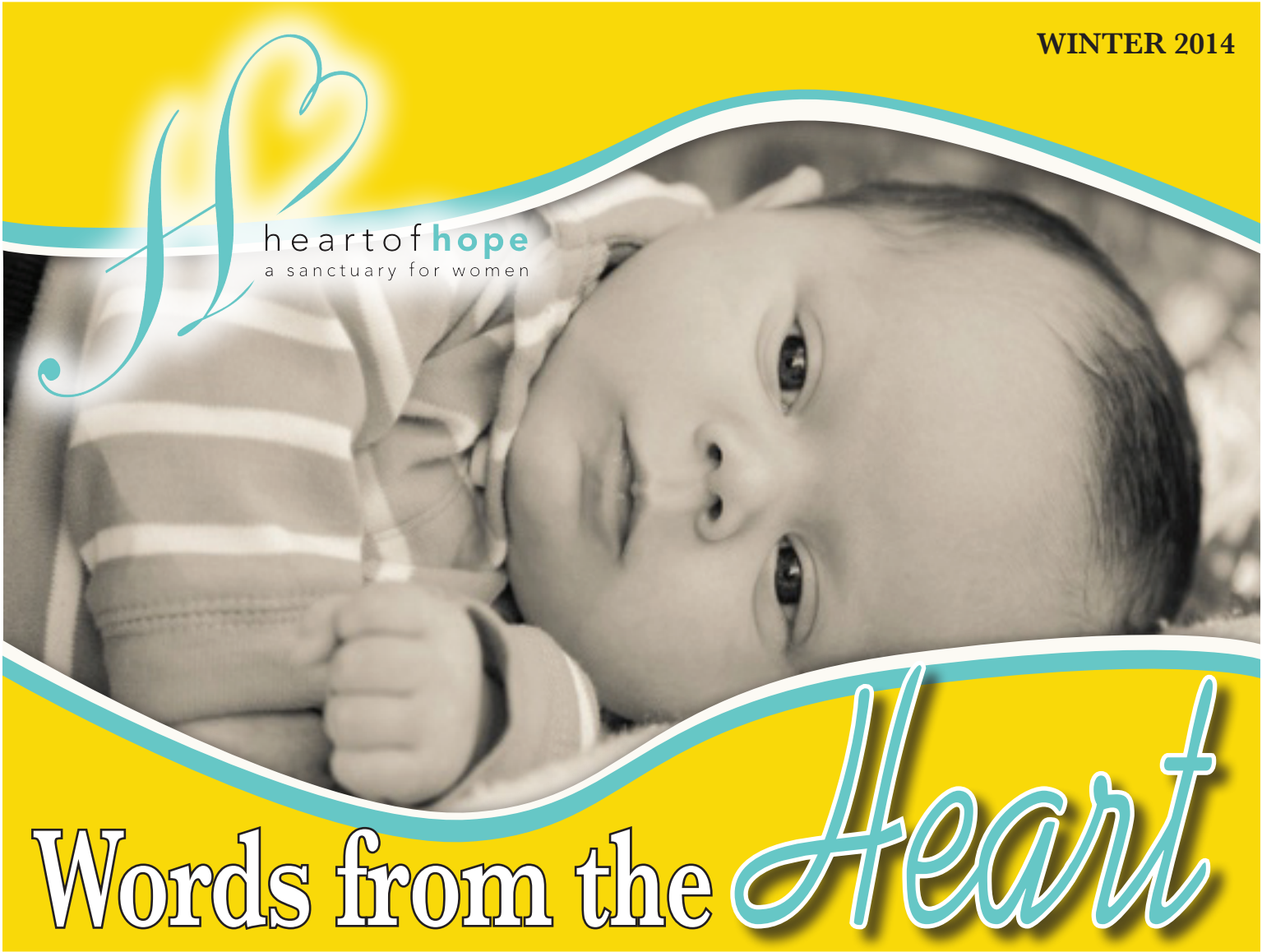


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The Christmas Holiday is upon us! You can help Heart of Hope while you are checking off that holiday to-do list! We have partnered with Kroger and AmazonSmile.

Link your **KROGER PLUS CARD** with **HEART OF HOPE** through their Community Rewards program. So far this year, Kroger has donated \$307.07 to Heart of Hope through this program!

