

2024 END OF YEAR UPDATE

# JOIN US IN THE WORK THE LORD HAS CALLED US TO...

Losing a baby comes with so many complicated emotions and feelings. Grieving without God is a hopeless pursuit. We want Hope Moms to know their baby's death is not their fault, it wasn't a failing of their bodies or a lack of their faith. Our desire is for these women to filter life through the lens of the Gospel and to orient their grief around honest lament while they grow in Christ's likeness. We seek to empower them to know God intimately, for first-hand knowledge of God and his Word are the best way to understand the gospel and to find joy amidst the sorrow that comes with miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss.

Hope Mommies has faithfully been in this space offering truth + community for thirteen years, and we are trusting God to provide us with the means to continue in this work for many more years to come. We know there are so many opportunities to give your hard earned dollars and there are countless needs to support in our world, so we present this request to you in all humility.

Will you give a tax-deductible donation today to invest in the future of Hope Mommies?

In the new year we want to provide more podcast conversations, new Hope Group curriculum, beautifully curated Hope Boxes, monthly support groups, streamlined internal processes, intentionally designed retreats and events, and rich, gospelcentered content through our devotionals, newsletters, and social media platforms.

We can't do this without you.

Your support matters.

Your financial gift makes a difference in the lives of Hope Moms in our community.

Donors are the foundation of our financial support, providing the resources we need to run the ministry day to day. Your donation supports the time, resources, and platforms required to create content that helps Hope Moms in our community to apply the gospel to their grief.

Help us make a difference in the new year and give HOPE today!

Jennie

# RETREAT



### **72 WOMEN**

were in attendance, from 15 different US states and Canada

### 117 BABIES

were honored and remembered

### 23 WOMEN

came on scholarship thanks to the generosity of our donors.

"I was able to open up and actually talk about my loss and could see the women around me were listening and cared for me. Thank you for sharing the word of the Lord and opening my eyes for me, and for my family, to make changes and believe!"

- IRIS, HOPE MOM TO MATTHEO -











"When I attended my first retreat it was very early in my grief journey, I was still very angry and just surviving It brought me so much joy to be able to go again, now that I am further down the road Walking into retreat 6 years later and seeing a familiar atmosphere and familiar faces felt so different, so healing and so full of hope. We made it this far and we were still here, still standing and still lifting our hands to heaven. There were still plenty of tears but there were so many more joyous moments. I think it's important for Hope Moms who are new to the path of child loss to see others further down the path and thriving."

- LACI JUDKINS, HOPE MOM TO DYLAN & AVA -









Registration is now open for our 2025 Retreat at a new location in Mineral Wells, Texas.

## COMMUNITIES



## 174 HOPE MOMS

through Bible study and community.

Private online Facebook groups grow an average of

## **45 HOPE MOMS**

per month.

This last year we honored

### **617 HOPE BABIES**

individually with a custom graphic.

In 2025 we are looking forward to launching a virtual support group that will meet monthly.



"The Lord has used the studies to walk me into deeper places of healing. I'm so grateful for Hope Mommies and how it continues to help me navigate these places of grief that are so not linear!"

- KERRIE, HOPE MOM TO TRIPP & ERIK -

## **BOX MINISTRY**



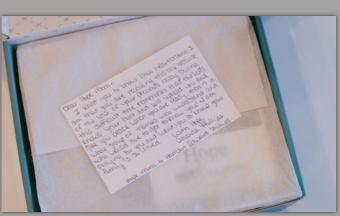
"I received my Hope Box a few weeks after I lost my little love. It was unexpected and I had no idea about Hope Mommies. I cried like a baby when I realized what it was. I to this day have no idea who sent this gift to me but I hold it near and dear to my heart. It's a blessing to have to look back on to remember the love, comfort and thoughtfulness this box has provided."

- ROBIN, HOPE MOM TO BABY OVERSTREET-

This year we received

## **366 ONLINE ORDERS**

for Individual Hope Boxes.



"We lost our baby boy on Ougust 2 only 70 minutes after he was born I received my Hope Box that night. I didn't have the strength to open it until we got home from the hospital It made me feel as if I'm not alone in all of this."

