

### **Hope Garrett, Executive Director**

Hope was born in Richmond, Indiana and lived in Liberty, Indiana until her parents divorced and her mother re-married when she was six. At that time, her family moved to Hagerstown, Indiana. She also received, along with three brothers, another brother and three sisters. They grew up in the country and, with so many children in the family, started working at a young age.

Hope graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1984 and attended Ball State University, graduating in July 1988, with Bachelors in Social Work.

She married her first husband in May, 1988, and was divorced in March, 1990. (No children from that marriage.) She married her current husband (Bob) in July, 1991; they have one child who is currently a sophomore at Ben Davis High School on the Westside of Indianapolis.

Hope is a member of the Lynhurst Baptist Church and has attended regularly for 17 years. Prior to that, she attended the First United Methodist Church in Hagerstown, Indiana.

Her adult work life has been vast. She worked in shelter workshops with mentally handicapped adults and youth; worked in nursing homes as the Director of Social Services; ran her own daycare for three years and then went to work for the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility as a counselor. Currently, she is employed by Clarian and works as a Care Coordinator.

Volunteer responsibilities have included being part of the leadership team for a neighborhood outreach in Haughville for two years, serving on the board of the Ben Davis Cadet Football League for several years, and serving as youth leader at her church for the past two years.

Hope says, "With all that I do and all that God has given to me through the years I feel very blessed. He has placed on my heart the need to work with these young adults and I feel that I must follow his wishes. My prayer life and my Christian life have continued to grow since starting this project. I have been overjoyed to see what he is doing and how he is allowing all that are a part of this to grow and work together for his glory. It is my wish that this program will serve his children who need to see his love and receive his grace."