

# Heartlines



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## Care Net Fall Auction

**October 19  
6:30 p.m.  
Brimley**

### Upcoming Events:

**Care Net's  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Open House  
November 9<sup>th</sup>  
5 - 7p.m.  
At Care Net**

## A Website with You In Mind

*"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had."  
- Acts 4:32*

www.eupforlife.org has been operating for a couple years now. However, very few people visited the site. We wanted to change that. We wanted a way we could communicate with you – our support and partner-base – on a more regular and consistent basis. Facebook and other social media sites are good for quick blurbs, but messages get lost and easily buried. How could we be more visible, more communicative with those that really care?

Our website got a makeover!

There are three main sections to our new website, with two main purposes. The two purposes are first) to communicate with current supporters and second) to attract new supporters to Care Net's ministry. Each section focuses on these two goals.

*Our Impact* is a page that shows our annual impact and an overview of our ministry goals. There is a video from our Spring Banquet available here as well as bulleted highlights from that presentation.

*Get Involved* highlights ways to be involved financially and as a volunteer. Each page outlines ways to be involved as well as our general needs. The *Get Involved Financially* page also allows for online donations. You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts.

For updates on current events, check out *The Latest*. This page allows us to post news, events, and updates about what is happening here at Care Net. An exciting feature is the "Get Email Updates" bar at the top of the page. Here you can enter your name and email contact to receive a monthly email from our website that highlights each of this month's posts. Our goal is to post information weekly to this page.

Not all ministry updates, however, will be posted to our website. For confidentiality and privacy, some prayer needs as well as praises will be shared through our private, closed Facebook group. If you would like to have access to this group and these posts, let us know via email or request to join on Facebook.

Care Net is not a stand-alone ministry. We are dependent on you – our support and partnership – to encourage us, hold us up in prayer, and come along side us in ministry. Check out the new website and let us know what you think. Is there anything you feel would be better to meet your needs? If you like it, share it with friends you think would want to get involved with Care Net.

## 2017 Garage Sale Update

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We were again blessed with many donations for our garage sale fundraiser. Thank you to all who donated nice, quality items. We also want to thank Calvary Baptist Church and Sault Wesleyan Church for letting us borrow tables to display all the goods.

We raised \$2445 over the course of the two days. A number of people again asked what we do or what the garage sale supported. We were able to share our ministry.

Again, this became a ministry outreach. A young couple came to the garage sale looking for some basic items, such as a table and a bed. They were very excited to be able to get the things they needed for a price they could afford. The young man stuck around to help deliver larger items to others and helped us close up at the end of the weekend. During Downtown Days, he stopped at the Care Net booth to again thank us for the "great things we really needed" that they purchased at the garage sale.

Thank you for providing for this young couple.

## Community Corner

- Our building needed some work done this year, not only to make it look nicer, but also to make it sturdy and functional. *Thank you Trevor Becker, JD and Mercy Lane, Judy Jones, John Payment and the Care Net Board for making our building inviting and safe for women and men coming to us in stressful situations. These fixes go a long way to providing peace in the midst of storms.*
- Many hands make light work – but the pace of the garage sale in June was such that these folks didn't get a chance to sit down! *Thank you so much for the miles you walked and the smiles you shared: Val and Tom Lawlor, Deb Kobes, Bailey Savoie, Carolyn Trumble, Linda Bush, Carol Wozniak and John Payment.*
- Donna Payment made some curtains for our medical room that are simple, beautiful and provide needed privacy. *Thank you so much for your quick and effective sewing skills as well as picking such perfect fabric.*
- Downtown Days is a great way to mix and mingle with the community, especially when you have friends with whom to share the time. *Thank you, Carol Wozniak, Linda Jones and Deb Kobes for standing in and sharing what we do.*
- Lakerpalooza is our first outreach to new students at LSSU each year. We have the students interact with us by taking a quick survey that asks questions about what we do. It is a short three hours filled with energy. *Thank you Brenda Jones for being a friendly, energetic cohort.*
- Thank you to the numerous folks who helped out with our booth at the Chippewa County Fair. Each person had a different heart and style of meeting fair goers and sharing our ministry with them. It was fun to see the interactions taking place. Many times people would see the word "pregnancy" in our banner and look away. By being approachable and real, these folks helped them realize our center is here to help in any circumstance, not to pass judgment. *While I am not naming you individually, please know that you are individually appreciated. Thank you for your time, energy, prayers and heart.*

