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Bethel Bulletin

2016 has been an amazing year! God has blessed this ministry with phenomenal support, volunteers and staff. Lives have been saved and families have been strengthened by God; who provided all of the blessings this ministry has received.

One of my favorite opportunities provided by this ministry is working with families who have temporarily lost custody of their children. We have developed a program within the ministry called "The 3 P's to Empowerment". This program is a coaching mechanism used to inspire parents to succeed by incorporating the power of Partnering, Planning and Projecting into their process and procedures for reunifying with their children.

Partnering: Parents are encouraged to partner with Children Services and cooperate with their caseworkers and team members assigned to their case. We also suggest partnering with other community organizations and participating in all of the programs they qualify for.

Planning: Voice of Hope's "Earn While You Learn" program provides an Education Plan of Action for each client consisting of 152 hours of parent skills training. We provide a written plan that is used as a tool for motivation and direction.

Projection: Each participant is encouraged to speak positively about their efforts and envision life with their children again. Scripture tells us in Proverbs 18:21 that the power of life and death rests in the tongue. Science and psychology reinforce what we, as believers, have always known to be true. We have the pleasure of bringing hope and encouragement to parents that are facing another type of crisis.

I am excited to announce, Marion Rotary Club, Marion Community Foundations, and Bucyrus UMC have sponsored Voice of Hope's much needed curriculum addition and upgrades for this program. We are thankful for ALL of our supporters who have brought Voice of Hope this far, and who will continue to support the ministry in our effort to save lives and strengthen families.

Blessings,
Barbara Mills
Executive Director



Client Hours

Upper Sandusky:
Tuesday - 12:00PM-5:00PM

Bucyrus :
Mondays - 5:00PM-7:00PM

Marion:
Tuesdays - 10:00AM-1:00PM
5:00PM-7:00PM
Thursdays - 12:00PM-2:00PM

Office Hours

Marion:
Monday - 10AM-2:00PM
Tuesday- 10AM-2:00PM
Wednesday- 10AM-2:00PM
Thursday - 10AM-2:00PM
Friday- By Appointment Only

Items Needed

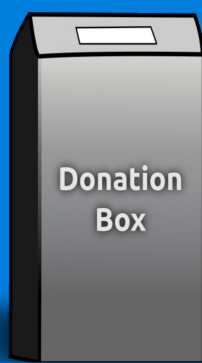
Here is a list of items we are
ALWAYS in need of.

Centers

Batteries (all sizes)
Gallon size baggies
Postage Stamps
Clorox Wipes
Windex
Paper Towels
Lysol
Air Freshener/Scented wax
Dryer Sheets
Laundry Detergent (He)
Garbage Bags

Clients

Gerber Formula
* Soy
* Soothe
* Gentle
Pack n'Plays
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Client Connections

Program Participant
Joshua Combs

The Expectant Father- Fathering Today

Being an involved father isn't an easy job. It will be a difficult responsibility and at times frustrating. Your biggest obstacles will most certainly be societal. Before they can walk, children are presented with the message fathers are superfluous. There are no fathers in: *The Cat in the Hat*, *Babar*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Peter Rabbit*, or *Are You My Mother?*. In the vast majority of children books, a woman is the only parent. The man (if he appears at all) comes home late after work, bounces baby around for five minutes and then puts him to bed. It is discouraging and frustrating that there aren't many books that portray positive male role models. The unwritten message is, the mother can take better care of children than a father is capable of. Children age 5-16 spend an average of 6.5 hours in front of a screen. The majority of what they watch depict fathers as useless. It was found, by the National Fatherhood Initiative, fathers were eight times more likely to be portrayed negatively. In nearly every child's TV show, dad is outwitted by his wife, ridiculed by his children, and portrayed as a complete incompetent in every way. Though these dads love their kids, they can't even handle the simplest child-related tasks. For example, *The Amazing World of Gumball* depicts the mother as, in control of everything, holding the entire family together; and the dad as a complete moron.

The same has been found true of the portrayal of fathers and men in general in commercials. Fredric Hayward, the director of Men's Rights Inc., did a survey of a thousand random TV advertisements and found, "100% of the jerks singled out in male- female relationships were males, 100% of ignorant ones were males, and 100% of incompetent ones were males." It's possible to argue that mothers do the majority of shopping, cleaning, and feeding. The subtle yet critical message contained in these ads is that fathers are stupid, useless, and simply don't care. Kids, and anyone else watching, get the clear message that dads don't feed, clothe, or nurse children when they're sick; and shouldn't be called in case of an emergency. It seems we've confused men's lack of training in child care with a lack of interest or concern about their children.

A lot of fathers today, like me, were raised in what is the new American 'traditional' family. They simply didn't have a male role model, or father figure to teach them skills to be a great father. Men's involvement has been discouraged by continually portraying men as dangerous, incompetent, and incapable. It is up to us as fathers to break the stereotype and raise our children with a higher standard, so the next generation will elevate to higher fathering heights.

