

Avary Johnson grew up in Portland, Oregon and has lived most of her life here in the Pacific NW, with a short stint living in Southern California. She attended Benson H.S. and attained her Certified Nursing Assistant license upon graduation. After graduation, she attended Linfield College, Good Samaritan school of nursing, to become a nurse.

She always longed to be able to take care of people and aid in their healing. Ever since she was a little girl she dreamed of being a doctor or a nurse. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. She has had many career opportunities including: Management, lead worker, case management, care-plan writing, and care giving. However nothing satisfied her seeking for her true purpose until she became a mom in 2011 to her beautiful daughter. She also loves being a cat-mom to two cat brothers – Tye and Cedar.

In 2023, another pivotal moment for her, she attended the Oregon Right to Life conference, with two of her best friends, and was introduced to maternity housing. It was there she met *Road to Hope* maternity home. Shortly after meeting them, she found out they were hiring for a Case Manager position where she applied and started working 3 weeks later. From day one at *Road to Hope* maternity homes she realized it wasn't just her new job, it was her calling and knew her true purpose was "to be a house mom of a new maternity home one day."

Since working at *Road to Hope*, Avary has helped them expand their single house to now three thriving houses in their program, Avary has successfully completed and graduated from 'House Mom Boot Camp' at *Road to Hope*, and has become a forever "Partner for Life" in the mission of saving lives.

She feels honored and grateful to be the house mom of the first home in Clackamas County - *Hope's Garden Maternity Home*. Her words to describe it are: "This mission of saving lives is a dream come true! To speak life and offer encouragement to once-hopeless and homeless pregnant women and their children, and be able to help guide them in changing the trajectory of their lives, is truly a purpose-filled life."