HERE'S HOW:
Log on to your Kroger account by going to:
<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>
Sign into your account and click on My Account. Scroll to the bottom and select Heart of Hope in the Community Rewards Section.

If you register with **Amazon-Smile** and do your holiday shopping with Amazon, they donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Heart of Hope Ministries Inc. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-2187038> and support us every time you shop. \$64.56 has been donated to us by Amazon this year.

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HOH Wish List

- Zip Lock Freezer Bags (quart & gallon)
- Zip Lock Storage Bags (quart & gallon)
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Pack-N-Plays •8 Body Pillows



community rewards



memorials & honorariums

The Following Gifts Were Received in Thoughtful Tribute to the Memory or Honor of Someone Cherished

In Memory of: •LEONARD GREEN - *Shreve's Landing Cookbook Fund* **In Honor of:** •CARYN JENKINS - *Anonymous*

Hanging by a Thread - *Embrace Grace*

Please enjoy this testimonial from a member of our Embrace Grace Outreach Small Group

Upon walking into the doors at Heart of Hope, I was literally hanging on by a thread. My hope and faith were fading, and fast. I was in search of answers, for someone to point me in the right direction I should take for my life. The first person I had the privilege of coming into contact with was Mrs. Jodi. I spent time telling her my situation and she listened. She cared for me instantly, and I hardly knew her. When I was headed out she gave me a flyer for a devotional group for Embrace Grace, and I knew the second she handed it to me that I'd found something that was going to be good. As I left that day she hugged me and told me something I would never forget; "You'll find your joy again." I got in my car and just cried, but this time with hope that I would find my joy again. I was determined! I started Embrace Grace a few weeks later and met the two most selfless Godly women who would end up taking me on a journey that would, in the end, bring me closer than ever to God. I am a child of God; this makes me royalty. This second unplanned pregnancy in four years was not going to break me but make me stronger. God has a plan for my life far beyond what I can dream or imagine. Embrace Grace has given me peace in my heart and a love and respect for myself that no one will take away. Avery, my sweet baby girl, will be born in March 2015 and will come into this world with a brother waiting on her, Eli who is three. We will make it! Even on the toughest of days I will look at my two miracles and know that I was chosen to be their mother. I will forever be grateful to the two lovely women who prayed over me week after week and gave me something to look forward to. They will never know the depth of what Embrace Grace has meant to me.



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Home Is Where The Heart Is

Please enjoy hearing from Carolyn Hammond, a Heart of Hope founder and former Board President. It was clear to me she had something to encourage all of us in as we talked about the beautiful work God has done over the past four years!

It's hard to believe we have been in Reno for a year! It seems like yesterday when we made the decision to relocate and live closer to our children and grandchildren! What a blessing it has been and we are very thankful God gave us this blessing. We are often asked, "Does this feel like home now?" Of course in some ways it does because it is true that "home is where the heart is!" and "home is where you hang your hat!" But I must admit that a piece of my heart will always be in the south and particularly in the community where we lived and raised our family and specifically in the ministry of Heart of Hope.



Carolyn & Ann-Claire

Thanks to technology, I am still able to be involved in this ministry that God birthed in my heart in 2005. Distance does not keep me from loving, serving and supporting it! As I watch it flourish, I often think back on the early days and how it all began. I remember the many conversations with Shannon Leone about how in the world it was going to happen. It seemed so much bigger than we were but it certainly wasn't bigger than God! It was such a

privilege to be a part of it and see God call people to come along side, bringing their gifts and talents to the table at just the right time. There were times it wasn't easy and times when we felt it was way beyond our pay grade and expertise but we believed it was God's plan for this community to prepare a sanctuary for young women needing a refuge and shelter in their time of storm. I am always amazed at His love, care and provision not just for those who follow Him but even more so for those who don't! He always gives His best! Sometimes, I'd think, "what if we do this and no one comes?" Or "what if we do all this and we only have 1 girl?" When I'd think this, I could hear Him saying to my heart- "It's not a numbers game! Except that I desire everyone to come to Me, but even if only one comes, I AM and I am there!" It is that way in His plan of salvation and it is that way for Heart of Hope. Only He would build such a beautiful place for just one! Well more than one has graced the doors of Heart of Hope! The beauty of this ministry is that the experience is about everyone, in that very moment, who is involved. Whether you are serving, supporting, staffing or the young lady living there-- God offers all of us an opportunity to see and experience more of Him and less of us.

Carolyn Hammond,
Mimi Extraordinaire



Carolyn, Austin, Mason & Scott

annual banquet

Every moment of our lives is written in the Heart of God

Join us as we hear how God used Heart of Hope to meet each of our young women in her moment.



Keynote Speaker



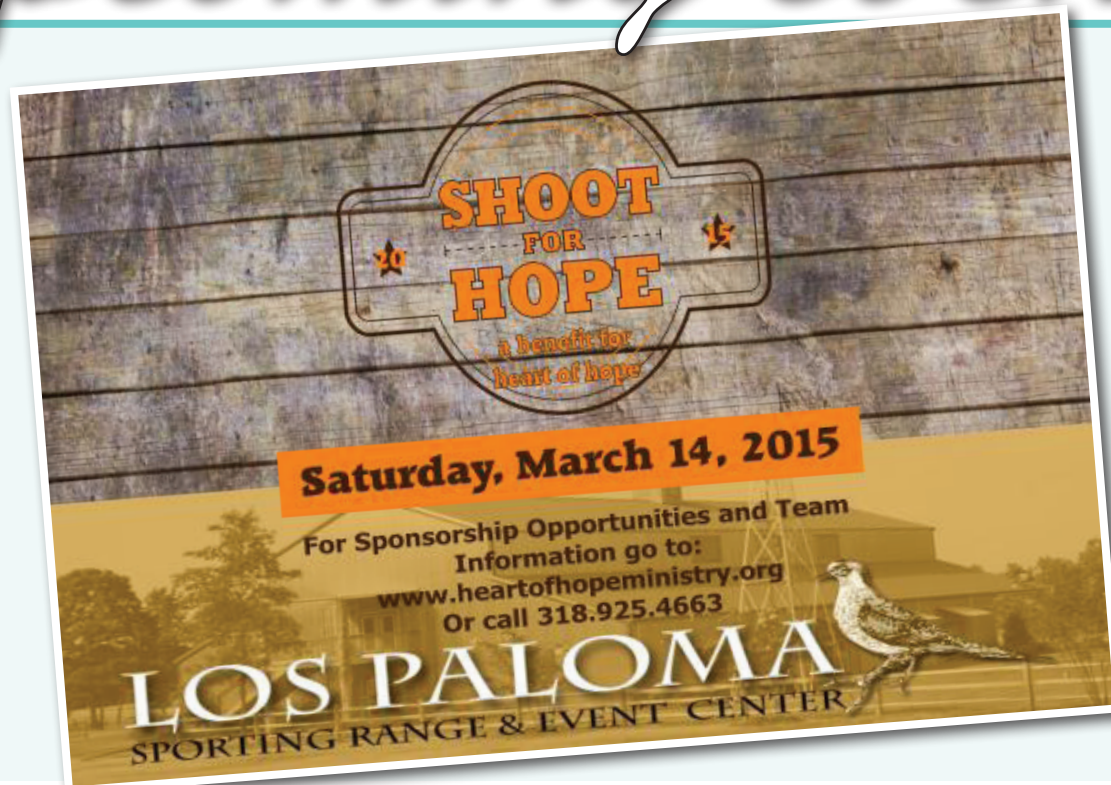
MIKE JOHNSON is a nationally recognized litigator and legal analyst who operates his private law practice locally. Mike has litigated and won high profile, precedent-setting cases defending religious liberty, the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family in state and federal district and appellate courts nationwide. Mike has spoken before

tens of thousands in various settings, and been interviewed and featured more than a 1,000 times on radio and in national media outlets including The O'Reilly Factor, Fox and Friends, Hannity, ABC's Good Morning America, NBC's Today Show, CNN, CBS, MSNBC, the BBC, National Public Radio, TIME, Citizen, and World magazines, and most major newspapers across the country.

Mike and his wife, Kelly, are blessed with four beautiful children, and have been the recipients of many honors, both locally and nationally.



upcoming events



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