

# HOPE CONNECTION

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#### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

It's hard to believe nearly three months have passed since coming on board as the new Executive Director of the Pregnancy center. I grew up in Cave Junction, and am in awe of the tremendous opportunity I have been given to serve our community in the areas closest to my heart – Jesus, life, family and community. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and appreciate your generosity, passion, and faithfulness more than I can say. Through you, God has richly blessed this ministry over the last 29 years and I can't help but reflect on the plans He has for our future.

As I watch the trees adapting to their new environment and preparing for winter, I am reminded of the **beauty** that unfolds when change takes place. With every leaf that I see changing from a deep green to a golden yellow, a bright orange, or a fiery red, I am reminded of the awesomeness of our Creator.

And it's not just the trees. Did you know that your body changes with the seasons also? God has designed our bodies in such a marvelously complex way that approximately 5,000 of our genes within the immune system change depending on the season. In winter, we are more susceptible to harm, so our immune system increases to protect us from disease. In summer, we are less susceptible to harm, so our immune system decreases to protect our bodies from inflammation that can occur due to an overstimulated immune system. God knew that and he gave us immune systems with the ability to adapt to our changing environment for our own **protection.** 

So too are we adapting to our new environment here in our very own building. As we look forward, I see many changes for the Pregnancy Center. Changes that I trust will bring **beautiful**, **protective** things for the center. We would like to broaden our programs and add new services so that more teenagers, young adults, couples and families can receive the help they need during some of life's most challenging times. We want to be a beacon of light and of hope in an uncertain world. But more than anything, we want to seek God's will in how He wants to grow the Pregnancy Center. Will you please join us in prayer that God would lead us and guide us and *grow us* according to His will? I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in the upcoming months! As always, thank you for your faithfulness to God's ministry.

Blessings, Jennifer 💙

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You are invited to join us for our 4th Annual Pie & Praise Fundraiser Event at Bridgeview Community Church. Our pies are made by local residents and are auctioned to help support the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley. There are pies available by the slice also. You can socialize with family and friends while eating your slice of pie, and enjoy music from local musicians and singers.

Join us on November 12<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm

Bridgeview Community church 5181 Holland Loop Cave Junction, OR

For more info Call 541-592-6058



## GIVING THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Sometimes it's difficult to be thankful. We can get so caught up in the trials of life that it doesn't even cross our minds. When tragedy strikes, such as the loss of a loved one, the grief can be so unbearable that we can go for a very long time without thinking about being thankful for the loved ones that remain.

It's pretty hard to be thankful after the loss of a job or when you're experiencing failing health and constant pain. There is no doubt about it, for most of us, life can be a constant struggle. However, there is always something we can be thankful for. A sunny day, a spouse, a child, good health, a home or a job. If we don't have it all, we should be thankful for what we do have. Jesus said, "In everything give thanks..." Thessalonians 5:18

If we trust in the Lord with all our hearts, we will find it easier to be thankful and content. Just knowing our Savior has everything under control can leave us free of excessive worry, leaving us able to thank Him for all things.

### Policy Changes for Gifts In-Kind

PCIV gratefully accepts in-kind donations of new and gently-used goods that can be passed on to our clients or sold at our Annual Yard Sale fundraising event.

Please ensure that your gently-used donations are high-quality and are not ripped, stained, broken, or missing pieces.

We are unable to accept food, furniture, baby equipment, or medical equipment.

The policy changes are made with the best interest of the health and safety of the families we serve. The changes are also to keep the pregnancy center in compliance with state regulations.

Due to the limited storage space PCIV has available, there are detailed lists at the center of items that can be accepted, or are no longer accepted.

Thank you as always for your generous hearts.

### Center Needs

Two Volunteer Babysitters (2 evenings per month, the 2nd & 4th Tuesday)

Two Volunteer Receptionists (Need one for Tuesday's & one for Wednesday's)

Two Volunteer Client Advocate/Mentors (1 day per week - Tuesday's or Wednesday's)

Volunteer Handyman & Electrician

Diapers of all sizes

Hypoallergenic Baby Wipes

Storage Totes (48 quart) for seasonal baby clothing



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"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days." ~John Burroughs

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