A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER









# MAKING A difference, ONE life AT A TIME.











Saturday, May 13, 2023

Check in 9:00 am Start Time 10:00 am or Virtual Walk Option

# WALK 5K RUN





# Individuals & Teams Welcome

Form a team and get some sponsors! Prizes awarded to top fundraisers.

# Fun | Refreshments | Prizes!



FREE T-Shirt if Registered by April 20

Pre-Registration & Event Details: www.BHPCpartners.org



# Happenings

### \$14,378 Raised

2023 LADIES TEA | WITH A PURPOSE

Sunday, February 19 • Success at the Dahl!





### MAKING A difference... ONE *life* AT A TIME.

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6-8 ESV

Five years ago we re-opened the Black Hills Pregnancy Center to ensure pregnant women would be provided appropriate resources, support for their pregnancies, and empower them to make life affirming choices. Since then, we know we have impacted many families with our parenting classes and given them hope with Christ-centered mentorship. Our work has directly saved the lives of 150 babies!

We have seen women who have come through our doors who have no hope. They are lost physically and spiritually, just like we once were. They see and feel the encouragement from our staff and strive to be better. Many choose Christ over time as they build a relationship with our staff and see our servant hearts at work. We are blessed to be the ministry God uses to impact the lives of women like Celia.

Alone, pregnant, sleeping in her car, feeling desperate and suicidal with all of her problems, Celia came into the Black Hills Pregnancy Center to see if we could help her. She remembered how supportive we were in 2021 when she came for a pregnancy test and ultrasound. At that time, she had just turned to a life of sobriety but had lost custody of the baby as soon as he was born due to a prior drug charge.

Celia was feeling completely overwhelmed and didn't see a way forward on her own. Our client advocate listened to her, understood the issues she was facing, and recognized her sobriety could be in jeopardy. Our client advocate was able to help her find stable housing, a job, and was able to connect her to other community resources.

She has continued to participate in the Earn While You Learn parenting classes and earned muchneeded baby items through the Baby Boutique. Celia has successfully regained custody of her one-year-old son. He was sick recently and she was unable to attend her class. His illness scared her and she was fearful of doing something wrong with him. Our client advocate sent her the "Toddler Illness" video and reassured her. She also dropped off some food items for them. Celia texted us, "Thank you. I feel so loved."

Bringing hope and encouragement to mothers like Celia is what we are privileged to be able to do each day. With your help, we can offer hope and encouragement to expectant mothers and fathers in the Black Hills.

If you are not already a monthly support partner, would you prayerfully consider investing in this ministry on a monthly basis? You are not only investing in the pregnancy center, you are investing in the lives who we serve. We are so thankful for our ministry support partners and could not do our work without you.

Travis Lasseter is a dynamic and compassionate leader with over 29 years' experience in critical healthcare management and community outreach.

An Air Force veteran and current Pennington County Commissioner, he brings considerable decision-making, and team-building skills to the Center, as well as keen awareness of governmental compliance issues.

ONE life AT A TIME

Travis Lasseter **Executive Director** 



## Save the Date!

Thursday, September 14
2023 FALL DINNER | SPEAKER: DR. RON ARCHER

Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center

After Ron was born to a sex-trafficked teen girl, he was sexually abused by a babysitter, teased unmercifully by classmates for his stuttering, and neglected at home. Ron wanted to die. At age ten, he put a loaded snub-nosed revolver to his head and pulled the trigger.

The gun did not fire.

With the help of a heroic public school teacher who introduced him to the Bible, Ron discovered Jesus Christ and finally found his voice. Now a celebrated public speaker, he reaches out to others who are in despair, sharing the hope that can only come from God.

Hear Dr. Ron Archer speak at our 2023 Fall Dinner and discover how God can transform your pain into power and your tragedy into triumph.



### Fill A Bottle, Save A Life

Fill a bottle with cash, coins or check & return it to the church!
-OR- Fill a Virtual Bably Bottle at www.BHPCpartners.org

January: "Sanctity of Human Life" Month Mother's Day through Father's Day October: "Respect Life" Month

#### **Become a Partner Church**

Your donation supports: pregnancy tests, layettes, limited ultrasounds, Earn While You Learn educational classes, Baby Boutique items, prenatal vitamins, nutritional classes, and other life-affirming resources.





### In Honor of Mom

Honor your mother with a special gift that will **positively** impact young moms of the Black Hills Pregnancy Center.

Head over to **BHPCpartners.org** and find **"Donate Today"** 



# ... AND THROUGH partnerships.



Big Brothers Jack & Jerry Cleland

George & Paulina Gossman Joel Hartland Royce Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Reuren Great Grandma Carol





Neda Joyce, Nurse Peggy Cone Alicia and Tyler Weaver Chris Pannill

Fairburn Methodist Church



### **Monthly Support Partners**

Will you prayerfully consider becoming a monthly financial support partner with the pregnancy center?



### Center Volunteers

We are looking for more volunteers to help with the "Earn While You Learn" program and assist clients while shopping in the Baby Boutique.



### Prayer Partners

We are thankful Diane Ange has a heart for prayer and is heading up the Prayer Chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please contact Diane at 605-721-3065 and leave a message. Thank you for joining with us in prayer for the center, clients and staff.



### **Event Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers in these areas: to help as a Church Champion and be a liaison for the center at your church for the baby bottle boomerang and event information, or to help as Event Committee Members and Event Helpers for the Ladies Tea with a Purpose, Walk for Life, or the Fall Dinner. If you want to help in these areas, please contact the center.



# Ways to Give

Bring in receipts from:

Search for us on these sites:







Buy a license tag sticker set:

