

Volunteers Help Us Shine



An awesome team

from Hartland Center Community Church came in to assist us in cleaning up a lot of baby gear that was piling up due to the end of the summer windfall we are always are blessed with.

Processing this equipment takes time because we are very cautious to go over every item. First, going online to be sure there are no safety recalls. Next, the item is thoroughly inspected to make sure it is in perfect working order. Lastly, the item is torn down and cleaned until it is as close to new as possible.

We are grateful to this group for sharing our commitment to giving our clients the best we have to offer !

Abigail Pregnancy Services. Putting Compassion into Action for over 27years!

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From the Director's Desk

Trusting in Him at All Times

Transition and change. Both are frightening words to some. To us here at Abigail Pregnancy Services, transition plus change equals TRUST. Trusting God for provision, wisdom, and His guidance to lead us from our comfortable safety net to His ultimate will.

Our Going Medical Banquet has come and gone. Our medical transition is beginning, and we will be undergoing much change within the next year. We will have limited ultrasounds available within the year and more abortion-determined clients walking through our doors as a result of this.

If we stop and think about all the changes that will be taking place, it is easy to consider sticking to what we have been doing the past 27 years. What we have been doing is comfortable. We know what to do, and we do it well. We know what to expect, how much it will cost, and who will be the one doing each task. Now to change it all to go into uncertainty?

We are stepping out into faith trusting that God will give us the wisdom to do all things in excellence with this transition. We trust God is faithful to bring the finances to provide limited ultrasounds and the increased expense of using more electricity, heat, and a wing of our building that hasn't been used for some time. We are trusting that He brings the perfect Nurse Manager or sonographer to oversee the medical policies and staffing of medical volunteers.

At times, I can begin to get a little overwhelmed with the thought of all of this! However, God hasn't called us to a life of comfortability and mediocrity. He has called us to "get out of the boat" and take a step of faith. I love the quote from Martin Luther King Jr. that states, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

When the questions of the "what if's" begin to arise within my heart, I take comfort in knowing that this isn't our or my ministry. This is God's ministry. He loves our clients and our work more than we do. He is in control. I find comfort in His word when I may begin to fear what obstacles the future may hold with such a transition.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7, KJV). Those words are such an encouragement that fear of what the future holds does not come from the Lord. With that, we march forward to help more people than ever before and focus our eyes on God. We move when He tells us to move, and we go in the direction that He leads us.



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In Christ,
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Executive Director



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- Physician-Verified Pregnancy Tests
- Peer Counseling for Women & Men
- Maternity and Baby Supplies
- Parenting Classes
- Referrals to Other Agencies
- Abstinence Education
- Post-Abortion Counseling
- Embrace Grace

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Executive Director, Amanda Clark presents our live ultrasound demonstration.

A Night of Surprises

Our fundraising banquet was a night filled with many surprises! We surprised our guests with an ultrasound unit, a model, and a technician to do a live demonstration! It's impact was felt around the room as the image of a little life was projected on the screen. There is nothing that could have conveyed our desire to use ultrasound to save more lives than this. We are thankful to God and all those who worked to bring that all together.



Amy Ford

Our speaker, Amy Ford was passionate in the telling of her story of unplanned pregnancy and her desire for Embrace Grace to bring the church along side women who desperately need support. Her message was powerful and many guests commented on the impact it made on them.

Another wonderful surprise was that an anonymous donor challenged our guests to give by meeting the first \$15,000 that was donated for Going Medical. What a blessing!

Our Financial Goal was met!

Through the generous donations of our supports, including a donor who matched the first \$15,000, and our corporate sponsors, we raised over our \$50,000 goal, including pledges to the ministry! We are grateful for all the one-time gifts and those who elected to support the ministry through monthly giving. Your generous support is overwhelming!

Moving forward with ultrasound

With the help of the Knights of Columbus, The Chapel, and all of our other church and individual support, we are well on our way to providing ultrasound to our clients in 2018! We just received the donation of 2 exam tables, and we are pushing through the legal and medical requirements to go medical by providing limited ultrasound scans. We absolutely could not do this without your support! Thank you!

Banquet Thanks

We are grateful to many people who stepped up to make our banquet such a memorable event.

The staff and volunteers at The Chapel went above and beyond to cover so many details, from set up and tear down to the media and promotions. Thank you for partnering with us! Your beautiful venue was just perfect and we look forward to working with you again!

Peter Range, our emcee did a wonderful job with warmth and humor, and our volunteer table hosts were awesome!



Peter Range

Our sincere thanks also to Blue Ribbon Catering, Beth Schnellinger of Beth Shots Photography, and Kalynn Oldaker, our nurse who provided ultrasound services.

Many thanks to Our Corporate Sponsors, Sharpnack Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Haynes Construction, Mark and Amy Haynes, Brian and Lisa Smith, Rev Dale and Diane Thomas, Brian Shupe with State Farm Insurance, Brown, Crane and Associates, and Jeffrey and Janet Newcomer.

Volunteer Brunch

Last week we held our Annual Volunteer Brunch at the Norwalk Elks. Our thanks to the Elks who donated their party room for the brunch. It was a beautiful time of thanksgiving and fellowship.

Our volunteers are a humble group, and they are a blessing to work with!

It is a tradition that we go around the room and volunteers can introduce themselves and share a testimony or say what kind of volunteering they do.

Many of our guests expressed that they felt they didn't really do much in the grand scheme of things.

We're making it our mission to let everyone who works with the ministry know that every single thing they do ends up helping to change and even save lives!

Jessica's Story

Jessica Pugh was one of our initial Embrace Grace participants when the program was piloted at the Foundation Church last spring. At the time Jessica was pregnant with her third child.



Through the ministry of Embrace Grace Jessica grew in her relationship with the Lord and her desire to please Him deepened. Not long after completing Embrace Grace Jessica was convicted by the Holy Spirit, and she and her fiancé were married as an expression of honoring God and blessing their 3 beautiful children.

Jason and Jessica were guests at our fundraising banquet last month and had the privilege of being seated with the night's featured speaker, Amy Ford, founder of Embrace Grace.

Please continue to pray for Jessica and her family as they strive to honor God and grow in their love and commitment to Him and each other. Please visit our Facebook page *Friends of Abigail*, click on the *Testimony Video* to hear more of Jessica's story and how Abigail Ministries has impacted her life.



Julia Baughn, a student at EHOVE Joint Vocational School, volunteered to help serve our guests at our volunteer brunch. Having young people help at the ministry gives us a glimpse into the future of Abigail Pregnancy Services. God still gives hearts a passion for life!