

Overdue Thanks!

We'd like to send out a special "Thank You" to the following for their donations to our *Walk for Life* this past October:

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We inadvertently left them off our list of sponsors in our fall newsletter, and we wanted to make sure they get the recognition they deserve for their generosity!

DONATION DEDUCTABILITY

The CARES Act, which was signed into law on March 27, includes special charitable giving incentives regarding donations to nonprofits.

CARES Act lifts the limitations on charitable contributions by individuals who itemize, from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%, and for corporations by increasing the limitation from 10% to 25% of taxable income.

#GivingTuesdayNow Scheduled for May 5

GivingTuesday, the nonprofit behind the annual day of giving after Thanksgiving, is planning a "global day of giving and unity" on May 5 as an response to the COVID-19 virus. Not just for donations, #GivingTuesdayNow is an opportunity for people to show their generosity by helping another, advocating for an issue, or sharing a skill. How can you give?

**"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord."**

Psalm 31:24

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A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Heartbeat,

We find ourselves in unprecedented times. The COVID-19 crisis has affected us all in different ways—but one thing that hasn't changed is that abortion clinics in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia are still considering themselves essential, against government mandate, and are still open and performing abortions.

What does this mean for us at Heartbeat of Columbiana County?

It means that we're essential, maybe now more than ever! Women facing unplanned pregnancies today are facing an even more uncertain future financially and physically. They are experiencing even more anxiety as the entire country and the globe struggle to grasp how this pandemic will affect us all in the days and months to come. The bottom line is that these women are even more vulnerable and fearful today than our average client was just a few months ago.

What does this mean for you, our Heartbeat family?

If we are essential, then YOU are also essential! We cannot complete our mission to be present with women and families in crisis without your financial and prayer support. We had to postpone our annual fundraising banquets until June, when it will be safe to be together, but we can't wait that long for you to come alongside us financially.

We have staff, who are voluntarily considering themselves essential, coming in to serve women right now, and we need them to be able to continue to come in and serve these vulnerable women! Just today, we booked an appointment for this next week from a young woman in our community who was referred to us from another center in Ohio. She had called their helpline in tears, desperate for help – help that we can give her right here in her hometown!

A recent patient at our ultrasound clinic, Ava Women's Center, reached out and shared how thankful she is for the services we provide at Ava:

"The woman who talked to me before my appointment and the entire agency as a whole has been a blessing in my life!! ♥ Thank you, Ava, for everything."

Would you consider giving to Heartbeat right now? We need your essential gift, so that we can keep our doors open and offer women and unborn children the gifts of hope and life. (Donations may be mailed to our office or made securely on our website.) We know that it might mean giving sacrificially, and we are so thankful for your willingness to partner with us for life in this uncertain time!

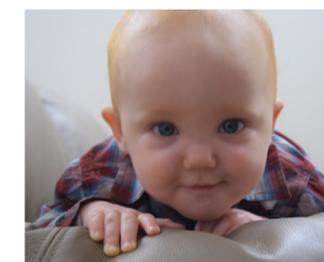


Together for Life,
Linda Dankert
Executive Director

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NEW BANQUET DATE

Due to restrictions on gatherings, we have moved our **2020 Vision Banquets** from April to June. Please join us on either Monday, June 8, or Tuesday, June 9 for an uplifting evening of **DISCOVERING HOPE**. Please see our website for details and to register, or contact Stephanie (stephanie@heartbeatcc.com or 570-351-3458).



One of our precious
Ava babies.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Staff Spotlight

Her title may read “office manager,” but that doesn’t begin to explain all that **Lisa Hall** is to Heartbeat and Ava Women’s Center. She just celebrated her two-year anniversary with Heartbeat on March 28, and we couldn’t be more pleased to have her on board!



Lisa’s background includes a degree in psychology from Malone College, as well as work at Community Alternatives Inc. as a member of its therapeutic support staff, and a stint at the Verland Foundation. She now lives in Hookstown, PA, with her husband, son, dog, and cat. Evenings and weekends are spent cheering on her son at basketball and baseball events, spending time with her family, chatting with good friends, hiking, reading, and playing board, card, and (non-gambling) dice games.

Lisa learned about Heartbeat from a former staff member who was a member of the same homeschool group that Lisa attended with her son. Since she had plans at the time to send her son to Beaver County Christian School the following year, Lisa sent a resume to Heartbeat, met with Linda and was hired!

