

**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 are completing a challenging year of ministry with pregnant women in crisis, their vulnerable children, and prospective adoptive families all over West Tennessee. We have continued to encounter an overwhelming number of crisis pregnancy clients who are making parenting plans despite facing significant obstacles to parenting successfully as we live into the reality of a near total abortion ban in the state of Tennessee. At the same time, we have experienced a lower-than-average number of women making adoption plans for their babies so our revenue from adoption fees is not keeping up with the demand for services to pregnant women in crisis. Our Board and staff have continued to increase their fundraising efforts to ensure that we continue to be able to serve the pregnant women and their vulnerable children who need us. 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 and Missions Committee of Germantown UMC, and the TWK Conference whose financial support enabled us to continue this vital work.

We are very excited to announce that we have been awarded a TN Strong Families grant from the state of Tennessee. This funding will specifically allow us to extend services to pregnant women who are choosing to parent while facing significant obstacles to parenting successfully. We will work with these women, using the evidence-based Mothers & Babies program model that utilizes home visits during pregnancy and the months of infancy to screen for medical complications, mental health issues such as perinatal and postpartum depression and anxiety, and promote healthy bonding between mother and child. The goal of this program is to improve maternal/fetal health outcomes and reduce the number of children entering the foster care system. Clients who participate will be given safe sleep kits (pack-n-play, sheets, sleep sacks) to reduce the number of sleep accidents, safe feeding kits will provide bottles and age-appropriate nipples and cleaning supplies for moms who receive formula through WIC, developmental play kits providing a play mat and age appropriate toys to encourage infant development and supplies to safely bathe their baby. The grant stipulates that we can only purchase these supplies for women who start receiving services from us during their pregnancy. With your support, we will be able to serve women who are referred to us soon after they have given birth and are struggling to meet the needs of their baby. We hope that you will fill Baby Bottles of Hope, share special offerings and perhaps purchase items from our Amazon Wish List

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/O3S8K3N3I2ZE?ref=gr\\_search\\_page\\_result](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/O3S8K3N3I2ZE?ref=gr_search_page_result)

We will continue to provide our full range of services to pregnant women who make adoption plans for their babies and provide professional adoption services to prospective adoptive families. It is only with your support that we can provide new mother care bags (containing feminine hygiene supplies and other items needed while recovering from childbirth) 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 so that we may better connect with those who need us around the conference.

May the Grace and Peace of Christ be with you all...