

# **NEWS** of HOPE

Offering pregnancy counseling & assistance since 1971

**FALL 2018** 

### Holiday Giving

During the holiday season, many individuals benevolently show their support of organizations working toward ideals and beliefs the donors share. We here at HOPE ask you think of us when considering donating. HOPE is dedicated to empowering women facing unplanned pregnancies to choose life. HOPE can only provide our services through the generous donations of our supporters.

When deciding to donate to HOPE, there are multiple ways to donate. HOPE has a donor website at FriendsofHOPEinnova.org/Give providing information on the needs of HOPE and some ways to support. The website includes options to become one of our treasured monthly donors, whose gifts ensure we are able to buy more diapers or pay for an ultrasound for an abortion-vulnerable woman.

Another option to give is through estate planning. The options for charitable giving within an estate plan are varied. One is to make a gift through a will or trust, which would then reduce the amount of the donor's estate, and thus, any estate taxes that would need to be paid. Another is a Charitable Gift Annuity. Also beneficial can be the gift of appreciated assets. Yet another alternative is that the gift is left in a trust, giving a family member or a corporate trustee control over the trust. The terms of the trust would then direct how and when the assets of the trust are to be distributed to the

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# Our Friends at the National Charity League

HOPE has been so blessed for many years with the support of the National Charity League's Cherry Blossom chapter. For their first meeting of this academic year, they invited HOPE to present a briefing on its mission and services.

The Charity League has a very robust membership in the Northern Virginia area with several chapters. Teams of mothers and daughters can join and commit to a variety of philanthropic endeavors. The new President, Kathy Johnson, welcomed the group and introduced the new Executive Board who each summarized their plan for the year.

HOPE has been lucky to be one of the main organizations they support. The mother and daughter teams have repeatedly helped us at the annual Christmas party for HOPE clients, in addition to offering consistent support with sorting and managing HOPE's bountiful material donations. One mother remarked at how meaningful it has been to her and her daughter to help sort clothes. Not only is it a teachable moment for her daughter, but it is also a wonderful way to spend quality time together on a very worthwhile endeavor.

After the meeting, the girls assembled personal care kits for the new mothers of HOPE.

Patti DeBuck



#### Tea Time for HOPE



Tea Time with Heidi Schneble and friends from the Alexandria Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire.

HOPE was the beneficiary of a donation that the British royalty inspired. Before Prince Louis of Cambridge was born, a local chapter of the Society of the Women of the British Empire sponsored a baby shower in honor of the upcoming birth. Members attended a tea hosted by the group at Society Fair restaurant

in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. An assortment of tea sandwiches, scones and various teas were served, as guests mingled in a lovely atrium. The group is one chapter of several around the world; and its members have some tie to the United Kingdom or one of its former colonies. The group is both social and philanthropic.

Patti DeBuck, a HOPE volunteer and mentor to some of our mothers-to-be over the years, represented HOPE. She was asked to say a few words about our organization. The guests were very supportive of HOPE's mission and were especially interested in our emerging program to bring fathers into the Center and the mom-to-mom mentoring program, Friends in HOPE.

The group donated a wide assortment of baby items including diapers, wipes, clothes and other supplies. It was a very creative way to support HOPE and our clients, as well as a lovely high society afternoon!

- Patti DeBuck

# Holiday Giving (cont.)

charity, or how the assets are used for charitable purposes. For donations to be made over time, creating a family foundation is an option. With any estate planning donation, it is best to discuss the idea with an estate planning professional.

Again, thank you for your support of HOPE in the past, present, and future.

– Matt AdamsHOPE Board Secretary

Help us share HOPE with others





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### Give HOPE

Donations can be made online to support HOPE. Contributions directly support service to our clients, including pregnancy support, adoption support, material needs (i.e. cribs and diapers), housing references, and parenting classes.

Give HOPE online at: hopehousenova.org

# Merry Christmas!



Board President, Joanna James, and Executive Director, Ama Richardson, at the 2018 Heartbeat International Conference in Anaheim, CA.

I am incredibly humbled and honored to be serving as HOPE's new President. I began volunteering at HOPE in early 2016, shortly after my husband and I moved to Falls Church. I am blessed to have grown up in a family of advocates for life, as my parents are both employed by National Right to Life. I joined HOPE's board later in 2016 and served as Vice President from 2017-2018. The HOPE ministry has far exceeded my expectations, especially the selfless giving love of our volunteers, who make up the

majority of our team, and the servant leadership of our lovely directors and board members.

While it is always a pleasure to give back, what strikes me the most is how the Lord uses this ministry to work on my own heart and challenge me to love without expectation or demand. The work at HOPE reminds me that I am in need of grace, just as much as each and every one of the clients who walk through our doors. HOPE gives me a chance to live and share my faith every day.

You may not be aware, but in 2015 (most recent year with data) there were almost 3,000 abortions performed in Falls Church, according to the Virginia Department of Health. My promise to you is that with your continued financial support to our organization, I will do everything I can during my leadership to make HOPE a place where women are encouraged not only to choose life, but to choose it abundantly. We will work to ensure that every woman facing an unplanned pregnancy has HOPE, and that no mom has to walk through motherhood alone. We ask that you please continue to support us in the ministry with your time, treasure, and most importantly, prayers.

At Christmas, we celebrate the hope that came with the birth of our Savior. Let us share that hope with our neighbors all year.

Merry Christmas!

Joanna James HOPE Board President

#### **HOPE Highlights**



Dean and Patti DeBuck, Ama, and Pastor John Slye, Jr. celebrate the wonderful diaper packaging station at Grace Community Church's Loco for Local event.



Patti DeBuck, Agustina Temprano and some lovely friends distribute baby bottes at the Summer Bottle Drive at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.



Patti DeBuck and Ama fellowship with the lovely ladies of McLean Bible Church's Tysons MOPS group, during a baby shower held in HOPE's honor.



Precious, young angels help distribute baby bottles at the 2018 Mother's Day Bottle Drive at St. James Catholic Church.