

The Heartbeat

LIVING HOPE PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

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DEAR PARTNER IN MINISTRY,

As I was preparing to compose this newsletter, I searched “Scripture verses for the New Year.” Out of the dozens of suggestions, I chose Living Hope’s “key verse”: *May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3 CEB)* New Year – New Birth – Living Hope! As followers of Jesus, we can look ahead with hope as we enter 2023.

While reviewing a written history of the ministry recently, I was reminded that our first Earn While You Learn client graduated from the program in April of 2006. Since that time, a total of 473 women have completed the program, learning practical lessons presented from a Christian perspective while they earned supplies for their little ones.

The Earn While You Learn program has undergone numerous changes since we started offering it in 2006. Most impactful was our adoption of the BrightCourse online curriculum in June of 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic. While we continue to have volunteer advocates guiding clients through the program, all of the lessons are completed at home using a smart phone, tablet or computer. We were initially dubious about this change; however, we now recognize many benefits. Clients are able to take many more classes than they could when they had to come to Living Hope for each lesson. Those who have issues with transportation, child care, or illness are now able to participate. The online lessons are updated and expanded every month, so the material is always current. And there are several Bible studies available, two of which we assign to clients who make first-time professions of faith.

Our clients range from 16 year-old high school students to 40 year-olds who already have several children. The majority are single moms, but a significant number of them are married. Some are faithful followers of Jesus, but most are not walking with Him. Because such a wide variety of classes are available, our advocates are able to tailor the curriculum to the particular needs of each individual client.

Advocates meet with their clients to get acquainted and to explain the program. After that, they communicate by email and/or text as they guide the expectant mom through ten hours of online videos. Advocates enjoy seeing their clients again when they graduate and return to Living Hope to do their shopping.

Are YOU interested in becoming an advocate in our Earn While You Learn program? Training consists of online courses followed by shadowing an experienced advocate. Contact us for further information. Perhaps God has something NEW planned for you in 2023!

In His Service,

Janet McPherson
Executive Director

2022 Ministry Summary

We saw 143 new clients and had 290 return visits. We performed 49 pregnancy tests. Our clients took a total of 564 hours of BrightCourse classes, with 52 of them graduating from the Earn While You Learn program. The gospel was presented 56 times. 18 women made first-time professions of faith, 4 re-dedicated their lives to the Lord, and 3 completed the New Believer's classes.

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BLESSINGS IN A BOTTLE:

Our final tally for 2022 was \$5,464.90 raised by 11 churches. Living Word Church had the highest total. Many thanks to each church and individual who took part!



Seeking Prayer Warriors

Prayer is the spiritual lifeline of this ministry. If you would be willing to receive occasional email prayer requests, please contact

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