# **Bethel Pro-Life Ministries**

# **2019 WINTER EDITION**

# Voice of Hope

**Pregnancy & Family Center** 

Another year at Voice of Hope Pregnancy & Family Center is coming to a close. We have been blessed with new supporters, staff members and volunteers. Many lives have been changed and saved because of this ministry. I hope the winter edition of our newsletter will echo our gratitude to ALL who have supported Voice of Hope. You may not have physically been here during every situation our team encountered, but you have been alongside us in the spiritual sense. All that has been accomplished this year has been because of the favor of our Mighty God, and the obedience of our amazing financial supporters, volunteers, and prayer warriors.

My first mention of appreciation will be for our Corporate and Church Sponsors. This program funded all of VOH's 2019 fundraising events, allowing 100% of our ticket sales, entry fees and donations to be directly applied to saving lives and strengthening families. Please make sure to check out the back of this newsletter and express [your] gratitude to the businesses and organizations who made that possible.

This year's Fundraising events not only achieved, but exceeded expectations. The Spring Meet and Greet Brunch had several new attendees and over \$2,000 raised. The brunches provide a great opportunity for supporters to hear updates on the ministry from the Executive Director, and meet the team managing the local centers. The Sarah Osborne memorial 5k Run/Walk for life surpassed \$10,000; and there were several in attendance in each county showing their support. Finally, the Fall Fundraising Banquet with Melissa Ohden and her amazing testimony inspired folks to give almost \$30,000 in donations and commit to over \$500 in new monthly support. There were many faces I spotted at ALL of these events throughout the year. If you came to one or more... THANK YOU! Successful fundraisers keep our doors open and add hope for future VOH centers.

As VOH continues to develop, providing the best atmosphere for our clients is becoming more of a priority. Voice of Hope has been blessed with finances donated specifically for remodeling. This has been a great need for the ministry, as our centers were looking drab and a out of date. Stephanie Byrne, VOH's Office Manager, has proven she not only astute in managing Voice of Hope's resources, but is now affectionately called "The Joanna Gaines" of Voice of Hope! She is super talented and has overseen all the renovations. The first project (Bucyrus Center) has been completed and looks fabulous! Currently the Upper Sandusky center is under construction. The new plans for the center will provide additional classrooms and allow for a meeting place for client's group lessons and monthly Bible study. Marion renovations are expected to begin by next spring as more project subsidy becomes available.

More than renovations have rejuvenated our centers! All three VOH locations employ center coordinators to manage program operations. Lynn Clay is our new Bucyrus center coordinator, Sue Pummell returned to the Upper Sandusky center, and Kristine Rowe oversees the Marion center. The ministry is expanding and producing need for leadership over all center coordinators. Amanda Combs has been promoted from Marion Coordinator to Lead Coordinator. This action makes even more ministry development possible. How great is that!

In 2011 Bethel Ministries began providing ultrasounds at the Marion Center. All clients from other centers were referred to Marion. Now, due to the generosity of our supporters such as Holy Trinity in Bucyrus, Knights of Columbus (Marion, Galion, and Bucyrus) and others, we are fully funded and equipped to offer ultrasounds in all three locations.

Overseeing this lifesaving program we are blessed to have Dr. Annemarie Clark, D.O as our Medical Director and Licensed Sonographer Brenna Doty, RDMS. This dynamic team provides vital work for young ladies contemplating abortion. Without them we would not be able to continue the pregnancy clinic portion of our ministry, offering laboratory pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. In this past month (October) three mothers contacted our office considering abortion and have instead chosen life for their little ones. Praise God for the amazing team of professionals and supporters who make this all possible.

# VOH Staff

Barbara Mills Executive Director

Stephanie Byrne Resource Manager

Amanda Combs Lead Coordinator

Kristine Rowe Maron Center Coordinator

**Lynn Clay** Bucyrus Center Coordinator

Sue Pummell Upper Center Coordinator

Brenna Doty , RDMS Sonographer

# **Board of Directors**

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**Dr. Annemarie Clark, D.O** Medical Director

# **Centers**

Marion—Main Office 217 W. Center St Marion, OH 43302 740-223-0419

#### **Bucyrus**

115 W. Rensselaer St. Bucyrus, OH 44820 419-562-2274

Upper Sandusky 134 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 419-294-2273

