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### A Letter From Our CEO

Dear Friends,

I cannot believe it is time for the Summer Newsletter and we are talking about fall events! The staff and I are already in the middle of strategic planning for the new fiscal year which begins October 1st. Our focus is digging even deeper on delivering exceptional care. We are focused on how to meet the new needs of our clients are facing and challenging obstacles in a season where they are weary and exhausted. In fact, we are sending four staff to the National CareNet Conference in a few weeks. This will provide a great opportunity to gather with at least 1,500 other Pregnancy Centers from around the country. While Hope Clinic may cover more depth and breadth of services, we share the same mission and vision: to help women choose life and life more abundantly without shame, guilt or condemnation. Please pray for the team as we finalize our plans for next year.

Hopefully by now you have read the emails or social media posts announcing my stepping down as President/CEO. I arrived in Nashville 18 years ago in August. I had no idea then that I was about to embark on this incredible journey with you all just a few months later. It has been an honor and privilege to take up the helm of Hope Clinic and I am confident the next leader is going to do even more exciting things. By the time this newsletter is in your mailbox my successor has probably been named. I am sure they will be looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible, hearing why you love and support Hope Clinic, and learning how to earn your trust and support to continue your partnership.

I am humbled to serve a God who redeems and restores. He has certainly done that for me time and time again. I am grateful that together we accomplished many great deeds, but I am also aware of my shortcomings and the mistakes I made along the way. I have grown from them all and trust Hope Clinic (along with myself) are the better for it. I am confident I am leaving Hope Clinic on solid ground and the team is ready to take the ministry forward.

If I run into you around town, please say hello! I will always love to talk and share about the great work of this amazing ministry. I am not done advancing the Kingdom but feel confident I finished at Hope Clinic what the Father set before me.

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7*

Shalom,

Renée Rizzo  
President/CEO and future Ambassador of Hope

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SOUTHEAST FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION GOLF CLASSIC

**Monday, September 20th**  
**FRANKLIN BRIDGE GOLF COURSE**

We're back with our annual Golf Tournament hosted by Southeast Financial. This year is our 19th annual fundraiser for Hope Clinic and UPC Middle TN. A team of 4 is \$850, but if you register before August 31st, you can save \$50 by using the code "EARLYBIRD" at checkout.

Your registration includes a full round of golf, prizes for 1st and 2nd place, longest drive competition, lunch, dinner, and snacks. **You can register with this link:** [birdease.com/19thsoutheastfinancialgolfclassic](http://birdease.com/19thsoutheastfinancialgolfclassic).

You can also help us make this event a success by donating an auction item! During the event and awards ceremony, we're hosting a silent auction and looking for a few items to add to the already growing list of Titans tickets, beach house rentals, hotel stays, and restaurant gift cards. **Email Mary Drake at [mdchavez@hopeclinicforwomen.org](mailto:mdchavez@hopeclinicforwomen.org) to chat about donating.**



### CIDER CAROLS

**Thursday, December 2nd**  
**VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON**

We are preparing to offer **both in-person and virtual options** for this event! But rest assured – the sweetness, festive fun, and amazing auction items will still be happening! Whether you join us in-person or tune-in from your home, we will ring in the Christmas season with feature performances from local musicians,

client stories, and there will be over 100 items at our silent auction! Bidding will take place on your phone, so you can get something for every person on your list. – and all proceeds support the women and families we serve every day at Hope Clinic. Registration opens October 1st. **Do you have a preference on a virtual or in-person event? Please let us know by taking this 2 minute survey. Scan this QR code to let your thoughts be known!**



## SAFE VOLUNTEERING AT HOPE CLINIC

Volunteering at Hope Clinic for Women is exciting and life-affirming. We are always open and ready to receive new people to join our team of amazing volunteers. We have both "behind the scenes" options and opportunities to work directly with our clients. Some volunteer positions can be done virtually or remotely, while some options require coming to our clinic. **If you have questions about what volunteering at Hope Clinic looks like, contact Shanera Williamson at [swilliamson@hopeclinicforwomen.org](mailto:swilliamson@hopeclinicforwomen.org).** Here are some of our biggest needs for volunteers:

**PREGNANCY BRIDGE MENTORS** Provide one-on-one mentoring to our bridge clients. Mentors serve as a cheerleader and coach for our pregnant clients offering support and steadiness during a time filled with change and challenges. We need at least 60 more mentors. The commitment is 2 mentor sessions – typically an hour – twice a month. We also specifically need 10 male mentors to connect with the partners of our pregnant clients.

**CLOTHING ROOM ASSISTANCE** We need about 5 people to give us 1 to 2 hours every other week to help process the donations that come in for our clothing room. This is perfect for the person who gets joy out of organizing with a knack for always putting things in their proper place.

**The first step to becoming a volunteer is attending our monthly one-hour Introduction to Hope Clinic class. The Introduction class is a one-hour virtual orientation that gives a great overview for any potential volunteer. Sign up at [www.hopeclinicforwomen.org/intro](http://www.hopeclinicforwomen.org/intro)**



# CELEBRATING RENÉE RIZZO

## 18 Years Of Bold Leadership



Our founders from 1983 are described as physicians, pastors, counselors, and community leaders, but beyond all of those titles our founders were **trailblazers**. One of the indelible qualities that Renee has honored during her time as the third leader of this ministry is to continue to be a **maverick** for the women that we serve. She chose to push the limits of what pregnancy centers could provide, the level of excellence that could be expected, and the depth of love that could be expressed. In honor of Renée's departure from Hope Clinic at the end of this fiscal year, we would like to outline some of the accomplishments that occurred during her tenure:

### PREGNANCY SERVICES:

- Implementation of the Bridge Parenting Program in 2008 created a pathway to "abundant life" for moms and dads choosing life for their child. This program today equips participants with mentoring, education classes, case management, counseling, and all the material goods they need for a successful pregnancy and first year of the child's life.
- This program moved to a hybrid model even before COVID and virtual classes and mentoring is even more engaging now!

### MEDICAL SERVICES:

- We took a bold leap forward with the hiring a full-time Nurse Practitioner in 2005 and added Well-woman exams in 2016.

### RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION:

- While founded in 1998, this program was reintroduced after losing federal funding with a full suite of offerings for public, private, and charter schools, teachers, parents, youth leaders, and churches – and we continue to serve over 1,000/year through this preventative education.

### COUNSELING:

- Graduate Practicum students from universities all over Middle Tennessee began providing medical and clinical care in 2007 and continue to serve 120+ clients/year, especially to receive professional counseling during their pregnancy for free.
- Post-abortion counseling expanded to include all forms of pregnancy loss in 2008 through our partnership St. Thomas Health Services. Postpartum Depression counseling was added a couple years later also because of expressed need from area healthcare centers.

### BUSINESS

- Bringing her finance background and business acumen Renée consistently ensured healthy fiscal budgeting year after year, cutting expenses by 25% and increasing client capacity by nearly 400%
- As of January 2021 Hope Clinic is officially debt free due to generous supporters and faithful debt payments made throughout the last decade.
- Hope Clinic has been set up for success with 90 day cash reserves, Standard Operating Procedures for all organizational areas, and nearly \$200,000 in our endowment fund.

We are so grateful for the service, the expertise, and the passion that Renée has brought to this ministry through the years. She has spent as much time balancing the budget and leading strategically as she has spent teaching high school students to make healthy choices, mentoring clients, teaching exercise classes, and baking cookies for donors. Her service and sacrifice has made Hope Clinic the staple that it is today and we are so excited to see what this next season will bring for us trusting that God will continue to provide abundantly as he has the last 38 years!





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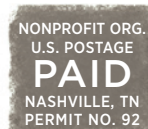
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