



HOPE CONNECTION

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~New Years' Resolutions~

Can you believe it? We are just about to enter the year 2016! I have noticed the years seem to go by faster as I get older. I have tried to explain to my adult children that they are the ones getting older, not me.

All humor set aside, as each New Year approaches, people sometimes make resolutions that are unattainable. They might eat healthier, exercise more, spend more time with extended family, save money or spend less...for a season. Unfortunately, working too hard to attain a goal seems to wear people out, and old habits tend to fall back into place.

So, I have a challenge for our supporters that are reading this newsletter. My thought is to spend more time in prayer and God's word. As you dig deeper into how wonderfully made you are by Him, He will guide you (not rush or stress you) into simply being a healthier you. God sees the beauty in all of us, and wants us to treat our bodies as a temple to glorify Him. Yep, this challenge is for myself as well.

Sunday, January 17th is "Sanctity of Human Life" Sunday. This is when we honor and celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life. Our desire is to recognize that all human life is valuable...starting with the unborn child.

This is the time of year the Pregnancy Center starts its' annual "Baby Bottle" fundraiser/campaign. Local churches will have baby bottles for their congregations to take home. Placing any loose change you accumulate throughout the year in these bottles becomes a huge blessing to the center! You can either bring them back to your church once they are filled, or drop them off at the Pregnancy Center at your convenience.

Thank you everyone, as always for your generosity and goodness! Blessings for a wonderful New Year!

Don't forget to link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley through "Community Awards" On-line!!

Our faithful supporters can now donate to the Pregnancy Center by using the Fred Meyer Rewards Card! This is called "Community Rewards" ~ How does it work, you ask? Simply go on-line and link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card with "The Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley" Non-profit Corporation. Just log into your on-line account. If you don't have Internet access, you probably have a friend or family member that does. Otherwise, come down to the center and our Staff will be glad to help you get set up! Now, whenever you use your Rewards Card at Fred Meyer, you will be helping the Pregnancy Center earn donations from the store. It's that easy! And, it doesn't take away from the points you earn towards Fred Fuel discounts! We welcome you to join us in this new adventure of donating.



Center Needs

~ We run out of the top two items very quickly~

- Diapers of all sizes
- Hypo-allergenic baby wipes
- Trendy maternity tops and jeans for our Moms
- Warm winter scarves and hats for the moms.
- Nursing pads
- Diaper rash ointment

Prayers Answered In Our New Location!

~ Quotes from our happy Clients ~

- ❖ "Plenty of room!!!"
- ❖ "We love the kitchen and multiple bathrooms."
- ❖ "Love the separate area for the children."
- ❖ "Safer and better parking for Bridges class."
- ❖ "Feels more comfortable, can help more people."
- ❖ "Cleaner environment, a lighted area in front, feel safer here, room for babies to sleep."

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Thank you for donating your time to God's ministry! You are all very much appreciated!



"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works,

And that my soul knows very well." Psalm 139:14 NKJV

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