We told Madison to see an ObGyn as soon as possible.

She did so and her doctor said it was most likely a molar pregnancy or uterine cancer. She told her, "It would be safest to schedule an abortion." Madison relayed to us that sad news in our follow-up call to her. She said she did not want to give up her baby. Annie encouraged her to get a second opinion.

When she connected with us again, she said she'd gotten a second opinion and an MRI that revealed a four inch long fibroid blocking her birth canal. It turns out she will be able to keep her baby, have a C-section birth and then have the fibroid removed. It has been an emotional ordeal for her. As she told Annie, "I've shed a lot of tears about almost aborting a healthy, wanted baby." We rejoice with her that she will soon be a new mother!

* name has been changed for privacy

Summer Support Opportunity

The summer provides an excellent way to support Hope with little effort. As you gather with friends and family this season, consider recycling your bottles and cans in BottleDrop's blue bags.

You can pick up the blue bags at the clinic and drop off filled bags at a BottleDrop location. They will process the bag and credit our account.



Welcome Evelyn Menjivar!

We are thrilled to introduce our newest staff member,

Evelyn Menjivar.

She will be serving as **Hope's Parenting Initiative Mentoring Assistant.** Evelyn is strong, both relationally and administratively, and is just what we need in our growing Parenting Initiative.

Welcome Evelyn!



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Fall Dessert

Saturday, October 22 @ 6:30 pm



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