

Hope

PREGNANCY MINISTRIES

The mission of Hope Pregnancy Ministries is to honor Christ by eliminating abortion through life affirming education and intervention.



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One Hour. One Chance. One God.

by Michelle Reimer
Executive Director

Ten years ago, Hope Pregnancy Ministries was founded with the vision of changing the life of a woman as she experiences the difficulty of an unplanned pregnancy. A miracle happens when a woman chooses life and rejects the notion of abortion, simply because she was educated about the choices before her.

At Clear Choice Clinic, we are blessed to have this opportunity on a daily basis. To see a young woman come through our door, and hear her heartbreak as she contemplates the difficult decision before her is an honor and a privilege. The sense of responsibility is tremendous because we realize that we may only have one chance to affect her life. One hour. One chance. One God.

Two weeks ago, “Tami” was a high school student who found herself pregnant, alone and scared. She and her boyfriend “Kevin” hadn’t told anyone, especially their parents, and had decided that they could not continue the pregnancy...they had too much to lose. Having decided to have an abortion, Tami and Kevin did what most kids do...they got on the internet. After a short search, they found the Clear Choice Clinic website and called for an appointment.

The next day, Tami and Kevin arrived...scared and adamant about needing an abortion, but willing to learn about other options. They visited with a volunteer Patient Advocate, where they poured out their fears and doubts. They were given written information about the choices

confronting them, and wise counsel from a loving, nonjudgmental spirit. When it was time for the ultrasound, Tami and Kevin agreed, “just to see how far along” they were. This, after all, is critical information when planning an abortion. As the image came to life on the screen, and a 9 ½ week baby became obvious, there were small smiles, followed by awkward silence. This was the baby they had chosen to abort. Before Tami and Kevin left, the nurse invited them back for a second ultrasound, explaining that they had time before they needed to make a decision, and that it would be wise to be sure that the pregnancy was still viable before they had an abortion. They agreed. Tami had the next two weeks to ponder the reality of the life inside her.

Two weeks later when Tami walked through the door, this time with her mother, it was apparent that something had changed. During the ultrasound, Tami announced that she and Kevin had decided to keep the baby. When asked what had changed, she said, “Before I saw the ultrasound, the baby didn’t seem real...I thought I could just have an abortion and it would go away. Then I saw the ultrasound and it became real. When I saw it, I knew I wanted to keep it.”

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CHANGE IS GOOD... *at the Resource Center*

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Resource Center continues to provide assistance to women during their pregnancy and for 18 months after their child is born.

In the last year, the Lord has faithfully grown our clientele by 175 percent! To advance the effectiveness of ministering to clients in light of this growth, we have made some exciting new changes at the Resource Center! Using a mentorship approach, we are able to develop impactful relationships between our mentors and our clients. Through bi-weekly sessions with clients, we provide education pertaining to all stages of pregnancy through early parenting, corresponding with each client's current stage of

pregnancy or parenting. In addition to education, clients are guided through a devotional during each visit, which allows repeated opportunities for our mentors to share the love of Christ with each client! By attending appointments and completing the required homework, clients earn "credit" to spend at our on-site store, "purchasing" items to supplement the needs of their young children. These items include, but are certainly not limited to, diapers, wipes, formula, clothes (baby and maternity) and nursery equipment. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow through obedience to the Lord. If you would like to become a volunteer mentor in this exciting ministry, please call Cari Penrod at 257-6006.

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Tami went on to say that she and Kevin were getting married in two weeks...they wanted their baby to share their last name, and they were ready to move forward with their lives...as a family.

Tami left us with a hug, and a promise to bring her baby to see us after its birth; we left Tami with tools to cope with tomorrow, hope for the future, and a little taste of Jesus. One hour. One chance. One God. Amen.



Diaper Drive

Christian Motorcycle Association of Kalispell

7th Annual Diaper Drive

In May, the Christian Motorcycle Association of Kalispell held their 7th Annual Diaper Drive to benefit Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. For the past seven years, these individuals have given of their time and energy to collect diapers and wipes for our clients. Diapers and wipes are the greatest material need our clients have; this drive is a tremendous blessing to us and them!

This year, over 7,000 diapers and 7,000 wipes were collected. We greatly thank the Lord and the Christian Motorcycle Association for this gift!

Baby Bottle Update

Hope Pregnancy Ministries

3rd Annual Baby Bottle Campaign - 2009

Hope Pregnancy Ministries' 3rd Annual Baby Bottle Campaign has come to an end! This year, 37 churches participated, with over 2,000 bottles distributed throughout the valley! We have been blessed to have such amazing support, and look forward to letting you know each church's results in the months ahead.

