

An inside look at HELP
Pregnancy Center...

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Continuing the Work

As the news of the Coronavirus spread all over the country, uncertainty became a real emotion as schools closed, businesses closed and many Americans lost their jobs. As the world became fearful and unsure of what was to come, abortion clinics saw an increase in appointments as some states banned abortion. An abortion clinic director in Wichita, Kansas and Oklahoma City named Julie Burkhart said, "the calls have been frantic! We've seen more women coming sooner than they would have because they are scared they will not be able to access the services later (USA Today April 14th 2020)." Because Texas banned abortion in their state, there was an influx of women from Texas contributing to the upsurge of abortions at Burkhart's Clinic in Wichita. She said it performed 252 abortions in March 2020, up from 90 in March 2019.

As the largest abortion center in Charlotte NC remained open during COVID-19, we saw an increase in appointments for abortions right here in our backyard. Some days the appointments nearly doubled because women and families felt that they had no other choice.

Here at HELP, as the Executive Director, I knew that we could not shut our doors and deny families the resources they needed, such as pregnancy tests and the opportunity to see their unborn baby through ultrasound. The mobile unit remained parked outside of the abortion clinic 6 days a week. Our message needed to be heard now more than ever; there are alternatives to abortion. Most importantly people needed to hear that there is Hope and that their lives as well as their babies lives mattered!

Tara J. Quinn

In the midst of the pandemic, we were able to:

- 1** Administer 91 ultrasounds in house and over 30 ultrasounds on our mobile unit
- 2** Provide 97 clothing appointments for maternity clothing, diapers, and baby supplies
- 3** Provide 9 prenatal care appointments at our medical clinic
- 4** Provide 20 counseling appointments with men/couples
- 5** Present the Gospel to 120 people

Our Volunteers were "Essential" to our doors staying open. We would like to give a special thanks to *Shining Light Baptist Church* for their large donation of non-perishable food items for our clients in need.

A Garden for Life

A memorial garden in honor of unborn children

HELP Pregnancy Center would like to honor and remember babies lost due to abortion, stillbirth or miscarriage by planting a memorial garden. Through the symbolic and physical act of planting a tree, those who lost a child are given the opportunity to grieve, reflect and heal.

The first step of seeing this vision become a reality is to find a piece of land dedicated to the project. If you have any information about land that could accommodate our efforts, or you are interested in learning more about this, please contact Tara Quinn at tquinn@monroehelp.com (704-619-4921), or by calling the center at 704-289-5133.



SAVE *the* DATE

Our 2020 *Charity Banquet Event* is coming soon. Although our vision has not changed, we are sensitive to the current events in our nation, so our approach to this year's event will be different. We know God wants us to be good stewards of the resources he had given us, so to be mindful and considerate of all we have chosen to for-go a large banquet meal and have a smaller "program style event", with dessert for two. **We are excited to announce that we will host 2 events!** These events will allow our guests the opportunity to learn more about the vision of HELP moving forward, while still being conscious of social distancing and keeping our guests health and safety as our top priority.

Will you Join us for a night of kingdom vision and encouragement?

Our Event -	Dates:	Location:
	Oct. 1 st , 2020	<i>Lee Park Church</i> 2505 Morgan Mill Rd. Monroe, NC 28110
	Oct. 8 th , 2020	<i>Joy Church</i> 11516 Idlewild Rd. Matthews, NC 28105

****More details coming soon...***

Make a Difference - Get Involved

Share

Talk to friends and family about what our ministry is doing in the community, and share our posts online! Help us connect to your church!

Donate

Become a committed monthly partner. Help keep our lights on! You can financially partner with us and help save lives. You can now donate with our new "text to give" feature - Text "GIVE" to 704-997-3883 or just simply go to the website and click the donate tab.



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Volunteer

There is always a need here and we never turn away help, so jump in! Events, peer counseling, medical clinic, front desk. There are many areas to help.

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