

# Hope Highlights

NEWSLETTER

## From the Executive Director



I was wrong. \*gasp\*! There, I said it. I feel so relieved. I was wrong about our monthly partnering program, Circle of Hope. When we initially kicked off the partnering program, I decided that in order to be a Circle of Hope member you had to agree to donate \$30/month electronically. In conversations between myself and George Eusterman, President of e-Giving Systems (our Circle of Hope filter), he very politely and firmly pointed out my error. George has been a great mentor for me and I took it very well when he 'suggested' that I correct my mistake. So, I'm taking the plunge and doing just that. I do not want to rob any of you from partaking in the blessing of giving to the eternal impact of the work we do here at Hand of Hope. That being said, Circle of Hope members will now include any partners who give on a monthly basis – no cap here! No minimum and no maximum. I have seen firsthand how God multiplies even the smallest gift to grow His kingdom and to take the Gospel of Christ to those who have never heard the simple, yet profound, message that Jesus loves them.

Let me catch you up on what has been going on around the center this summer.

The first two months of summer awarded us with 47 new clients! With your help we are reaching the lost and hurting with the Truth of Christ and the worth of their unborn child.

Men and parents are making more appearances at the center. We recently sponsored five recreational league sports teams and a new billboard emblazoned with the words "Free Pregnancy Test" is proudly suspended on the fence at South Park where upwards of 100 people can read it daily. The services of Hand of Hope are being utilized all thanks to your support.

## BIBLICAL MANDATE

*Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him, for the life of your young children..."*

Lamentations 2:19

CARE♥NET

We are a Care Net Center

Indulge me for a few moments while I share a client's story... she came into the Center as a walk-in one day and you could tell from her demeanor that she was scared to death. She wanted to be anywhere in the world but here – in this place – that would forever change her once she walked out the door. All she wanted to know was, "Am I pregnant?" She could scarcely fill out the first form because her hands were shaking so badly. Her parents were going to be so disappointed in her. She was the oldest, she was starting college in a few weeks, her plans did not include a baby by some guy who she really did not know all that well and worst of all, there was no way her church family would understand. During our conversation, I reminded her that we all sin and fall short of God's glory. I recounted to her over and over again that God does not make mistakes, there are no accidents in His plan. You see, her greatest fear was that she was pregnant and my greatest fear was that she would not grasp that God had brought her here for a reason - for her to repair her relationship with Him. When she read her results as negative she was so relieved. So was I. You see, we're here for the believers who need us just as much as the lost. Accordingly, I hope you see "her" in a new light. She's not always pregnant, but she is always active and searching amiss for fulfillment. "She" is why we are here and why you give and pray and volunteer your time. She's worth it.

I very much appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to read about the goings on at the Center. Until He returns or calls me home...

*Tonya*



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Bonnie Reedy just sort of dropped out the sky and onto the front steps of Hand of Hope. She is another one of God's soldiers ready to defend life and love mothers. Bonnie attends Hope Community Church in Cary and serves weekly in the center on Mondays and sometimes Thursdays. Bonnie has such a sweet, sincere, loving heart and those qualities shine best when she is in the Life Skills room teaching women about their babies and offering Biblically based guidance in other areas of life.

In addition to her weekly volunteer shift, Bonnie also knits blankets and booties for the clients. In an age of mass production, handmade gifts are especially touching – more so when the clients don't even know the giver!

Bonnie is mom to Jeremy, Elizabeth and Timmy and proud grandma to Samantha and Noah. Many, many thanks to Bonnie for her willingness to serve Christ here at HOH!

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## Calendar of Events

October 22, 2009, 3rd Annual Laugh for Life Fundraising Banquet  
Highgrove on Laurel Lake, Fuquay-Varina  
Featuring comedian David Dean

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September 9-12, 2009, Care Net National Pregnancy Center Conference Baltimore, MD  
Please be in prayer for this time of education and encouragement for Hand of Hope staff and other pregnancy centers across the US and Canada.

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September 4 and 18, October 9, 2009 "Hope Meals" HOH  
We will be feeding the cheerleaders from FVHS on these dates.  
Please email Tonya if you would like to participate at [tonya@handofhope.net](mailto:tonya@handofhope.net)

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May 2, 2010, Sunday, 5th Annual Walk for Life  
South Park, Fuquay-Varina  
Please note a special addition to the walk for 2010: We will be pre-selling barbecue plates for lunch! Please see the supporter website for more information closer to the date.

## First and Second Quarter Numbers for 2009

- 1398** hits to [www.optionsofhope.com](http://www.optionsofhope.com) and [www.handofhope.net](http://www.handofhope.net)
- 95** new clients
- 70** return clients
- 4** babies born
- 2** clients chose Christ as their Savior!