- WENDY, HOPE MOM TO SAWYER -









Hope Box Gatherings are an essential part of the Box Ministry and the way that so many of our boxes end up in the hands of new Hope Moms. These fundraising events are a special way for Hope Moms, friends, family, and supporters to serve the loss community in a tangible way.

Box Gatherings funded and assembled

**1,066 BOXES** 

Chapter Box Gatherings funded and assembled

**2,380 BOXES** 



"While in the hospital we were given a Hope Box. I will always remember opening up and reading the hand written card in the box. It was from another mama who's daughter was also born too early. I wasn't alone. Every October we hold a Hope Box Gathering in remembrance of our Son. My favorite part of sending out boxes is hearing from the parents who have received our boxes. I am so thankful that we are able to use the most painful moment in our lives to love on others and that Zechariah's name lives on with each box we send out."

- BRIANNA, HOPE MOM TO ZECHARIAH -

# LOCAL CHAPTERS

Click the images below to learn about what each of our chapters were up to this year and how you can be involved supporting the on-the-ground work that each provides to Hope Moms in their area.



**ALBUQUERQUE** 



**AUSTIN** 



**BATON ROUGE** 



CENTRAL OKLAHOMA



CENTRAL TEXAS



**HOUSTON** 



LUBBOCK



NORTHERN INDIANA



TEXAS HILL COUNTRY



**WEST TEXAS** 

# **PODCAST**

The Hope Mommies Podcast launched on January 10, 2024.

This audio platform has created new opportunities to connect with and minister to families all around the world, and to provide even more biblical teaching and encouragement to our community.

You can <u>sponsor an episode</u> of the podcast for only \$25. These sponsorships allow us to create an ad-free podcast. The Hope Baby's name and a special message from you will be read-aloud on our podcast and available in our show notes. It is truly a beautiful way to pay tribute to the Hope Baby in your life.













# 26 EPISODES RELEASED 6,745 DOWNLOADS

Listeners in

# 45 US STATES & 15 COUNTRIES



"Since losing our daughter Oleiyah Lee in November 2023, I came across the Hope Mommies podcast, which has been such a source of comfort and hope for me during some of the darkest days of my life. My husband and I were especially moved by being able to sponsor an episode in honor of our precious baby; hearing her name and our tribute being read aloud by Kristin was absolutely surreal, and we are so blessed to know that a community, in Christ, exists like this during our grief."

- CRYSTAL-LEE, LISTENER FROM SOUTH AFRICA -

# GIFT OF HOPE



Your financial assistance brought me to tears as the company I work for has been sold and I will be out of a job soon. This is a huge relief off my shoulders to no longer worry about paying a bill for my Taylen who isn't here with me anymore. Your organization is doing amazing things, and I could never repay you for the gift you've given to me. I appreciate this more than you will ever know and hope to pay it forward someday.

- Brittany, Hope Mom to Taylen -

Gift of Hope launched on January 18, 2021 and through this program we have been able to offer financial grants (paid directly to medical facilities and physicians) to help cover medical bills of babies who have died.

This past calendar year alone - we helped four families by paying \$17,881.14 toward their combined, heartbreaking medical bills.

It is an immense blessing for us to be able to lift some of the financial burden that can come with losing a baby. We pray more families will hear about this program and apply for a grant with us in the coming year.

Hope Mommies has been a true blessing in our time of need My husband and I got married in 2022 and got pregnant a few months later. We were so excited to be parents. Beyond thrilled, actually! About 3 months later our dreams were shattered when we lost our sweet Amalie. With the loss of our daughter came a huge hospital bill and it was hard paying a bill each month for a baby we didn't leave with. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your help and prayers. You truly took some of the heartache away.

- Amanda, Hope Mom to Amalie Leigh -

# **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

### MILES FOR HOPE

This June we hosted our Third Annual Miles for Hope. This is a peer-to-peer fundraiser where members and supporters of our community share their story and commit to logging miles in a month via walking, jogging, or running. This year, some of our Chapters even hosted in-person walking events with their communities. What a joy to see families come together to remember and honor their Hope Babies while enjoying the gifts God still has for them this side of heaven!