“I love the unity of our team at Heartbeat – it is such a blessing!”

- Lisa Hall

She attributes her position at Heartbeat to God’s sovereignty. Prior to joining Heartbeat in 2018, she says it would have been very difficult for her to work here. After the birth of her son, she was diagnosed with Secondary Infertility and wasn’t able to understand some people’s decision on the importance of life. Now, she says, “God has eased my heart, and now I love spending time with others’ little ones!”

In the future, she hopes to see the center open daily for walk-in and scheduled appointments with a full staff. She would also like to see the medical and counseling resources expanded, as well as more parent coach volunteers to help a larger number of new moms and dads. Lisa says, “I would like to see more awareness of our organization in the tri-state area, so that people know we are there for them and their loved ones.”

Among her duties at Heartbeat, Lisa takes care of weekly updates for the staff, answering and returning phone calls, processing mail and mailers, bookkeeping, scheduling staff, scheduling and confirming appointments, ordering supplies, accepting donations and “helping out wherever it is needed,” as she puts it. And she certainly

Office/Retail Space Needed

If you know of an budget-friendly office/retail space that is available for lease in the East Liverpool area, we are looking for a new place to house our **Cornerstone**

Parenting Center and Baby Boutique. The generous benefactor of our last space is selling the building and we are looking for a new home. Please contact us with any leads or suggestions. And please be in prayer that the right spot opens up for us.

Open for Service

During this time, we’re pleased to announce that **Ava Women’s Center is still accepting appointments. Women are screened prior to their appointment and when they arrive, using the CDC COVID-19 guidelines. Additionally, the staff is taking extra precautions to keep the patients, facility, and each other healthy!**

ELECTION TIME

We encourage you to register early to vote this year,



Board Updates

In February, the Heartbeat Board of Directors voted in two new members: **Pastor David Quillen** from First Free Methodist Church, and **Pastor Mike Dyer**. Welcome, gentlemen!

Also, Pastor Christopher Wade has resigned from the board, as he has accepted a ministry position in the Washington, DC, area. We wish him well in our nation’s capital and thank him for his service. We greatly valued his fresh insights, passion for the unborn, and strong leadership.

Opportunities to Serve

There are currently several areas where we are in need of volunteers to serve the ministry with their talents.

CPA – We currently need a licensed CPA to perform a financial review of our organization for submitting with grant applications.

Housekeeper – We would like to have someone who is available to clean the offices and clinic at Heartbeat and Ava once a week, for a total of one to two hours each week.

Mailers – If you have spare time and enjoy busy work, we need volunteers throughout the year at various times to help assemble mass mailings (folding, labeling, etc).

Baby Blankets and Hats – If you have some free time on your hands and are a knitter, seamstress, or quilter, we would love it if you could make some baby blankets and/or hats to go in our Life Bags for the new babies of our Ava clients.

If you are willing to help in any of these areas, please contact Lisa Hall at (330) 386-3999 to volunteer.



LIFE NEWS



Tennessee

The Democratic Party in Tennessee has evicted fellow democrat, State Rep. John DeBerry, for failure to align with its “core values”, including the killing of babies in abortion. DeBerry, a state representative for 26 years, was up for reelection in the August 6 primary, but has been removed from the Democratic primary ballot following the vote of the state Democratic party. (DeBerry represents the 90th district and is from Memphis.) The vote was 41-18 in favor of booting DeBerry from the party. DeBerry is an ordained Church of Christ minister, who says that since the 1970s, he has “stood against abortion consistently.” He feels that people need to take more “personal responsibility” for their actions instead of getting elective abortions.

Many OB/GYNs Stand Against Abortion

At a time when the pro-abortionists are fighting the pro-lifers and the state governments over the terms “essential health care” and “elective procedures,” Dr. Ingrid Skop, a board member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a researcher with the Charlotte Lozier Institute, is standing to refute claims that abortions are “essential health care.” While abortion activists and the media claim that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists supports the stance that abortions are “essential,” Skop said the leaders of ACOG do not represent the views of most OB-GYNs. “They have never polled their membership on their views on abortion advocacy, and only 7 to 14 percent of OB-GYNs say they would perform an abortion when requested by their patient,” Skop said.

Approximately 85% of practicing obstetricians and gynecologists do not do elective abortions, according to the organization.

Upcoming Convention

The National Right to Life Convention is scheduled for June 26 and 27 in Herndon, Virginia. Celebrating