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

**2017 - 2018  
Care Net  
Events**

**Fall Auction**

October 19, 6:30 p.m.  
Brimley Area Schools  
Cafeteria  
Hosted by Brimley  
Congregational Church  
and Brimley Baptist  
Church

**35th Anniversary Open  
House**

November 9  
5-7 p.m.  
At Care Net

**Sancticity of Human  
Life Sunday**

January 22, 2018

**Caring for Care Net  
Sunday**

A Sunday in January of  
Your Choice for Your  
Congregation

**Spring Banquet**

March 2018 – details  
forthcoming

**Baby Steps 5K  
Run/Walk**

May 12, 2018

## Recognizing Their Service

*“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

- Galations 6:9-10 NIV

Board members of Care Net Pregnancy Center are responsible for the direction and oversight of this ministry. These men and women hold the ministry to high standards of excellence and accountability, but more than that, they hold us up in prayer before God our Father.

Dan Burrows, of Cedarville, was a member of the Board for many years. He held position as President for a number of those years and contributed to the physical property as a handyman. Dan is a dedicated and deeply passionate disciple of Christ. He brought depth of heart and his very close relationship with Christ to each meeting. He prayed fervently for every issue brought before the Board. Even when health issues reduced the physical involvement he could pursue with Care Net, he was still a staunch prayer warrior. Dan resigned in September 2016.

Anna Caldwell, of Sault Ste. Marie, joined the Board in May 2013 as the treasurer. Each month she paid the bills, ensured accurate accounting practices, and reported

our financial position back to the Board. Quarterly and annually she completed the necessary tax requirements. She was always responsive and quick to help whenever we had questions. This time was donated above and beyond her full-time job and her family. We truly appreciate her sacrifice and her dedication to holding Care Net accountable financially. Anna resigned in May 2017.

We wanted to thank both Dan and Anna for their service and their contributions to Care Net. But we also wanted to make sure they were recognized by those they truly served – you. Please thank them with us for their service.

*Thankful  
&  
Grateful*

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Care Net has a few special needs to help us serve our clients better. Do you have one of these items in good working order you would like to donate? Or would you be willing to purchase one for the center?

**DVD Player (basic)** for the new advocate room to play the lesson videos for clients. A remote is also needed for the player.

**Fax/Copy Machine** small enough to place on a tabletop. We use this to copy IDs and paperwork for new clients and fax a few items each month. Needs to be new or like new.

**Hose Reel/Hanger** to keep the hose out of the way of the lawn mower and weed whacker.

## Here's Your Sign...

*"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning like men waiting for their master to return."*

- Luke 12:35

Have you ever heard some of Jeff Foxworthy's comedy regarding the signs he thinks others should have? Most of the jokes are for things people do without thinking. However, what does a sign really say about you or your organization?

Many times, a sign is the first recognition that an organization exists. Then the person looks to the building itself. A first-impression is made in these first two glances.

So what did our sign say about Care Net? It had a lot of words on it, listing our services, but it was hard to read as people drove quickly down the hill or hidden behind the large tree next door for those driving up the hill. In other words, it was largely invisible. The sign itself was in fairly good repair, but the support for the sign was unstable and in danger of falling over.

This year we spent a lot of energy and money on a new sign, new lights for the sign, and a clean-up to our landscaping. We have already had

many compliments on our new sign, that it is clean, easy to read, and attractive. Dusk-to-dawn lights make it visible at night also. Fresh landscaping helps to ensure that our business looks cared for and welcoming.

We also replaced the picture-display window on the back building with siding for a more maintenance free solution, and added a metal sign that advertises our Mart and Medical Clinic in that building.