# Fatherhood Program



# Upper Sandusky

Wednesday	4:00pm-7:00pm
Friday	10:00am-2:00pm
<u>Bucyrus</u> Monday Friday	3:00pm-7:00pm 10:00am-2:00pm
<u>Marion</u> Tuesdays	10:00am-2:00pm 5:00pm-7:00pm
Thursdays	10:00am-2:00pm

# **Office Hours**

Marion:	
Monday	10:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday Thursday	10:00am-2:00pm 10:00am-
2:00pm	
Friday- By Ap	pointment Only

# **Items Needed**

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

# <u>Center</u>

Batteries (all sizes) Gallon size baggies Postage Stamps Clorox Wipes Paper Towels Lysol Dryer Sheets

### **Clients**

Cribs (New Only) Pack n'Plays Walkers Exersaucers

Wipes Diapers (NO SIZE 1,2,OR 3 PLEASE) Pull- Ups / Training Pants Clothing Sizes- NB-5T Maternity Clothes Strollers **Bouncy Seats** Bottles (New Only) Sippy cups (New Only) **Highchairs** Bath Tubs Bath Towels & Wash Cloths Bath Soap **Baby Lotion Baby Oil** Cannot Accept Used Breast Pumps Used Cribs **Used Car Seats Stuffed Animals** Used Baby Toys

As hard as it may seem to imagine, there are FATHERS also utilizing our services, taking specialized courses on being a father. This is a dynamic not modeled in most of the young men's lives we see on a regular basis. This year, there have been fourteen appointments for our Fatherhood track.

Recently a young man, age 19, called the office attempting to schedule an abortion for a girl he impregnated. Our team member counseled him for more than an hour to not force her to abort his baby. Even though his attempt seemed cold, calloused and gruesome, he was ministered to with love and not judged or rejected. He shared his own personal life situations with our staff member and allowed her to pray with him. Afterward he expressed much gratitude for the care and kindness received, declaring he wanted the mother to talk to us as well. We are praying for great things for him, the mother and his child.

This young man is not a monster. He is the product of a fatherless life and death promoting culture. He doesn't know any other way. I am so glad our team was able to share, God loves him, and aborting his little one is not the answer to his problems. Perhaps he heard this for the first time in his life! Our story of this father is not only proof men need pregnancy centers, but pregnancy centers also need men (volunteers).

# Over \$1,000 Collected from Community Awards. Sign up TODAY!

# <u>Kroger</u>

Step 1: log on to www.kroger.com

Step 2: Sign in to your account (or create one)

Step 3: Select the "COMMUNITY" tab

Step 4: Select "Kroger Community Rewards" & Click "Enroll Now"

Step 5: Search for "Bethel Pro-Life Ministries" or "BS497"

# Amazon Christmas Shopping!

Step 1: While Shopping Amazon, Go to www.smile.amazon.com

Step 2: Locate "Supporting" (in yellow font, under search bar)

Step 3: Search for Bethel Pro-Life Ministries of Wyandot County

Step 4: Shop

Note: ~Qualified Amazon purchases must be made through Smile.Amazon, not Amazon.com.

~Not every purchase qualifies for a donation. Your account will show you a total of contributions made on your behalf.

# **Sponsorship Options**

<u>Corporate/Church Sponsorship</u>- Business & Church partners (listed on back of newsletter) underwrite the cost of fundraising, enabling 100% of monies raised to be used solely for the ministry. As a token of our appreciation, we offer an advertisement packet promoting each sponsor. Please contact the main office for more information about corporate sponsorship opportunities.

**Sonographer Sponsorship**- Statistics report 80% of women facing an unplanned pregnancy will choose life when given the opportunity to have an ultrasound. This requires both equipment and medical professionals. To be fully operational the cost is \$100 per day. If you would like to sponsor one day (or more) a month to help us provide a voice for the voiceless, please contact our office for more information. (Half-day sponsorship opportunities are available.)

<u>Monthly Donors-</u> The cost to operate all three Voice of Hope Centers is \$165,000 per year. Please consider partnering with the ministry to help operations to continue by becoming a consistent monthly donor. There are multiple partnership levels ranging from \$5 to \$500 per month. If you would like to partner with Voice of Hope, please pray and choose the monthly amount that best fits your budget.

*Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.* James 6:38



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# Partner With Purpose



# The Lives You Help Save



Abortion isn't always chosen out of convenience; but from situations that seem impossible to overcome. A single working mom contacted our office to schedule an abortion. I lovingly explained we were a prolife ministry, and would love to talk to her. She immediately came to the center and we discussed her situation. This young

lady already has little ones that she isn't able to provide for. I explained how Voice of Hope is available to help in her situation; and not only were we concerned for her unborn baby, but we cared for HER and her other children. After prayer, many tears, and immediate assistance (provided by **YOU** the supporter) she chose life.

