



Heartbeat

HeartReach
Pregnancy Center

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Embracing Parenthood Program

As many of you know, HeartReach Pregnancy Center has been helping families in our Valley since April of 1986. Over the years we have had many volunteers help clients look at their options and choose life for their precious little one.

After 22 years, we have decided to go the next step and implement a new program that will equip the client to be the best parent they can be with lesson plans tailored to each client. God has supplied the necessary funds to purchase a curriculum that is designed to take a client one-on-one through lessons with topics on

pregnancy, baby care, motherhood, fatherhood, discipline in love, financial issues, early childhood and many other topics.

Beginning in April, we will begin a new program at HPC called **Embracing Parenthood Program (EPP)**, where Mentor Moms & Dads will meet with a client on a regular basis to encourage and equip the client to become the best parent they can be.

EPP allows us to develop that relationship with the client and gives us the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus. We plan to connect one Mentor with one to four clients per month depending upon the volunteers desires.

We are not recommending more than 4 clients per Mentor, so as not to overwhelm any one volunteer.

As a result, we need additional volunteers to come on board as Mentor Moms & Dads. Yes, we are also looking for men to be Mentor Dads to the fathers that we have as clients.

We have already seen God bring in several new volunteers to begin this program during our training in February. Nevertheless, we know that God has more Mentor Moms & Dads out there that would like to help in this new area of ministry. Give us a call to receive more information on how you can be a Mentor. Our next two sets of trainings will be held in April and June.

You don't need to know all the answers to all of life's questions, but each visit with the client gives you the opportunity to show the love of Jesus and to help that client get plugged in to a local church, while equipping them to be the best parent they can be.

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New Hours for HPC

Beginning April 1st HeartReach will be changing our hours to allow us to see more clients.

Our new hours will be:

- Monday 9am to 4pm**
- Tuesday 9am to 7pm**
- Wednesday 9am to 4pm**
- Thursday 9am to 4pm**

Please tell your friends, family, co-workers, & businesses of our updated hours.

HPC has created a new brochure for our clients listing the services that we offer.

Maybe you can help us get the word out to local businesses by encouraging them to place our tri-fold brochure in their office. First gain permission and then let us know who and where to send our brochures.

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him...So we are Christ's ambassadors.

2 Corinthians 5:18, 20



Thank you for remembering us!

We want to thank all of those churches that chose to support this ministry financially over the previous 12 months. Your support is not only important as we reach out to those who come in our door; it is a great encouragement as **we partner with you in sharing the hope of Jesus Christ.**

Below is a list of these supporting churches. If you are a member of one of these churches, please be sure to thank those who may have played a key role in remembering this ministry. Your fellowship is making a difference in the lives of those we see.

Abundant Life, Wasilla
Big Lake Baptist Church, Big Lake
Big Lake Community Church, Big Lake
Christ Community Church, Anchorage
Church on the Rock, Wasilla
Community Church of God, Wasilla
Crossroads Community Church, Wasilla
Faith Bible Fellowship, Big Lake
Faith Chapel, Wasilla
Family Christian Center, Palmer
Farm Loop Christian Center, Palmer
First Baptist Church, Palmer
First Baptist Church, Wasilla
First Baptist Church, Willow
Glacier View Alliance, Palmer
Gospel Outreach, Wasilla



Joy Fellowship, Wasilla
Lamb of God Lutheran, Wasilla
Lazy Mountain Bible Church, Palmer
Mat-Su Covenant Church, Wasilla
Mid-Valley Christian Center, Wasilla
Pilgrims Baptist Church, Wasilla
Pioneer Christian Fellowship, Wasilla
Schrock Road Community Church, Wasilla
St. Michaels Catholic Church, Palmer
Sunny Knik Chapel, Wasilla
Trinity Lutheran, Palmer
Wasilla Assembly of God, Wasilla
Wasilla Bible Church, Wasilla
Wasilla Christian Church, Wasilla
Word of Faith Assembly, Wasilla
Thank you!!

