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NEW HOPE PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER OFFERING NEW MEDICAL SERVICES THIS SPRING

Dillon, MT— The New Hope Pregnancy Support Center of Dillon is expanding this spring, adding medical services to its existing pregnancy support services. The center offers free and confidential assistance to those experiencing unplanned or unexpected pregnancies. Starting April 1, New Hope will offer free on-site obstetric ultrasounds, pregnancy testing with immediate results, and free or low-cost STD/STI testing.

Current services include pregnancy counseling, peer mentoring, and medical referrals. The center also provides expectant moms with prenatal vitamins. Pairing expectant moms and dads with experienced parents, the center offers a personal support network of client advocates who coach, support, and educate new parents. Further information is provided through BrightCourse lessons about pregnancy, parenting, and life skills. Those completing courses earn credits that can be redeemed for a growing array of baby clothes and supplies.

According to Executive Director Vicki Shepard, the center fills a void in Dillon and Beaverhead and Madison counties. “Our goal is in reaching the whole person and helping meet a lot of their needs during a challenging time.” This includes emotional, practical, and spiritual needs, Shepard says. The support center operates on a faith-based foundation, though is open to all who may benefit from its services.

“The expansion of services was made possible through the generous support of the community,” Shepard continues. “This includes many individual donors as well as the Gianforte Family Foundation, who recognized the need for what we do.” The center also partners with Love INC of Dillon and the United Way of Beaverhead County.

Shepard is looking for additional volunteers to help staff and operate the center. “We need volunteers in a variety of roles,” she says. This includes peer mentors and client advocates, general office assistants, volunteers who can help with promotion, fundraising, and event planning, as well as workers willing to help keep the center clean. Volunteer RNs, physicians, and medical technicians are also needed.

The center is located at 610 North Montana Street, Suite 6, Dillon. For more information or to volunteer, contact Vicki Shepard at 406-683-5259, newhopedillon@gmail.com, or by visiting the center or www.newhopelife.org. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.