Parenting skills are learned through experience and training. No first time parent, mother or father, knows how to soothe a colicky baby, or prevent diaper rash. I just became a proud father of my first child. His mother has two other boys, yet I was the one that refreshed her on breastfeeding techniques and various other subjects. My knowledge came from a vast amount of reading, and fatherhood classes.

There may be a long list of obstacles for men to overcome to be great fathers; however, there is a short list to achieve it. Take the initiative of being involved in your child's life. Get some practice by giving their mother a break from everyday activities. Don't devalue the things you are doing with your kids. Keep communicating, find support, take parenting and fatherhood classes like offered by Voice of Hope, and read books. Most of all show, your child and their mother, all the love and support they need from the moment of conception, to birth, and every moment for the rest of your life as a father.

Board Member: Brianna Miller



Life is such a wonderful, beautiful gift; the love of family is one of life's greatest blessings. Several years ago my husband Nathan and I felt God nudging us to open our hearts and minds up to the possibility of adoption. So after welcoming two biological sons into our family in 2009 and 2012, we stepped out in faith in January 2015 and began the long, complex domestic adoption process. While our adoption journey has taken many twists and turns, we willingly embrace this calling and stand ready to love, honor and protect any child that is placed with us in God's perfect timing.

One of the many things I have reflected on in this "season of waiting" is just how important pregnancy clinics like Voice of Hope really are to expectant mothers who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy or other crisis. As we have journeyed through the adoption process, I have learned that many expectant mothers have limited prenatal care. And those who do seek out professional care often struggle to find a doctor who will accept them as a patient if they are too far along in their pregnancy. This means that the only prenatal care many women receive is from clinics like Voice of Hope.

In addition to poor prenatal care, I have learned that many of these birth mothers struggle with substance abuse and that they aren't fully aware of the damaging effects of drug and alcohol use during pregnancy. These women frequently lack the resources and support structure they need to adequately care for and raise a child. Sadly, this anxiety and stress becomes so great that an alarming number of women will consider abortion in a crisis situation because they see no other way. Time and again, though, the women who do have a life-confirming ultrasound early in their pregnancy tend to experience a change of heart and either choose to parent the unborn child or make an adoption plan for the child. And when mothers and families get the support they need, the entire family benefits. This is the reason we need life-affirming options and resources for individuals in need, so that we can reshape families and give them the best start in life and help them grow and thrive.

What Voice of Hope does as a ministry truly has a lasting impact on our communities. Together, we can help spread the word about the quality services Voice of Hope offers and help bring hope and healing to those in need.

Upper Sandusky Center Coordinator: Suzanne Pummell



I would like to thank all who support Bethel Ministries' Voice of Hope Pregnancy Center! It has been a blessing to work with this supportive community and wonderful volunteers. Without everyone working for God's glory, we wouldn't be here to help those in need. Our Upper Sandusky center has more than tripled in clientele since I began working here in May. It is fulfilling, in many ways, being used to help families. Clients are putting forth an effort and are learning. We have multiple opportunities to pray with them while at the same time build a healthy bond that, we believe, will open the door to share the Love of Christ. Participants are able to get supplies they need to take care of their

young ones while learning and growing.

Our three centers – Marion – Bucyrus – Upper, help one another with supplies that has proven to be a blessing. Recently, John Stewart United Methodist Church held a baby shower for the Upper center and brought in many items we were in need of. My hope is to hold more baby showers around the community to continue to fill our boutique. Families are working hard to earn baby bucks and are excited when they are able to buy new clothing and necessities for their children.

The Upper center would certainly appreciate more community minded volunteers. We could use client advocates and behind the scenes workers to process items that are donated; and a volunteer to clean our facility from top to bottom at least once a month. If you feel led by God to serve in any of these capacities, please call us! I am so blessed to serve God in such a giving, supportive community as Upper Sandusky! Thank you friends and God Bless!

Calendar of Events

December 2016

- End of Year Giving

January 2017

- Corporate Sponsor Enrollment

March 2017

- Upper Fundraising Brunch

- Bucyrus Fundraising Brunch

May/June 2017

- Annual 5K/ Walk for Life

September 2017

- Annual Fall Banquet



Volunteer Needs

Marion Center

Saturday 10AM - 12PM

Tuesday 10AM - 1PM

Tuesday 4PM - 7PM

Thursday 10AM - 1PM

Thursday 4PM - 7PM

- * Receptionists
- * Client Advocates
- * Behind The Scenes
- * Outreach

Bucyrus Center

Mondays 2PM-7PM

- * Receptionist
- * Client Advocate
- * Behind The Scenes
- * Outreach

Upper Center

- * Receptionist
- * Client Advocate
- * Behind The Scenes
- * Outreach

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