Daring to dream is part of the mission

At HeartReach Pregnancy Center, we are susceptible—like any other ministry—to getting caught up in the day to day of meeting the needs of our clients. That's extremely important, to be sure. After all, it is why we are here.

But sometimes, the "day to day" can block our vision of what we want to be in one, five or ten years. And though we are excited about what the Lord is doing *now*, we want to continually improve.

First stop

For instance, our goal is to one day be the *first choice* of any woman in our area who thinks she may be facing an unplanned pregnancy.

That's a tall order, to be sure. But—with God—all things are possible aren't they?

Because we believe this, we dare to dream.

We dream of meeting more needs than we can even fathom at this point.

We also dream of a facility that will allow future growth.

Sometimes, we even dream of a medical facility where we have full-time physicians and nurses with an ultrasound machine.

A long shot? Perhaps. Impossible? Not with God.

When dreams come true

Dreams become reality when we put them on paper, pray through them and ask a simple question, "Lord, what do *you* want us to do in the future?"

When we ask that question, we narrow our focus to the next step in our growth as a ministry and plan—with His help—how to get there.

It all begins

Achieving the impossible starts however, with a dream. We're looking for a few dreamers—people who believe that with God, all things are possible.

If you are that person, we need you—to support us financially, to pray for us, to volunteer, or perhaps one day to be on our board of directors.

Are you a dreamer? Give me a call. I'd love to talk with you.



Can you hear me now?

Like the man on the wireless phone commercial, our clients wonder when they walk in our door, "Can you hear me? Can you hear me now?"

They are looking for someone who will listen to them, and truly listen from the heart. And, they want someone who will look beyond their current situation and say, "There is hope."

Are you that person? Will you listen when she is asking, "Can you hear me?" If so, call us. We want you to join our team of volunteers!

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Do you believe in the impossible?

If you believe the impossible is actually possible, we're looking for you.

At HeartReach Pregnancy Center, we see our clients through the eyes of hope. We understand that while their life situations may seem impossible, nothing is impossible with God. We are always looking for volunteers who believe this as well.

What she is thinking

When a young woman comes in our door, she is looking for hope. She wants to see hope in our eyes, and wants someone to tell her things will get better.

If you know the hope of Jesus Christ, you believe the impossible is actually possible.

With that kind of hope, you can have an impact on someone's life – a life-changing impact.

What's your schedule?

If you have hope, and want to share that hope with others, we want to know how to make it possible for you to be a part of this ministry.

We're flexible if you are, and we want to find a place for you.

Do you have a couple of hours each week? Every couple of weeks?

If so, give us a call at 373-3456. Our ministry is about impacting lives – in a way that some might see as impossible.

Join us and together, we will change the world, one life at a time.

Volunteer Training

Wednesdays

9:30 to 3:00

April 9—30

**Positions available for men & women.
For details or to register contact Kim 373-3456 or kim@heartreachalaska.com
Cost \$30 for materials**



Has **Abortion** Changed Your Life?

Think you could never be forgiven?

Hesitant to talk to someone about a past abortion experience?

You are not alone.

43% of women have experienced an abortion at one time in their life.*

Including Christian women.

Many live in shame & do not seek healing due to fear or rejection.

Don't live with the stress and guilt caused by the loss of a child due to an abortion.

Find the total forgiveness you need through confidential abortion recovery counseling.

Whether it has been a few days or many years, the time to be freed is NOW.

www.abortionno.org

THERE IS HOPE!

Call today 373-3456

Classes begin Thursday, March 6

Thank you! Kids on the Rock

Thank you to the Kids on the Rock program. Recently they adopted HeartReach Pregnancy Center and held a "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign. During the month of January, just the kids took home a baby bottle, filled it with their loose change, and then brought it in to HPC.

WOW!!! Kids on the Rock did an awesome job. They collected over \$1,100. Each of you have helped reach those in this community who find themselves in need.

If you would like to know more about how your group or church can participate in a "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign, contact Christy Pinkerton, christy@heartreachalaska.com or 373-3456

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday

March 29th

1-4 pm

YOU ARE INVITED

Where: HeartReach Pregnancy Center
924 Leatherleaf Loop
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When: Saturday
March 29, 2008
1-4 pm

Why: Come visit us and take a tour of HPC. We will show you our programs and inform you of upcoming events.