Some fixes and minor improvements have been made inside, and a few more renovations are planned for outside. Be sure to come to the Anniversary Open House to see our changes.

Why spend money on all these signs and improvements? First, to help us be more visible to the community and secondly, to help clients feel welcome and comfortable coming to Care Net. Thank you for helping keep our facilities safe and beautiful.

## Have You Seen These Reviews on FB?

*"Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn – for He has done it."*

- Psalm 22:30-31

*These reviews were recently posted on Care Net's Facebook page.*

- I love this place. For about ½ hour a week, I learn valuable parenting information (like sign language for babies!!), and I get points for baby stuff in their mini mart. I earned 5 points last week just for watching a milestone video, and I walked away with 10 items of clothing, a pair each of*

*shoes, sandals, and baby combat boots; and a shape sorting toy for my 6 month old son. The ladies who work there are amazing, and the atmosphere is super comfortable. I love it so much that I'm considering volunteering!*

- This place was an excellent resource for this new single father a few years ago... happy to see this place is still in the community.*

## YEAR-TO-DATE SERVICE REPORT

So far this year, Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP has:

- Served 51 individual clients
- Provided 327 appointments
- Conducted 15 pregnancy tests
- Performed 10 ultrasounds

29 of these clients heard about CNPC from a friend or family member

CNPC's Mart has distributed 1,973 items including:

- 1006 used baby clothes
- 181 food/formula
- 122 packages of diapers
- 49 packages of wet wipes
- 29 adult toiletries
- 24 baby blankets
- 22 maternity clothing items



## More Space for Client Appointments

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.'"*

- Matthew 25:21

We are so blessed and excited to share that we will be constructing a second client advocate room at Care Net! Through a grant from the Pink-in-the-Rink organization, we will be reconfiguring our reception area and the volunteer workspace to include a second room for client appointments.

The construction for this project will take place on weekends to not interfere with scheduled client appointments and should be completed by November. Donations of chairs and a television for the new space have already been received.

The new space will mean Care Net can offer more client appointments each day. Currently, we have some clients coming every other week due to full schedules. IF we have enough volunteers to meet with clients, these

women and men can again come weekly. Please continue to pray that God will lead Christian women and men to Care Net to fill this volunteer gap.

Pink-in-the-Rink is a local organization that raises funds for breast cancer research. In recent years, they have extended their fundraising to include local organizations that serve women and women's health issues. We are blessed to receive funding from this organization for this project.

## Medical Center Update

*"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."*

- Proverbs 17:2

Our Medical Center has provided 6 pregnancy tests and 3 ultrasounds from May 1 through September 14 of this year. This brings our annual totals to 15 pregnancy tests and 10 ultrasounds. Please continue to pray that we see more and more women considering abortion come to us for pregnancy confirmation. Pray also that we have the opportunity to change their hearts by presenting God's truth and value for the life He creates.

The ultrasound machine was purchased in 2014 with a 3-year warrantee included. This warrantee has now expired, meaning that

annual service calls and any repairs needed must be paid for by Care Net. A standard service call costs between \$800 and \$1000, with parts not included. To this end – and in anticipation of replacing our machine in the years to come – we have established an ultrasound fund to specifically provide for these services. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please write "ultrasound" in the memo of your check or in the comments of your online gift.

Thank you for making it possible for us to use these medical advances to save lives.

## **CHURCH LIAISONS NEEDED**

A church liaison is a person in each congregation that connects with Care Net on a regular basis and reports back to their congregation about what is happening in this ministry.

When a fundraiser is begin planned or when we are looking for specific help, this person is the contact point between Care Net and his/her congregation. Care Net tries to ensure these people are informed, but it is also good for them to connect with us on a regular basis.

## **SPECIALIZED BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP is committed to operating under the best practices of our organization as well as those of our affiliates. Therefore, we are looking for a medical professional, a legal professional and a financial professional to join our board. These individuals must be strong, mature Christians that agree with the Statement of Faith and the Mission Statement of Care Net Pregnancy Center. Each individual must also be a visionary, willing to lead Care Net into the future with growth and purpose.

