# Corner of Hope April 2021 FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

# In Loving Memory

YOUR PRESENCE WE MISS,
YOUR MEMORY WE TREASURE,
LOVING YOU ALWAYS,

## Forgetting you never



#### **Ann Kilbourn**

Reflections given to us about Ann, our beloved long-time mentor who passed away on 3/26/21

When I met Ann: One Thursday evening I was told that there was a new receptionist coming and her name was Ann. She arrived dressed beautifully in a skirt and high heels, but before the night was over

her heels were off. She learned being a receptionist meant watching over the children also. On Thursday nights we had some very active kids. Needless to say the next week she came with snacks and flat shoes on.

I have been blessed to know Ann Kilbourn and to have worked with her. My most treasured memory of Ann was the unconditional and genuine love that Ann had for her clients. Before Covid she would welcome clients she knew well with a warm hug and a welcoming word that left the client know how happy she was to see them. Ann did a great job helping her clients have an action plan when they left the center. Ann's lived experiences allowed her to have compassion and empathy for all. I consider Ann a dear friend and I know that Ann is rejoicing in her new home in heaven with our Lord and Savior. She often ended a conversation with "be blessed my friend".

My parting words to Ann are, "be blessed my friend", until we meet again. ~Linda Harris

Ann was my mentor, I did my classes with her and we talked. She saw me at my worst and at my best, she was even at my wedding. Her words of wisdom were inspiring to me. She never gave up on me.

My heart shredded when I got the news that she's gone to heaven. I cried until my heart got heavier. My heart breaks, even more, my eyes burn from crying. As the poem says: I thought of you today but that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday and the good memories we made (at the PCC Corner of Hope) I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, now all I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part, God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

I'll never forget our talks or memories I made with Ann and they will forever be in my heart. As the story goes, the golden gates stood open, God saw you needed rest. His garden must be beautiful because He only takes the best.

Rest in peace, you'll never be forgotten, you'll forever be in my heart always...
I'll forever miss seeing you and talking to you. Love always, A client

I hadn't known Ann for very long when she shared part of her story with me. She was so open; so vulnerable. In this, I know I was not special. She had a deep desire to help. I think that was what struck me most about her. If her pain, struggles and triumphs could be used then she was going to use them and always giving the glory and honor to God.

One of the last times we spoke she said to me that she felt God was calling her to do more. She wanted to follow where she felt He was leading her. I'm so happy for her that she is able to be with Him.

#### WALK \* RUN \* RIDE For LIFE 2021

When: May 8th

Registration begins: 9 am

Walk Begins: 10 am

Where:
- Pavilion Po

Knoebels

Come rain or shine or whatever 2021 throws at us!

Please call 570-648-2600 or email info@cohpcc.org and get your sponsorship form



### SPOTLIGHT: "A Volunteer I am" Poem -Anonymous

Where can I go to give some away?

For my time is one of God's gifts,

And my experiences gold.

All I desire is a hand to hold.

A tear to wipe, a child to soothe

A lonely person to comfort when blue

There's no need to strike up the band, For I do not seek out the fanfare of man. My time and love is all I have to give away, To help those in need and brighten their day.

A harried mother to lend a hand to.

My heart is right there, And I give it for free,

A volunteer I am and a volunteer I will be.

### Super Saturday Success!

On March 20th, the Corner of Hope was buzzing with activity as three events coincided that day: Spring Clothing Switch, Church Ambassador Day, and a much needed repair to our damaged wall (after a pipe burst over the winter.)

To the right you will see some of the wonderful folks who volunteered a day to hang clothes, carry totes to and from the attic, and organize the store. Thank you to all who

made the seasonal switch so smooth! The store is in great shape and our clients are loving the new selections. Each and every helper was a blessing to us and worked very hard.

Throughout the day, ambassadors visited us and took tours of the center and clinic buildings. They also picked up materials for our Walk for Life. Those are on there way to your church soon, but if you would like one sent directly to you call, 570-648-2600.



Last, but certainly not least we had Michael Geiswhite and Drew Swigart (left to right) come to fix our wall! We would like to send out a big thank you to them for spending their entire Saturday laboring to fix the wall. A special thank you to your wives and families also!



