

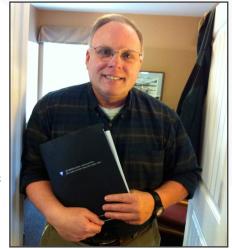
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Hope's 40th Birthday

40 years ago, all the way back in 1985, a concrete worker named Richard Rehman and his wife Monique answered God's call to open a pregnancy center in Salem. In that era, such a thing was pretty uncommon. For the next 30 years,

Richard directed the "Salem Resource Center," and it grew under his leadership. Kim Copple joined him very early on and, utilizing her many diverse skills, she effectively served patients and donors alike. Those two led the clinic over the years through a remodel and a ministry "upgrade" to eventually become a medical clinic. The resource center became "Hope Pregnancy Clinic."

Through times of plenty and in difficult seasons, God has loved and blessed this work. Richard retired in 2015, and Mike Reid came on as the new Director. Since then, the clinic building was expanded, the patient load grew, and a number of amazing staff came along with fresh ideas. A game-changing idea was the addition of the Parenting Initiative, a wonderful way for Hope volunteers to train and mentor women who choose life for their babies. God provided a second building, the Annex, which was immediately dedicated for the parenting classes and mentoring.





One central factor has been a constant throughout all of these 40 years—God deeply loves this ministry. He continuously protects it and provides for it. No matter which staff, board, donors and volunteers that are here at any given time, all have observed His hand in awe as He leads and uses this ministry for His glory. Each of us can be grateful God has let us play one small part in such a rich legacy.

Looking forward to the next 40 years, we can assume that Hope will continue to experience more changes, additions and improvements. No

matter the situations, we'll stay the course, loving and serving women who are unprepared for pregnancy. And we'll keep our gaze fixed on the God in heaven who guides and provides for Hope and the women and babies that come through our doors.



A New Birth in Christ

Elena* is an experienced mother happily expecting baby number four. After a few meetings with Maria, her mentor, she was surprised that she was learning information that she did not know, even after giving birth to three children. In addition to the parenting lessons, Elena chose to participate in the optional Bible study, completing every lesson and discussing them at length with Maria.

After the first lesson she shared that she is thankful that God hears and answers her prayers and that He understands all that we go through. When she brought back the lesson, about Jesus's resurrection, she told Maria, "At the end, I prayed that prayer in the study and asked Jesus to be my Savior and Lord!" Maria celebrated with her. Since that time, she has joined a Bible study at her church. We are encouraged by God's work in this mom and many others with whom we meet.

*name changed for privacy

Hope Events in 2024

2024 was a year of great events. The Hope staff is so thankful for the opportunity to meet so many of our partners and is grateful for your support. Your generosity helps us to serve and support the ever-increasing number of women who are coming to Hope. Thank you!

Baby Bottles: More than 50 churches, schools and community groups participated in this year's campaign. We are thankful for each partner who filled a bottle with coins, cash or checks. Many of those who contributed are new to Hope and we welcome them warmly. The total amount raised through the 2024 Baby Bottle campaign was \$109,203! Amazing!

Hope Run: 220 runners and walkers joined Hope staff and over 50 volunteers at Minto Brown Park on August 10th. It was a beautiful morning, and the area was filled with friends, family, and pups. Over \$12,300 was raised through registrations, donations and business sponsorships. Thank you all who participated! We look forward to seeing you all again August 9, 2025.

Fall Dessert: On October 19th, more than 330 Hope partners and new friends joined together at the Salem Convention Center to celebrate the good work being done through Hope. Attendees heard from a patient couple who shared their Hope story (with a surprise ending!) and the story of a young patient who courageously chose life for her baby.

Over \$75,000 was raised in support of our continuing mission to support and empower women facing unplanned pregnancies. Thank you to all who attended! Save the date and join us next year on October 25, 2025.

2025 DATES TO REMEMBER Boby Bottle Composign

Mother's Day (May 11) through Father's Day (June 15)

The Hope Run

Saturday, August 9th @ Minto Brown Island Park

Fall Dessert

Saturday, October 25th @ Salem Convention Center



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In their words...

I just want to say that you ladies were fantastic with [my friend]. Thank you for being so gentle and kind, and for giving her so much time and information.

