

Literary Focus

Hope's mission is to empower women who are unprepared for pregnancy to make healthy, life-affirming decisions, and to introduce them to Jesus. When a woman comes to Hope, she encounters truth, compassion and support. Overwhelmingly, these help her choose life for her baby.

We celebrate that decision, but know that many of our patients will need support beyond the moment of deciding to parent. The staff and volunteers at Hope want to help these women be the best parents they can be and for their families to thrive and be successful. **One of the many ways Hope works toward this goal is to encourage parents to read with their children.**

Literacy is one of the foundational skills that determines later success in life. We know that moms reading to their babies early and often can make a huge, positive impact. To this end, Hope provides books to parents in a number of ways: in the Baby Gift Bags given to all patients choosing to parent, as incentive items in the parenting program, and in our free library at the Parenting Initiative building. We also have parenting, pregnancy, Bibles and Bible study books available for the adults.

We look for as many ways as possible to get books into the hands of the families who come to Hope. Thankfully, we have received support from some of our donors last fall through a book drive hosted by Hope partner, Katie Black. We've also been awarded a grant of \$2,000, in February, from the **Salem Foundation**, to purchase books for the clinic and parenting program. Hope is truly thankful for the support of all who wish to provide these early literacy tools so that parents can raise remarkable readers.



Library at Hope Annex



Items from a Baby Gift Bag



Books from our book drive

A Treasured Gift

It was week #2 for Teresa and Vincente* with Maria, their Parenting Initiative mentor. They were both eager to learn how to be “the best parents we can be.” They also had great need for all of the baby clothes and items they could earn in the program. Actually, Teresa and Vincente are the perfect couple for Hope's Parenting Initiative program, having genuine needs and open hearts.

On this appointment, Maria asked if they wanted a free Bible in their primary language, Spanish. They were thrilled! “We've been wanting to get a Bible for a long time. We're going to study it a lot!” **What an encouragement for us.**

Please pray for all of the new moms and couples in the Parenting Initiative. Some of them have very big needs—material, emotional and spiritual. We seek, by God's grace, to meet every one of those needs.

* name changed for privacy.



Baby Bottles for Hope

Though we say it every year, last year's Baby Bottle Campaign was the greatest testament that every cent counts. We broke a record in the number of participants as well as the total giving amount. Our initial total, after the 2023 campaign ended, was around \$98,000. That, in and of itself, was a record but then some of our baby bottle partners called saying they wanted to help us reach \$100,000. **The official total for 2023 Baby Bottles for Hope was \$101, 602.16!** Every cent truly does count.

Thank you to every person who participated. We're excited to see what the Lord does through you this year.



The 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign starts on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day (May 12 - June 16)*. **We're always eager to have new churches, schools and small groups join us.** If you're interested

or have any questions about the event, please contact Whitney Ned by email at whitney@hopeforsalem.org or call the clinic at 503-364-2464.

*campaign dates are flexible



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THE HOPE RUN
Saturday, August 10
Minto Brown Island Park

Sponsorship Opportunity

The 2024 Hope Run is on Saturday, August 10th, at Minto Brown Island Park. Due to a generous donor who is underwriting the event expenses, all sponsorship, registration and individual fundraising dollars go directly to providing our services to women, babies and families in Marion and Polk counties. **This year we're offering business partners the opportunity to participate as sponsors.** For more information about this opportunity, like sponsorship levels and benefits, please contact Beth Maurer at beth@hopeforsalem.org or call the clinic at 503-364-2464.



How to Save Hope \$60/Month

Here's a way to give a lot to Hope without using money. You can give us *TIME* by helping us tidy up the place once a week. We keep things pretty clean ourselves, but we still need someone to freshen up the floors, bathrooms and garbage bins. It's just a two-hour role once a week, and you would become our favorite hero! If you'd like to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Beth Maurer by email at beth@hopeforsalem.org or call the clinic at 503-364-2464.



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