Please remember, the abortion choice it isn't **only** about convenience, vanity or greed. It most likely is about a crown of anxiety placed on the head of a young woman abandoned in her situation, struggling to survive. This "crown" can be decorated with the jewels of abandonment, lack of resources, and lack of education. Just as Jesus wore a crown of punishment for us providing forgiveness and righteousness, we ask each girl to allow Voice of Hope wear her crown of anxiety, so she can make a good choice for her baby and future.

What if the young mother I mentioned would not have dialed the wrong number? What if she would have contacted an abortion clinic as she thought? Would she have been told God loves her and there was help for her current situation? I don't think so. In fact, because she already had small children, she may have been convinced the only responsible thing to do would be to swallow a pill and make it all go away. **Thank God** she called the wrong number! **Thank God** supporters have given so there were resources and staff available to meet her need. **Thank God** for ALL prayer warriors who cover us daily, so the right people were at the right place at the right time. **Thank God**... This little one will live.

Services Rendered 433 Boutique 389 Clothing Closet

14 Fatherhood Track

Appointments Held

2019 - Over 1,000

275 Prayer252 CPS Referred166 Abstinence Class80 Bible Study39 Pregnancy Clinic

2015 - 603

2016 - 919

2017 - 1,096

2018 - 1,112

# 2019 Snapshot

\* 2019 numbers not available until Jan 2020
Boutique- Clients use earned baby bucks to purchase items needed for their children.
<u>Clothing Closet</u>- Clients fill one to two bags per month to provide clothing for their children.
<u>Prayer</u>- Advocates offer to pray with each person served. Many salvations have been reported.
<u>CPS</u>- Parents seeking reunification join our program for parent education and life skills training.
<u>Abstinence</u> Class- Information and training regarding sexual risk avoidance.
<u>Bible Study</u>- Clients participating in Daily Bread and monthly Bible study classes.
<u>Pregnancy Clinic</u>- Women and young girls obtaining pregnancy tests and ultrasounds.
<u>Fatherhood</u> - Class specifically designated to teach men their significant role in their child's life.

# 2019 End of Year Giving

There have been many wonderful things God has done through this ministry. It is difficult to report in so few pages. Please contact one of our centers to tour and learn more. If you would like to make Voice of Hope Pregnancy and Family Center the recipient of your 2019 END OF YEAR giv-

ing, you can help us build, remodel and continue our mission to Save Lives and Strengthen Families. Please use the envelope provided and make your LARGEST ever Gift of Life!

Thanks again for keeping this ministry alive... subsequently keeping children alive as well.



# **Calendar of Events**

November 26th Giving Tuesday November- Dec. 2019 End of Year Giving January 2020 Corporate Sponsorship Renewal March 2020 Annual Brunch Meet and Greet Bucyrus, TBD Upper, TBD Marion, TBD

# lune 2020

5k Run/Walk for Life

- Marion (5k), June 13th
- Upper Sandusky, June 20th
- Bucyrus, June 27th

# September 2020

- Fall Fundraising Banquet
- Marion, September 17th



Locked doors will not save lives. We need your help! Please call your local center TODAY to learn how your special skills can be used to unlock center doors and Save Lives & Strengthen Families in your area.

### **Openings for all Three Centers**

- \* Receptionists
- \* Client Advocates
- \* Behind The Scenes
- \* Outreach/ Events

### Marion Center

Monday 10am-2pm Tuesday 10am-2pm & 5pm-7pm Thursday 10am-2pm Friday 10am-2pm

<u>Bucyrus Center</u> Monday 2pm-7pm Friday 10am-2pm

<u>Upper Center</u> Wednesday 4pm-7pm

# Voice of Hope Family & Pregnancy Center 217 W. Center St. Marion, OH 43302

# **Return Service Requested**

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# **Contact Information**

Phone: Marion: 740-223-0419 Upper Sandusky: 419-294-2273 Bucyrus: 419-562-2274 **Email:** voiceofhopepc@yahoo.com Website: www.betheldonors.org www.yourpregnancyoptions.org Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/vohpc

Hotline: 1-800-712-HELP

# Bethel Pro-Life Ministry's



# Voice of Hope

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