

## HANNAH'S HOPE

Rev. Trina Bell Morrison, Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference,

I bring you this report on behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees of Hannah's Hope as we prepare to celebrate the first in-person gathering of the newly formed TWK Annual Conference. We are completing our 19<sup>th</sup> year of ministry with pregnant women in crisis and their vulnerable children all over West Tennessee and prospective adoptive families. Like everyone, we have experienced another year of pandemic life which has required us to adapt the ways in which we provide our services on almost a day-to-day basis based upon the ever-changing policies of hospitals and courts. But we persevere and are thankful for abundant grace which has seen us through each challenge.

Our board has continued its diligent work of fundraising to ensure that we continue to be able to serve the pregnant women and their vulnerable children who need us. We are seeking creative ways to forge new paths of fundraising via social media and other uses of technology. These efforts are even more important as the vast majority of our pregnant clients are able to make healthy, responsible parenting plans and this significantly impacts the agency revenue from adoption fees. We are so very thankful for each individual donor, each small group and Sunday school class from around the conference, our Partners in Hope churches, each congregation or small group that fills Baby Bottles of Hope, the JOY Circle of Germantown UMC, and the TWK Conference whose financial support enabled us to continue our ministry with pregnant women in crisis and their vulnerable children during another tumultuous pandemic year.

During the past year, despite the challenges of ministry during global pandemic we are proud that Hannah's Hope has been able to:

- Provide 2000+ hours of counseling and/or case management to vulnerable mothers and their children
- Support over 60 women as they have made parenting plans for their baby
- Support five women as they made adoption plans for their baby
- Provide over 600 hours of care to a medically complex child and ongoing case management to his adoptive family
- Provide approximately \$17,000 in fee assistance making adoption affordable for people across the economic spectrum
- Work with more than 140 adoptive and prospective adoptive families in 2021 providing consultations, education, home studies, post placement services, and post-adoption counseling

We are proud to be a growing, loving ministry dedicated to the healing of God's children (pregnant women, families seeking to adopt, and children who need to be adopted) through adoption and pregnancy counseling. Our ministry is focused on Engaging the Mission Field all over West Tennessee and we live out the mission statement of the conference as well by offering Jesus Christ to a hurting world daily.

We are so thankful for the individuals, UMW Circles, Sunday school classes, and congregations who support the ministry of Hannah's Hope through contributions to the Partners in Hope initiative and by filling Baby Bottles of Hope. It is only with this support that we can provide birth mother care bags for our clients after they give birth, provide free counseling to pregnant women in crisis situations, offer free consultations to couples seeking to discern whether God is calling them to adopt, and stand in the gap for children in need of a new, forever home. We also appreciate each one of you who has taken the time to add a link to the Hannah's Hope website ([www.hannahs-hope.org](http://www.hannahs-hope.org)) and our Facebook page to your church website to that we may better connect with those who need us around the conference.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all.