

Hannah's Hope
Rev. Trina Bell Morrison, Executive Director

I bring you this report on behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees of Hannah's Hope as we are completing our twentieth year of ministry with pregnant women in crisis and their vulnerable children all over West Tennessee and prospective adoptive families. The women that we serve are directly impacted by the Supreme Court ruling (*Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Clinic*) of June 2022 which activated a trigger law effectively banning abortion services in the state of TN. The most recent statistics indicate that a little over 3,000 women received abortion services in Memphis per year, so this means that many more women are finding themselves in need of our services.

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. These efforts are even more important as the vast majority of our 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 a year when the economic status of our country significantly stretched budgets.

During the past year, we are proud that Hannah's Hope has been able to:

- ❖ Provide more than 2,000 hours of counseling and/or social services to vulnerable mothers and their children;
- ❖ Support over 160 women as they have made parenting plans for their babies;
- ❖ Support five women as they made adoption plans for their babies;
- ❖ And work with more than 125 adoptive and prospective adoptive families 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 Annual Conference as well by "offering Jesus Christ to a hurting world" daily.

We are so thankful for the individuals, UWF 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) and our Facebook page to your church website so that we may better connect with those who need us around the conference.