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A Very Helpful Auntie

Jonnie* was not an unusual Hope patient. She was quiet, subdued and sober-minded. She was "a walk-in," meaning she hadn't made an appointment in advance but just came to us unannounced. We always make time and room for walk-ins, as they are often more likely to be abortion-minded. This turned out to be the case with Jonnie. She had her reasons, and she was pretty clear about them.

Her situation was different in an important way though. Her sister came in with her. Her sis was clearly hopeful and positive about Jonnie's unborn baby. She got excited when she saw the heartbeat on the ultrasound monitor. Even Jonnie gave up a little smile seeing the very distinct image on the screen.

Then the sister saw the basket filled with hand-knitted baby booties tucked away on a shelf. She brought the basket over and they both looked together through the different colors. Jonnie's mood took another small step upward.

The appointment ended and Jonnie said she was still unsure. But on the way out of the room her sister carried two pairs of booties. She showed the receptionist, and Jonnie said they couldn't decide which pair they liked more. The receptionist didn't miss a beat, "Why don't you take them both?" And so, she did.

I initially wrote that Jonnie was not an unusual patient, implying she might be typical or possibly insignificant. Just to be clear, she was and is quite unique.

Every person who comes to Hope is made in the very image of God, specially made by His creative hand. This is true not just for every unborn baby, but also for every woman. Each has immeasurable worth. Each is important to Him, and therefore to us.

We pray for Jonnie, and hope we'll get to see her, and her baby, again.

* name changed for privacy

Job Announcement

WE ARE

Hiring

Hope recently promoted one of our receptionists, and we are now searching for her replacement. This is a bilingual Spanish/English position; candidates must be fluent or near fluent in both languages. Also required is a giving, loving heart, filled with compassion and mercy. Good phone skills and some multi-tasking abilities are also essential.

For a full job description and application process, please visit the Get Involved page at hopeforsalem. org.

We hope to hire and begin training this individual by the end of July, so she can be ready to go solo in early September. Those interested may send an application and resume to Mike Reid at mike@hopeforsalem.org.

Pregnancy Loss

One of the distinguishing features of our staff is their compassionate nature. This was highlighted by a great suggestion from our new Staff Advocate, Karyn, of a new way to come alongside women experiencing a pregnancy loss.

When a patient experiences a pregnancy loss, we now offer them a **Pregnancy Loss Keepsake Box**. It is sent to them with a card signed by the Hope staff and includes a journal, pen, counselor list, and John MacArthur's book, *Safe in the Arms of God*. They can use this box to store mementos such as ultrasound pictures, booties, etc.

Since initiating this project in April, Hope has already sent out fifteen boxes as a way to show the women in our community that we love and care for them.



Hope Run Registration is Open

The 2025 Hope Run is just around the corner! We are so excited to welcome back old friends and meet new ones at Minto-Brown Island Park on August 9th.

The Hope Run is a wonderful opportunity to join with friends and family in a beautiful location for a worthy cause. The funds raised at this event help to provide our free services to all who need them.



You can make an impact on the lives of women, babies and families in Marion and Polk counties just by registering, asking those in your social circles to sponsor you and taking a walk (or run) through the park.

Register online today at hopeforsalem.org or by

scanning this QR code before July 21st for early bird pricing. We hope to see you on August 9th!

Gift Bag Delight

Hope Pregnancy Clinic values both mother and baby. We know that when we provide the help and support that the mother needs, she is able to make a healthy choice for life. Each patient who chooses to parent can

return to Hope to receive a **Baby Gift Bag** that is full of new items such as diapers, wipes, sleepers, onesies, a board book, toy, a handmade blanket and more.

Our patients often share how much these acts of encouragement touch their hearts and brighten their parenting journeys. A gift bag really does make a difference!



If you would like to support a mom and baby by filling a Baby Gift Bag, you can sign up on the Ways to Give page of our website, hopeforsalem.org or by contacting Kelly at kelly.gilbert@hopeforsalem.org



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Save the Date! Hope's Fall Dessert will take place Saturday October 25th



