

Hope Pregnancy Support Centre

From the Board Room

After more than 20+ years of serving in full-time life-affirming ministry, Cathy Birnie has joined our team. She has a heart to assist the Hope Pregnancy Support Centre establish deep roots into the community we all love and are here to support and serve. Cathy has been busy these past few weeks since coming to Parry Sound and has already met with several of our community members along with most of the social service sector members. If you have not yet met Cathy, you soon will, as she continues to make calls into the community with the focus on bridging connections for the purpose of effectively offering our clients our best.

Please note that our office hours have changed, we are now open Tuesday & Thursday 10am-4pm

We have started this e-News Blast as an effective tool to keep you, our supports, partners and community in the loop on a monthly basis. You are encouraged to share this e-News Blast with everyone you feel would like to be kept in the loop on our milestones, upcoming events and more! We hope you will walk the journey with us and encourage our team as we focus on all the future has to offer as we provide new services, programs and other initiatives moving forward. Simply subscribe in the footer and you will receive this once per month issue. Together we look forward to greater things!

Abortion Minded

We had our first walk-in client this past month, she came as a referral from another social service agency for which we are thankful. Although unsure if she wanted to be here, she decided to remain open minded and one of our client advocates spent some quality time working through the various options before her. As their appointment wrapped up, this young mom-to-be was leaning toward carrying her pregnancy to term, however she was still abortion vulnerable. After her return appointment the second week, our walk-in client confirmed that she plans to carry her baby to term. We are thrilled to have this blessed opportunity to walk the pregnancy journey beside her. Keep mom in your thoughts and prayers, she continues to struggle through this difficult season of severe nausea.

Care Closet Needs

Heather has been busy getting our care closet up to snuff and well stocked in preparation to assist the moms and dads coming into the centre for material assistance. She has prepared a list of needs, hope you can help us stock up...Diapers (all sizes needed), baby wipes, crib sheets, hooded towels, baby bottle sets, baby wash and lotion and change pads. For the moms, we are in need of toiletries such as body wash,

shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes as well, feminine hygiene products and maternity clothing.

HPSC Offices Needs

Let's face it, new start-ups are typically front-end loaded with needs, and that is very true for the Hope Pregnancy Support Centre. While Cathy is working hard to find us an updated hard drive with Microsoft office 10, she also needs a printer/photo copier that has the ability to duplex without having to do that manually. We do need some letter size photo copy paper and both letter and legal file hangers and folders. We would be deeply blessed with a flat screen TV for use with clients as some of their sessions are through the use of DVD's. A projector for training via webinars and board training meetings is also a deep need. Oh yes, speakers for the reception computer so that we can play calm and welcoming background music in the centre while also providing white noise so conversations remain confidential. It is our hope that you will link arms with us and help us acquire the above mentioned urgent needs that will assist us to move forward in the coming weeks. Thank you to those that have already pledged to meet the other needs that we did not need to mention here... we are deeply thankful and feeling loved by your support.