Enjoy: Refreshments & Fellowship



Looking for the typical client—who does not exist

People want to know, “What is your typical client like?” It’s a good question. The only problem is, there is no answer.

It’s almost like the children’s book, *One Fish Two Fish*. Dr. Seuss tells us, “Yes, some are red. And some are blue. Some are old. And some are new. Some are sad. And Some are glad”

The story goes on, but you get the point. In Dr. Seuss’s book, every character is different. And in our world, each woman facing a crisis pregnancy is unique.

It could become easy to categorize women with unplanned pregnancies; either by color or socio-economic status. To do so however, only places people in statistical slots.



The woman facing a crisis pregnancy may fit into one category or another; yet her heart is broken and yearning for something better for her life. At the moment she views the results of her pregnancy test however, she can’t see that hope on the horizon.

Perhaps she has never seen true hope. Her mother—and grandmother—were single moms. Marriage and raising a family—to her—is only for TV shows. She’s never seen such a thing in real life. Because it is so hard to believe that her child could be raised in a loving, two-parent home, she seeks to change her future by ending her pregnancy.

Or she may be the college coed who thought a promiscuous lifestyle was the way of all college students. She bought the lie, and now her world is caving in around her. To her, the only way out is an abortion clinic.

Either one of these women could become an abortion statistic, perhaps numbers 987,939 and 987,940 out of more than 1.2 million this year. Someone at an abortion clinic somewhere will jot down her age, skin color, marital status and income levels. Then out the door she goes.

Or, she could come here. At HeartReach Pregnancy Center, a loving volunteer will show her that her life is not over, that there is hope, and that there are many people who will walk with her during a time of incredible challenge.



Here, we don’t see statistics, only people. Here, no one is typical. Perhaps that is why so many lives are saved here; and why so many lives are being changed. As we provide hope, perhaps numbers 987,939 and 987,940 will choose life—and two more statistics will instead grow to be smiling, laughing, vibrant little children—full of hope and a great future.





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HeartReach Pregnancy Center is affiliated with CareNet, Heartbeat International, & the North American Mission Board

Your company's matching gifts program could double your generosity!

If your employer has a matching gifts program, why not pick up a donation form at your office and send it our way with your next gift? Most companies that have a matching gift program make it simple. Either you—or the ministry to which you are contributing—can fill out a short form so that your gift (up to a certain amount) is matched by your company.

It's not difficult, takes little time—and your gift of \$25 becomes \$50, just like that.

If you are wondering, why not ask your employer's human resources department about its matching gift program? Your generous gift to HeartReach Pregnancy Center might go farther than you imagine!

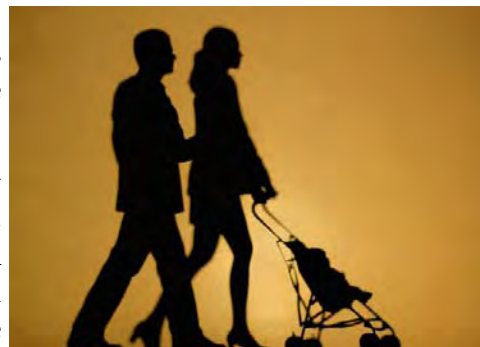
Thank you to those who work for BP and currently utilize the matching funds program.

A few steps can make a difference to a mom

Each year our Walk for Life is a simple way each of us can impact the life of a mom and her child. Anyone can take part; either individually or as a family.

The two-mile event takes just an hour out of our day, and the funds raised go directly to reach those moms—empowering them to choose life for their children.

To get involved, all we need to do is take a sponsor sheet, ask a few friends and family members to sponsor us (or just sponsor ourselves), and turn in the form & money on Walk Day. We can walk with everyone else on May 17th (tentative) at 11am at Wasilla High School Track, or walk on our own. Join us—and make a difference in the life of a new mom and her baby.



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