# CENTER *U* PDATES

## Hand of Hope PRC Walk for Life

Over 250 people joined hands and hearts to put feet to their faith by participating in the 4th annual Walk for Life at South Park in May. Walkers from our community raised over \$25,000 for the center! In God's economy, His Kingdom will never go lacking!

Top Prizes included:

Child: Braxton Cutchin

Youth: Laurel Fitts

Adult: Gayle Putnam

Hope House: Keri Medlin

Team: Harnett County Hotties:

Stephanie Baker (team captain); Jami McLean; Misty Welch; Melanie Waddell; Beverly Heath, Allison Wrenn, Chassity Green, Levi Baker, Mary Elizabeth Baker, Lou Green and Sue Carroll

Second Place Team: Friends for Life

Sonny Joy Nelson (team captain); Holly Schaberg; Callie Banholzer; Kristin Long; Sydney Gibson; Stacey Phillips; Nathan Coats; Abbie Browning; Owen Browning; Baker Nelson

Many thanks go to the FVBC Men's Softball Team for providing and running concessions again this year. Team members who participated: Joshua Baker, Jonathan Coats, Mardy Cutchin, Marc Garren, Tommy Phillips, Rick Jordan, Mike Williams, Brian Medlin, Thad McLean, Brian Moore and Robert Nelson.

Please visit [www.handofhope.net](http://www.handofhope.net) for pictures from this year's walk and information on how to register for next year's walk.

### Thanks also go to our church reps for the Walk:

- Angier Fellowship
- Apex Baptist
- Bridgeway COG
- Cary FBC
- Cornerstone
- Explore
- Fairview Baptist
- Fellowship Bible
- Fuquay Baptist
- Hilltop FWB
- Horizons
- Macedonia Baptist
- Mid-Way Baptist
- Real Hope CC
- Sovereign Grace
- Wake Chapel
- Shannon Burch and Nikki Hall
- Carla Barbour and Karie Garner
- Becky Hobbs Main and Vicky Ismail
- Shana Clark
- Emily Farthing
- Christy Roland and Beth Lynn
- Cissie Knott
- Leah Pendergraft
- Amy Browning and Emily Moore
- Jason Painter
- Laura Ciampa
- Wendy Prince
- Robin Fish
- Jeannetta Tudor
- Eric and Jamie Martin
- Lynette Walton
- Carolyn Arnold

## Needs

### Diapers,

diapers and more diapers!

### Baby Wipes

### Baby Toiletries

### Gas, Grocery or LifeWay gift cards

### Toddler New Testaments

(Beginner's Bible style or gently used ones)

### Hope New Testaments

(#1869 from [www.ibsdirect.com](http://www.ibsdirect.com) for \$1.99 each or \$72/case)

**Bibles** (#771 from [www.ibsdirect.com](http://www.ibsdirect.com) for \$3.50 each or \$71.76/case)

### Welcome Baby! Hosts

Baby Shower for return clients to be held at the center.





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114 Depot Street  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526



## Ways to Help

### Join the Prayer Team

Help with special events like Walk and Laugh for Life

### Assist in Baby Boutique

Invite an HOH speaker to your youth group or Sunday School class

### Attend a Welcome Baby!

Baby shower at the center for clients

### Pray for the center

Assist with Hope Meals for cheerleaders

### Become a mentor for clients

Offer childcare for clients who are enrolled in Life Skills  
Prepare meals for clients after giving birth  
And finally, you could always pray for the center!

## Misc.

Do we have your email address? Weekly updates, needs and opportunities are passed along more efficiently and cost effectively via email. Please go to [www.handofhope.net](http://www.handofhope.net) to enter your email address to be added to our list. Thank you!

## Birthday Blessing



What other ten year old young girl do you know that would forfeit her birthday presents in order to bless others? That's exactly what Kennedy Temple did! She asked her friends to bring diapers and wipes

for the clients at HOH in lieu of birthday gifts for herself. What an unselfish and giving thing to do. Thank you for your sweet heart, Kennedy!



In true to life pay it forward fashion, Mary Katherine Hamby did the exact same thing as Kennedy. Many thanks, Mary Katherine, for your selfless desire to bless others before yourself! Who's next?

"True worth is in being, not seeming – in doing, each day that goes by, some little good – not in dreaming of great things to do by and by." Alice Cary

### Hand of Hope Staff

Tonya Baker Nelson, *Director*  
Stephanie Baker, *Office Administrator*

### Hand of Hope Board of Directors

Cassie Wallace  
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John Chandler  
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### Location

114 Depot Street  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526  
(919) 577-9050 client  
(919) 577-8002 business

### Hours

Mon. - Wed. - Fri. 10am-4pm  
Tues. - Thurs. 12pm – 6pm

### Supporter Website

[www.handofhope.net](http://www.handofhope.net)

### Client Website

[www.optionsofhope.com](http://www.optionsofhope.com)

