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**St. Charles Borromeo
Jacksonville, Ala.**

**St. Joachim
Piedmont, Ala.**

Local 'HOPE' agency to buy ultrasound machine with KofC funds

The parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joachim Parishes who supported the recent Knights of Columbus 'Butts & Ribs' sale also supported HOPE Women's Services, a facet of Sav-A-Life of Calhoun County.

Money raised through the recent meat sale, plus money donated from the national and Alabama KofC organizations, is being used to fund a new ultrasound machine for HOPE Women's Services of Jacksonville, a facet of Sav-A-Life of Calhoun County. KofC Council 13513 Grand Knight Bruce Large and Deacon A.B. King, Council Chaplain, met with HOPE Women's Services Executive Director Michelle Payne to present the checks from the three KofC organizations.

Sav-A-Life's HOPE Women's Services office is located at 1506 Leighton Avenue in Anniston. HOPE is an acronym for "Help, Options & Pregnancy Education." The local mission began in 1983. Sav-A-Life opened a second office in Jacksonville in 2012. It is located at 301 Henry Road SW, Jacksonville.

Payne's message for clients and potential benefactors is very simple. "HOPE! No matter what they are coming through our doors for: Whether it be to confirm a

pregnancy; See a heart-beat on the screen; Or recover from past infant loss; there is always hope!"

According to Large, "I think it is important that we, as Catholic gentlemen, protect the rights of the unborn by providing this type of (ultrasound) equipment so young ladies who could be 'abortion bound' see what is physically in their womb."

As the HOPE executive director, Payne is always looking for ways to serve the many needs of her clients. Her current wish list includes: strollers, bassinets, playpens, new infant car seats, water bottles, and copy paper. Another high-priority item on the list is recruiting more volunteers. "We are down to 30 percent of our volunteer crew since COVID hit



KofC Council 13513 Grand Knight Bruce Large (l) and Deacon A.B. King, Council Chaplain, met last week with HOPE Women's Services Executive Director Michelle Payne in the ultrasound room at her Anniston office to present checks for the purchase of a new ultrasound machine.

and we are serving more women than ever," Payne said.

Payne said that people who have questions for or who want to donate money, time or items to HOPE Women's Services may call or text 256-237-9999.

The email for HOPE is: savalifetoday@gmail.com

People can also follow HOPE on Facebook: @HOPE Women's Services or Instagram: @hopewomensservices

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