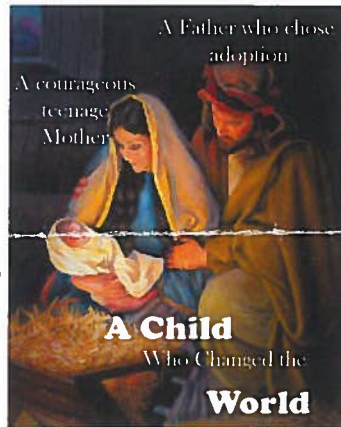


A Christmas Message



Christmas may be the ultimate pro-life holiday, with its message about the value of life! God came in the form of Jesus that we might have spiritual abundant life. God's choice of that pro-life vision was through a baby-born into a situation where this start of life was a stigma and a danger. Mary was taking a chance on God, continuing her pregnancy, Joseph was taking a chance on a baby that wasn't biologically his, and together, they fulfilled God's prophesy, believing that what seemed like an impossible situation was actually a blessing and the will of God.*



Most women that come to Abundant Hope believe that they are also in an impossible situation. Without faith, they are unable to realize the gift from God that is growing within them. In our service to the Lord, we empower women with the education and services needed to choose life. We would like to share some of those stories with you.

Linda came to us in March with her boyfriend. They are living together, but her children are living out of State with a family member. She is very apprehensive about carrying another child. After two appointments and 2 ultrasounds, Linda and her boyfriend are excited about the baby and happy to parent. We are waiting to hear the wonderful news about the birth as she is due any day!

Donna said she loves children and would like more kids, but her circumstances aren't favorable at the moment. She said she has a good support system if she decides to keep the baby. She agreed to 2 ultrasounds and along with her boyfriend, was very excited to see the heartbeat of their baby. He has a history of twins in his family and was even hoping there would be two. He seems very excited to be a father. Donna is due at Thanksgiving and will have plenty to give thanks for this year!

Lisa arrived for her appointment, abortion minded. She recently ended the relationship with her boyfriend and prefers to abort. We suggested adoption and learned that she, herself, was adopted and had a great relationship with her mother. Her pregnancy test was positive. After seeing her ultrasound, she claimed she wanted to carry to term. She was still interested in adoption. During her second ultrasound appointment, she announced that she decided to carry to term and keep her baby. She plans to move back to the South with her mother and raise her child.

Jasmine and her boyfriend arrived for their appointment, excited to find out if they were pregnant. They have been in a relationship for over 10 years and did not think that she was able to conceive. Due to Covid-19, Jasmine's boyfriend was unable to attend any of her doctor or ultrasound appointments. Following all Covid-19 safety precautions, we were happy to provide them with an ultrasound of their baby at 8 weeks gestation. They were overjoyed to see their little angel. Jasmine is expecting a baby boy in June, 2021.



This Christmas, let's do more than remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Let's be thankful for Mary's courage, and Joseph's love, and pray that women making decisions about unexpected pregnancies will choose life. After all, they may not be carrying the Son of God, but they could be carrying a world changer and a history maker!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We pray that you will have a blessed holiday season.

Chairman's Letter

I hope that this greeting finds you well & full of joy as we approach the Christmas season.

Thanks to your continued support, Abundant Hope has remained fully open and operating during COVID and continues to be quite busy serving pregnant women in their time of need.

What do these women need most? Comfort, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

1. Comfort

Women and couples who face unplanned pregnancies are often dealing with emotions like shock, fear and shame. They face derailed hopes and dreams. They wonder about an uncertain future. A situation this difficult calls for comfort.

Comfort is like wrapping a cozy blanket around someone on a bitterly cold night, providing a buffer of warmth and security. The recipient doesn't need to do anything but accept it.

Not only does God bring comfort to His people - He calls Himself "*the God of all compassion and encouragement*" (2 Corinthians 1:3)

2. Hope

Another emotional need during an unplanned pregnancy is the need for hope. A desperate woman may feel compelled to seek a quick solution, but what she really needs is confidence to embrace the future, even though it looks different than what she had in mind. Here's the thing: hope leads to good decisions, while choices based on despair usually end in regret. The kind of hope God offers is hope that does not disappoint (Romans 5:5). It's not a matter of, "Well, I hope so..." but rather an assurance that our loving God will fulfill His promises. Christmas reminds us of the ultimate hope God freely offers. Because we ourselves are buoyed up by this hope, we are well able to offer it to those we serve.

3. Peace

A woman in crisis due to an unexpected pregnancy is agitated. She's running all the "what if's" through her mind. She feels worried and anxious. She needs peace.

