

gathering of HOPE



Our emcee for the evening will be Alan Alderfer. Alan has been married to Kristine for 24 years, and they are raising twin 12 year old daughters, Caroline and Katherine. Alan is a Certified Financial Planner Practitioner with Alderfer Bergen & Company in Warsaw. He has been in the financial planning business for more than a quarter-of-a-century. He is the co-founder of the KC Riley Kids Fund, which raises money for families whose children are being treated at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. He is also on the board of

trustees for Kosciusko Community Hospital, is president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, was a past president of the Warsaw Rotary Club and is a former board member and treasurer of the Kosciusko County Community Foundation. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from Ball State University, and currently hosts the popular radio show Smart Money Management on WRSW, Willie 103.5 and News Now Warsaw as well as the Smart Money Management Podcast.

Our speaker for the evening will be Melissa Coles. What is it like for a young pregnant mother to enter an abortion facility? To be escorted past pro-life protesters, and make it all the way to the procedure room where she meets the abortionist? To have a change of heart, get off the procedure table, and walk out? What would it be like to meet her son 19 years after that fateful day? And how could her story change how we tell the pro-life narrative? Melissa is the birth mother of the short documentary *I Lived on Parker Avenue*. She will share her story of almost aborting her son, his adoption and the experience of meeting her son 19 years later.