If you haven't done so yet, it's not too late to return your filled bottle to your church! Bless you as you continue to partner with us to further the cause of LIFE!



John Lavin, MD

Medical Director

Clear Choice Clinic is blessed to have Dr. John Lavin serving as Medical Director. Dr. Lavin attended the University of Nevada Medical School, and did his residency in Family Practice, as well as Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the University of Colorado. He is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and is a partner at Kalispell OB/GYN. John and his wife Anita have seven children. When asked why he is involved with Clear Choice Clinic, Dr. Lavin states, "I am involved with Hope Pregnancy Ministries because it is obvious that the Spirit of Jesus is *working* here."

MEET THE Hope STAFF



**Michelle
Reimer**

*Executive
Director*

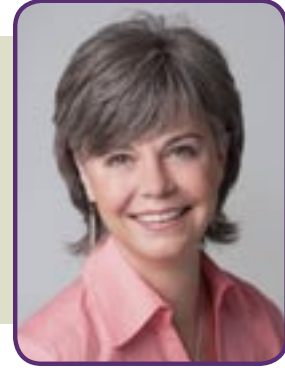
Michelle joined Hope Pregnancy Ministries in June of 2007 as the Director of Clinic Services at Clear Choice Clinic. She is a Licensed Practical Nurse with an associate's degree from Montana State University; her nursing experience includes inpatient Pediatrics, Obstetrics, and Surgery. In March of 2009, Michelle transitioned into the role of Executive Director; she is passionate about the cause of life, and is committed to providing education and hope to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Michelle grew up in Whitefish, where she lives with her husband, Kent. They are blessed with five grown children and two beautiful granddaughters.



**Cari
Penrod**

*Resource
Center
Director*

Cari joined the HPM team in May of 2008, overseeing the day to day operations of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. She graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University in May 2005, with a B.A. in Philosophy and Theology. Cari's professional and ministerial background is with students of all ages, teenagers, and hurting women; the Lord has continued to utilize her gifts and experience by having her join our ministry. Cari is a native of California, but has fallen in love with the Flathead Valley. Cari was married in October of 2008; she and her husband Brian make their home in Kalispell.



**Tori
Meerkatz**

*Executive
Assistant*

After serving as a volunteer for a year at Clear Choice Clinic, Tori's passion for and commitment to Hope Pregnancy Ministries led her to a staff position in March of 2009. For the past twenty years, Tori has served as CEO of her home; she doesn't believe that it is a coincidence that she is now serving at Hope, but calls it, "a God thing." In that her children, Sarah and Jake, are almost grown, Tori feels like the work at Hope Pregnancy Ministries is "her purpose now." Tori and her husband Jerry live in Kalispell.



**MeLette
Anderson**

*Receptionist/
Bookkeeper*

MeLette joined the staff at Hope Pregnancy Ministries in February 2008. With a degree in accounting, MeLette works as bookkeeper for Hope Pregnancy Ministries, as well as receptionist for Clear Choice Clinic. Originally from Whitefish, MeLette graduated from college in the flat land of North Dakota in 2003, which helped her to realize how fortunate we are to live in western Montana! She moved back to Whitefish, where she lives and serves in her local church. MeLette is a gifted pianist, and you will find her most Sundays playing piano at a local nursing home.



**Shawn
Bauer**

*Registered
Nurse*

Shawn has been with Hope Pregnancy Ministries since the opening of the medical clinic in 2007. She is trained in limited obstetrical ultrasound, and is privileged to give women a "view into the womb". Shawn's nursing experience includes Medical-Surgical, ER, ICU, Post-Partum and home health. Shawn is married to John Bauer; she was a "stay-at-home Mom" until all three of her children were in school full-time, when she took the step of faith to join the team at Hope Pregnancy Ministries.



**Kara
Roberts**

*Registered
Sonographer*

Kara is the newest member of the Hope team, joining us in April of 2009. A Registered Sonographer, Kara was trained at Argosy University in Minnesota, and has worked for both Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane and Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Of her work at Clear Choice Clinic, Kara states, "...even if we were to save the life of only one child, that would be enough to make our mission worthwhile." Kara was born and raised in Montana, and lives in Kalispell with her husband Sean and their son Tucker.

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If you would like to donate items that will in-turn bless our clients, our current pressing needs are :

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