



ABOUT HOPE LIFE CENTER

Hope Life Center is a Christ centered organization dedicated to erasing abortion from the Sauk Valley one woman and one child at a time.

History

Hope Life Center was the dream of Mark and Laura Petigoue, our founders, long before it developed into the organization it is today.

In 1983, at her kitchen sink, Laura tuned into a radio program discussing the needs of women experiencing unplanned pregnancies and the devastation that abortion brings to women. This program birthed in Laura a desire to develop an organization that would provide women in crisis pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. She gathered a group of like-minded individuals and began to hold prayer meetings. A Board of Directors was established, and on February 17, 1986, our doors opened for the first time. Since that day our journey has taken us through several names, locations, and service models in order to maintain effectiveness and relevancy in the midst of an ever changing culture.

In 2014, after nearly 30 years of ministry, we found ourselves needing to adapt again in order to effectively reach the 170 to 470 women in Lee and Whiteside counties having abortions each year. We implemented a medical service model proven to transform the fear that leads a woman to have an abortion into confidence that she can carry her child to term. This is done by simply answering the three main questions every woman must have answered before she makes a decision regarding the outcome of her pregnancy: am I really pregnant, how far along am I, do I have an STD? Knowing that she can get these questions answered here locally at our center gives her a compelling reason to come to us before she drives an hour to the closest abortion clinic.

Services

- Pregnancy Options Consultation
- Pregnancy Testing
- Ultrasound Exams, including Doppler
- STD Testing & Treatment
- Community Resources & Referrals
- 12-month Follow-up

All our services are provided free of charge. The average cost to save the life of an unborn child is \$1,200.

Effectiveness

Hope Life Center is one of the most effective pregnancy centers in the nation. 95% of our patients demonstrate a risk for abortion and 8 out of 10 of these women choose life after receiving our services.