

SAVE THE DATE *ZoeCare's Annual Banquet* OCTOBER 8, 2020

with *Former Abortion Doctor*
DR. ANTHONY LEVATINO
AND CECELIA LEVATINO



Former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino and his wife Cecelia will share their unique perspective about why a physician who has been trained to preserve life would take it away. Before their involvement in the pro-life cause, Dr. Levatino performed over 1,200 first and second-trimester abortions as part of his OB-GYN practice in upstate New York. He has testified about the horrors of abortion before Congress and was recently seen in Abby Johnson's film *Unplanned* as the doctor performing the abortion. Cecelia Levatino pulls back the veil of confidentiality about the consequences of abortion *on* the families of the physicians who perform them. *Mark your calendars now for this unique opportunity! Stay tuned for more information.*

Pregnant in a Pandemic

by Chris K. Grinnell, Executive Director, and Lisa Doerksen, RN, Nurse Manager

Unplanned pregnancies have not stopped with the arrival of the coronavirus to the Gallatin Valley. It's hard to know if pregnancies have increased during the pandemic, but the level of stress associated with pregnancy certainly has. Some sentiments we have heard expressed lately from patients:

"This is not the right time to have a baby."

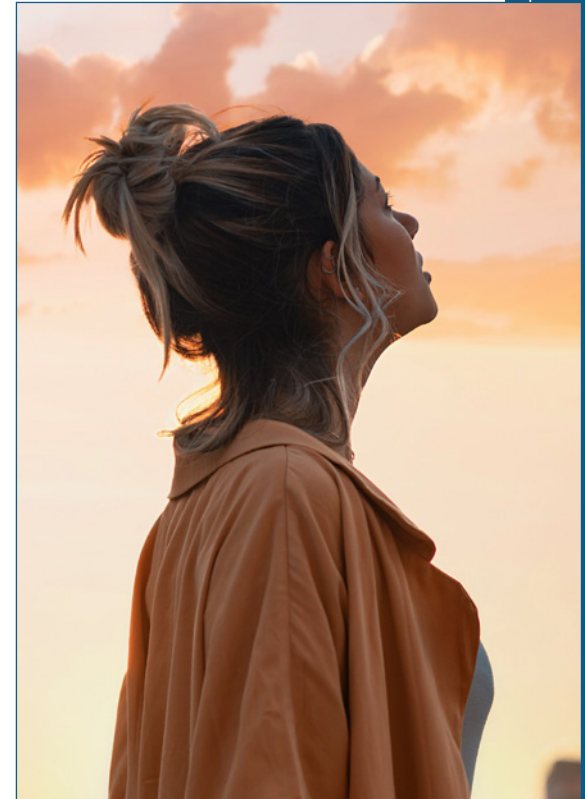
"I don't want to bring a child into a COVID world."

"I am not financially secure."

"I can't be a parent..."

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ZoeCare has made necessary modifications to our procedures to provide valuable medical services while keeping both patients and staff safe. The pandemic has indeed hindered our ability to carry out much of the ministry as we desire and it has taken a toll on our operations. But our response to this unprecedented crisis has also empowered us to effectively reach those most in need. When first arriving for an appointment, the vast majority of our patients, since reopening for appointments in mid-April, have expressed their intent to seek an abortion. The usual life stressors that often accompany those who seek our services – those of financial hardship, housing issues, relational and vocational instability, and past trauma – all have a magnified impact during a pandemic. Uncertainty and fear drive emotions and decision-making processes for many of the young women we are seeing. When they come through our doors, hope is in short supply.

But we serve a God of hope.



PREGNANT IN A PANDEMIC CONTINUED

Much of our ministry during the global pandemic is listening well and providing a safe place for young women to verbalize and work through fear. We consider it our great privilege to hear each story and meet each person with dignity, love, and gentleness. We are to be the face of Jesus, and to speak His words of comfort and hope. Even in the midst of a pandemic, Jesus brings tremendous hope. There is nothing quite like the joy we experience when we hear that a patient changes her mind and decides to parent after finding that hope at ZoeCare. God continues to change hearts and reveal Himself in the pandemic. *COVID-19 has no power over our Savior.*

Our world has changed, and whatever “normal” looks like in the future, ZoeCare will adapt. There is nothing quite like a global crisis to help us appreciate those who make this ministry happen. That is you. Thank you for partnering with us to promote Christ’s hope and life in the Gallatin Valley. ■

PRAYER NEEDS

We greatly appreciate your ongoing prayers for ZoeCare. Here are some specific needs we have:

- 1. Volunteers** - Specifically, we are in need of Patient Advocates who, with the nurse, meet with pregnancy patients; it is a crucial role that provides ministry to those struggling the most.
- 2. Perseverance and Holy Spirit guidance** - Most of our patients currently are vulnerable and struggling in life, making abortion more appealing; our patient care staff and volunteers need God’s constant guidance in ministering to these women and men.
- 3. Financial health** - Like many individuals and organizations, ZoeCare has been hit hard financially as a result of the pandemic; we rely exclusively on the generosity of others and trust God for His provision.



Diapers bring relief during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused great financial harm to many young families across the Gallatin Valley. In response to this hardship, ZoeCare has worked closely with the Gallatin City-County Health Department to identify and provide diapers and wipes to those struggling the most. On June 10, we held our first Diaper Day, during which ZoeCare distributed nearly 10,000 diapers to young families! What a tremendous blessing to many babies and their parents in the community! It was such a success that we are considering when to have our next Diaper Day. Keep checking our Facebook page and look for our email newsletter in your inbox for how you can be involved!

Welcome, Chloe!

ZoeCare is pleased to welcome *Chloe Goodson* as our new Patient Support Coordinator! Chloe recently moved from Greensboro, North Carolina. She is married to her college sweetheart, Brandon, and together they are parents to their son, Colt. She graduated from Liberty University in 2015 with a B.S. in Women’s Ministry and has always had a passion for women and helping point them towards Christ. Chloe’s focus began in the local church and has now shifted to those outside of the church—specifically those experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Chloe and Brandon have the honor of being Colt’s parents due to an unplanned pregnancy and his birth parents choosing life and choosing them. This is what brings her to ZoeCare—both with a passion and a personal connection to minister and love on every patient that comes through our doors.



BABY BOTTLE 2020

ZoeCare’s Baby Bottle Campaign has been postponed this year to **begin on Father’s Day, June 21**. Check to see if your church is participating (or call our office to pick up bottles if not), take home a bottle, fill it with change or checks, and return to your church by July 19. It is an easy and fun way that your change can change lives! For more information, visit www.friendsofzoecare.org/babybottle/.



Congratulations, Kyndall!

Congratulations to Kyndall Hinkle, ZoeCare’s 45North Director, and her husband Jed on the birth of their daughter, *Adelyn Lee*, on April 8! Both Kyndall and Adelyn are healthy and doing great. Kyndall is home on maternity leave where she is resting in all the joy of being a first-time mom. She plans to return to the office in the fall.

Leave a Legacy

You can help save lives for years to come! Please consider a charitable gift to ZoeCare:

- **Put ZoeCare in your will or trust**
- **Designate ZoeCare as a beneficiary in a retirement fund or life insurance policy**
- **Give the gift of stock**

Your impact on innocent lives can be felt for decades to come! Please call Cindy at (406) 586-9444 to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of future generations.

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