Isaiah 9:5 says this prophetically about Jesus, "*For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, upon his shoulders dominion rests. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, God-Hero, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*"

God's name contains exactly what the human heart needs. Because we know the Prince of Peace, we can minister to those struggling with worry, anxiety and stress. We can provide a haven for them where their minds can quiet down. We can offer them the gift of peace this Christmas.

4. Joy

We have seen miracles!

The young woman who presented with such fear and anguish, now proudly smiling as she shows off her newborn. A life decision that is not easy, but it brings great blessings and joy. When "unplanned" babies come into the world, everyone around them benefits from their presence. In Luke 2:10, the angels said to the shepherds, "*Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*"

Jesus has given us His complete kind of joy (John 15:11). This Christmas, your support allows us to be instruments of joy in the lives of others.

5. Love

Surrounding and upholding words and actions that bring comfort, hope, peace and joy is one great motivator -- love.

We do this work because God, our Creator, loves every single human being. He values us in a special way above anything else in creation (Psalm 8:5-7). Because we know Him and are loved by Him, we have His love for others. We may be the only ones who show unconditional love to the women who walk through our doors. What greater gift can we give them this Christmas? Comfort, hope, peace, joy and love.

Thank you for your continued financial support as our budget relies 100% on it. And as always, we are grateful for your prayers as all our efforts rely on God and His blessings.

Merry Christmas,
Catherine Roman,
Chairman



Exciting News...

Abundant Hope is constantly challenging ourselves to ensure that the services we offer meet the needs of our clients. We evaluate the current services and determine what would be complimentary.

We are excited to inform you of two new programs we plan to begin offering in 2021 and our very successful post-abortive healing program that we will continue to offer.

Fatherhood - Fathers coming into Abundant Hope need simple and practical advice on how to be the dad that their children need. Our new program addresses the real and pressing needs that a father experiences and creates a challenge to put in more effort, time and love. The topics covered range from discipline to role-modeling to spending time with family. It includes the reasons why it is important to do what is right along with inspiration for moving beyond those difficult moments.

We plan to begin offering this new and exciting program in the first quarter, 2021. Please pray for our young fathers and the program leaders.

Embrace Grace - A program designed to love and support the single and pregnant young women in their own communities. Empowering women to learn how to have hope again. Single moms have realized they can have their babies and their dreams, too.

In collaboration with a local church, this much-needed support for single moms will become a reality in 2021. Thank you for your continued support.

Surrendering the Secret - Many women who have experienced abortion hide the secret deep in their hearts and suffer in silence. This program enables women to release this burden and find freedom through honest, interactive Bible study. This powerful, redemptive study helps each hurting woman find her personal path to healing.

If you or someone you know are ready to take back your life and find healing, give us a call. We can help!

Did You Know...

Planned Parenthood does not like to talk about its abortion business. It runs the nation's largest abortion chain, has more abortion centers than all other abortionists combined, and commits over **330,000** abortions a year.

Planned Parenthood takes the lives of **twice as many innocent human beings in the United States every year as died in the COVID-19** pandemic in the United States this year. And they think that is not enough!

Celebrate Life

2020 Virtual Fundraising Event

September 24, 2020 - A day of great angst for us. This was our first "virtual" fundraising event! No beautiful ballroom at Lake Pearl. No raffles, games or prizes. We worried it would be cold & impersonal, and that was certainly not the way we wanted to Celebrate Life with all of you. We put our faith in God and did not let Covid-19 deter our celebration!

As usual, God did not disappoint, and neither did you! We can't thank you enough for the support of so many. We had a very successful event. Because of you we will continue to support dozens of women in crisis through the end of this year.

We would also like to thank those that sponsored our event:

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In preparation for this year's event we asked you to complete a Celebration of Life word search that we published in our last newsletter. So many of you were excited to participate! Thank you for joining in on the fun. The winner of a beautiful Christmas basket was Liz Day!



We are praying earnestly for the opportunity to see you all in person for our next Celebrate Life event in 2021. God's blessings on each one of you. Merry Christmas!

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A special thank you to the following groups that have shown their support in the recent months even among the struggles with Covid-19. These groups have once again come through for us in our time of need. We can't thank you enough!

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Heal the Heartbreak

Do you, or someone you know, suffer from a past abortion? You are not alone. There is hope! There is healing! Come find forgiveness and peace through Surrendering the Secret Bible Study held at our Center in Attleboro. Let us show you the path to freedom from the sorrow, pain and guilt of abortion. A new session will be starting soon. Now is the time to stop the hurt and find peace again.

Call 508-455-0425 or email Director@ahprc.org.



Have you seen these license plates on the road? Every Choose Life License Plate provides funds that go directly to life affirming organizations like Abundant Hope. The more license plates sold mean more funds to promote and support the positive choices of life, adoption and safe havens. Please considering purchasing a plate today. For more information go to: www.machoose-life.org