Through 127
participants just
over \$44,000
was raised and put
back into our
thriving Chapters!

### **GOLF CLASSIC**

We hosted our Second Annual Golf Classic this October at River Place Country Club in Austin and it was a wonderful day of awareness, golf, and fundraising.



We had 84 people in attendance and raised just shy of \$40,000 thanks to the generosity of our donors and sponsors!

#### Through Hope Mommies, bereaved women have access to:

Retreat
Hope Groups
Hope Boxes
Chapters
Podcast Episodes

Gifts of Hope Original Articles and Essays Social Media Posts Newsletters Publications and Devotionals Curated Playlists and more

Your donations help sustain all of the work we do at Hope Mommies! Thank you for supporting grieving women and for coming alongside us in our mission to make Hope Moms feel safe, known, encouraged and loved as they walk with the Lord toward their baby and Heaven.

## AS YOU'RE PLANNING YOUR YEAR-END GIVING, HERE ARE SOME FINANCIAL WAYS TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY WORK:

\$35: Sponsor one Hope Mom to attend a ten-week Hope Group Bible Study

**\$60:** Send one Hope Box to a newly grieving Hope Mom

**\$100:** Sponsor 4 episodes of the Hope Mommies Podcast

**\$280:** Cover the cost of Hope Group Leader Materials for 2025

**\$300:** Purchase one case of Bibles (36) from Crossway for our Hope Box Ministry

**\$415:** Send one grieving mother to our Annual Retreat

**\$500:** Cover costs of office supplies for the year

**\$600:** Purchase two cases of Bibles (72) from Crossway for our Hope Box Ministry

**\$1,000:** Cover the cost of 2,000 Brochures for our Hope Box Ministry

**\$1,500:** Sponsor our Retreat Prayer Room

**\$2,500:** Sponsor our Spring or Fall session of Hope Groups

**\$4,000:** Cover the annual fees for our Hope Box Ministry and Retreat Storage Units

**\$5,000:** Sponsor Retreat Catering for 60 women for our three-day weekend Retreat. That breaks down to \$16/meal per Hope Mom, plus beverages.

\$10,000: Our Gift of Hope Directors, The Griff Family, donate \$10,000 each year to keep our Gift of Hope Fund open. Would you match that gift, allowing us to help cover the costs of medical bills for more qualifying families in the coming year?

**\$15,000**: Sponsor 250 Hope Boxes to be sent out free of cost to

Hope Moms, nationwide!

**\$25,000:** Sponsor the entire Annual Retreat!

# **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

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1 in 4 WOMEN

Did you notice the teal letters in the headings on each page you just read? This was intentional. These headings were meant to be a representation of the 1 in 4 women who will lose a baby. This kind of loss touches almost everyone, if it isn't you directly, it may be your mother, your daughter, your sister, or your friend. This type of loss can be isolating and we want to be there to serve them when the unthinkable happens. We want all moms who find themselves burying their babies to know the comfort and community that is there for them in Christ. These women don't have to suffer in grief alone and your generosity can make a huge difference.

# **DOUBLE YOUR GIFT**

### MAKE YOUR DONATION GO FURTHER

This year we are excited and humbled to have been approached by an extremely generous individual who would like to leverage his donation toward our cause. He is offering a \$10,000 matching gift which means – if YOU, our friends and supporters, can help us reach \$10,000 in donations, he will double it, and that means \$20,000 for Hope Mommies! Make your donation go further this year and support the 1 in 4!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Does your company or your spouse's company offer a corporate matching aift? Corporate matching gifts are a type of philanthropy in which companies financially match donations that their employees make to nonprofit organizations. This means when an employee makes a donation, they'll request a matching aift from their employer. The employer then makes their own donation to the nonprofit. It's that easy to double your donation and make an even bigger impact! Companies usually match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at a 2:1, 3:1, or even a 4:1 ratio. Companies like Microsoft, Apple, Shell, Costco, GE, Chevron, Disney, Gap, etc. all have a matching gifts program, so donate and inquire with your employer today!

Will you join us in this work with an end of year donation?





# HELP US CONTINUE TO SHARE THE HOPE OF CHRIST IN 2025

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

