

An Unlikely Story

“It’s a girl!” We love to hear news like that from our patients. With some, like Victoria*, it is an especially big deal for us.

Victoria came to Hope when she was already 12 weeks along in her pregnancy. She had been homeless for a long time and had recently been given shelter in a pod at Church in the Park. Her history with drug abuse and living unhoused had taken a toll on her. In our counseling room that first meeting it was a challenge just to keep her on topic.

That’s where we started with her. When Victoria saw her baby on the ultrasound screen, she was thrilled and stated her determination to do whatever it would take to keep and parent her baby. We promised to help her in every way possible. She agreed to enroll in the Parenting Initiative. **Not only did she participate in that mentoring program, she stayed with it for months!**

Victoria’s boyfriend, Brad*, attended those parenting classes with her. To be candid, he seemed pretty rough and was initially fairly intimidating. For safety, we had two counselors in the room with them that first meeting. But Brad turned out to be a big “teddy bear” and was as teachable and agreeable as Victoria.

Today they are off the streets, clean and sober, and have a healthy baby girl. They’re living in temporary housing and are on a list to have their own apartment. As one of our staff members put it, “We got to work alongside the case manager to help this woman get off drugs and enter parenthood. What a privilege!”

**names changed for privacy*

This Year's Hope Run

The 2022 Hope Run was a morning of joy, movement and coming together in support of Hope’s patients, **raising over \$10,000**. Over 250 people ran or walked the courses in Minto Brown Park. We were happy to award the Golden Binky Award to the top fundraising team, Keizer Church of Christ, who raised over \$1,400! Awards also went to our fastest runners in the 10K—Jonathan Patterson and Tori Lewis, and in the 5K—Jonathan Ford and Tiffany Schomus. Thanks for making it a great event!



Photo credit to Curtis and Joyce Morley.



Record Breaking Year

With 50 churches and small groups, six of which were brand new this year, **you all raised over \$85,000** for the 2022 Baby Bottle's for Hope Campaign! That's a record for number of participants and for the total raised.

Thank you to every church, small group, family and individual who donated to this year's campaign. It's such a great reminder that every little bit helps and how small things, when given in service to the Lord and His Kingdom, can grow into big things.

We also want to thank Skyline Video Productions for helping us produce such great promotional videos!



Fall Dessert

BENEFITING HOPE PREGNANCY CLINIC

You're Invited

The Fall Dessert on October 22nd is a wonderful way to join us in celebrating Hope's work in the Salem area as well as to raise additional support to touch the lives of even more women and babies. At the Dessert, you will hear powerful first-person testimonies that share how God used Hope staff and volunteers to make positive impacts in the lives of women in our community.

Please join us for this heart-warming evening.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP no later than Friday, October 14th. For more details about the event or to RSVP online visit hopeforsalem.org. Questions? Email Beth Maurer at beth@hopeforsalem.org

Many thanks!

Special Project

A big shout out to Lamonte H., who oversaw the barkdusting project at Hope's two buildings. He led a work team from Salem Evangelical Church and also did much of the heavy lifting himself. Thank you all for your labor of love!

A New Adventure

Hope reluctantly said good-bye to a close friend last month. Our beloved Katy Watson has moved to Central Oregon.

Her husband has a new, awesome job there and the family is on a grand adventure together. Katy's fingerprints are on almost everything at Hope. She served in the



Katy with husband Ken and their two boys, Finn and Theo.

roles of employee, board member, advisor and master volunteer. It is impossible to overstate her impact. We're all glad to see how God is leading her family, and for them to follow Him. But, we'll miss you Katy!



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- Hope Staff



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