



# HOPE CONNECTION

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## **“THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE”**

*The Staff at the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley makes every effort to receive clients with unconditional love and compassion. We have no idea what their personal circumstances are, or what they have been through in the past.*

*For some people, it can be so easy to pass judgement on others simply based on appearance. God asks us to love one another, not to judge one another. When a client walks through the door of PCIV, the Staff does the utmost to show the love of Jesus Christ through kindness and understanding. The positions we hold warrant a sympathetic ear, mentoring, concern and care. We want everyone we serve to feel safe, comforted and understood.*

*Regardless of poor choices people sometimes make in life, God still loves and values all of humanity. He wants us as believers to share His unfailing love, so that the lost can be saved. Jesus Christ said “...You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Romans 13:9*

*Life can be difficult for many people. We would like to encourage you as our supporters to show the love of God with everyone you come in contact with, simply by being thoughtful with your actions and words.*

*“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV*

## **A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!**

We would like our supporters to join the Board and Staff in welcoming our new Executive Director, Lenora Swift. Lenora’s name may seem familiar to some of you, since she did graduate from Illinois Valley High School.

Lenora has an Associate of Arts degree from Rogue Community College, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Oregon University. She is proficient in non-profit grant writing, public speaking, research strategies and more. Lenora also has past experience in member services within the medical community.

Please feel free to stop by and meet Lenora after the beginning of February. We look forward to her joining our team.



**FROM THE DESK OF THE INTERIM  
DIRECTOR**

*For those of you who have not heard, the pregnancy center annex was broken into during the January snowstorm. Garbage and debris were left in the building, the toilet was broken, and the "on demand" water heater was torn from the wall. The water pipes were also broken, which caused flooding throughout the entire building.*

*The center is insured, however it is uncertain if the repairs needed will exceed the deductible. Anyone who feels led to make a donation towards building repair, please make that designation on the memo line of your check. As always, your gift is tax deductible. ☺*

*We also have a major need for the front building. For privacy purposes, we would like a set of swinging doors made and installed between the receptionist area and the market area. If anyone can donate time and materials for this project, please contact Dolly at the center. Thank you. ☺*

**Gifts "In Kind" Policy Changes**

*PCIV gratefully accepts donations of new market related items. These include diapers, wipes, baby items (still in original packaging), and new baby clothes. The pregnancy center is always in need of these items.*

*Most used items will be stored for our Annual Yard Sale fundraising event. Just a friendly reminder that we appreciate donated items that are not stained, torn, broken, or have missing pieces. The duration it would take for the volunteers to repair items, would take away valuable time best served toward our clients. The pregnancy center is unable to accept food, furniture, televisions, baby equipment, or medical equipment.*

*These policy changes are made with the best interest of the health and safety of the families we serve. The changes are also necessary to keep the center compliant with state regulations. We thank you, as always for your generosity toward this special ministry.*

**CENTER NEEDS**

*Two Volunteer Babysitters  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)*

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*Three Volunteer Receptionists  
(Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)*

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*Two Volunteer Client Advocates  
(One day per week ~ Tuesday or  
Wednesday)*

*Training Provided*

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*Volunteer Handyman & Electrician*

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*Diapers of all sizes*

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*Hypoallergenic baby wipes*



*Don't forget to shop AmazonSmile. When you shop, you give! Please consider selecting the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley as your charity.*

*Love... "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*

*1 Corinthians 13:7 NKJV*

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