## Conference Update

*These comments were posted on CNPC's Facebook page from Val Lawlor, a board member who attended the Care Net National Conference in Washington, DC August 29-Sept 1 with our Client Services Director, Deb Kobes.*

First day in! My mouth is tired from smiling!!!! This is an awesome event! Bringing back tons of material to look at & a surprise for Noel Rupprecht! Tomorrow starts the sessions!! Looking so forward to it! Thanks for keeping us & this important event in prayer!

Day 2!! What a day filled with so much emotion! The power of prayer for our center was excellent with many good ideas! I have cried at every session!! God is telling us to keep on keeping on! Praise God!!

Day 3 of Convention! What a day! A letter written to us from Vice President Mike Pence😊 excellent group sessions! Woke up to a great praise team & Jeffrey Dean! Took a moonlight tour of D.C! We are tired but what a blessing we are having! Some great ideas to bring back! God Bless!

Day 4- Totally awesome day again😊 Melissa Ohden spoke as an

abortion survivor! Incredible story! Spent all day in a board member seminar! It was good! Finished with a wonderful speaker & great dinner! I have been so blessed! My spirit is refreshed & my emotions are shot! It is an emotional journey😊 Heading home tomorrow! Thanks for keeping us in your prayers & for allowing us this incredible experience😊 You are loved!



1) Deb Kobes receives a certificate for her 30+ years of service.

## 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."*

- Psalm 107:1

Did you know Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP is the 1<sup>st</sup> Care Net affiliated pregnancy center in Michigan to open its doors? Did you know we were the 29<sup>th</sup> affiliated center in the nation? Did you know this is our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? 35 years is a milestone anniversary, and we would like to celebrate with you!

Thursday November 9, from 5 – 7p.m. we will be hosting an open house at Care Net. Stop in and take a tour of the center, talk to staff, and have a snack/dessert and coffee.

This would also be a great time to bring someone along you think would like to join the Care Net support team. Show them what we do and how we make a difference in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

We are very aware that Care Net would not be here today without the continued support and encouragement of individuals like you. We wish to show our thanks. Please join us for this special celebration.

### Pray For Our Staff and Volunteers!

Noel Rupprecht –  
Executive Director

Debra Kobes – Center  
Director

Dr. Madeleine Guevara,  
OB/GYN D.O. – Medical  
Director

Brenda Jones, RN –  
Nurse Manager and  
Ultrasonographer

A Person God Has in  
Mind - Ultrasonographer

In Office Volunteers:  
Donna Batho, Linda  
Bush, Kathy Alexander,  
Chasidy Keyser, Joyce  
Mastaw, Jordan  
Tremblay

### Pray for Our Board of Directors!

Don Cole – Sault Ste.  
Marie

Kevin Hess – St. Ignace

Phil Becker – Rudyard

Val Lawlor – Rudyard

Norm Sampson – Sault  
Ste. Marie

## From Noel's Perspective

*"Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women...Similarly, encourage the young men...In everything set them an example by doing what is good."*

*Titus 2:3-7*

So often when I am out in the community with a booth for Care Net, older couples will walk by, see the sign that says "pregnancy center," and say, "Don't need that anymore."

While that may be true, that doesn't mean they can't be involved. If you are older, think back to raising your own children. Did you have help, support, and encouragement? Did you have a mentor or someone to lean on in hard times?

That is the role volunteers at Care Net fill. They are these mentors and encouragers. They can share their own experiences and give advice from a heart that understands none of us has it together all the time.

But there are other ways to be involved at Care Net also. We need financial support to continue to help these young women and young men – and to be able to improve and expand

the services we offer. Generally those that no longer have children living at home are more able to be generous in their support of others.

Another quote I hear quite often is from older men. They jokingly point at their big bellies and ask if I can help them with their problem. I always smile and say I think delivery needs to be done at the hospital. But, we do need men that are experienced dads to guide and mentor these young dads, many of whom have never had a positive father-figure in their lives.

Another role could be to introduce your friends and neighbors to Care Net. Many people in the EUP still don't know who we are or what we do. Share a newsletter with them, bring them by for a tour, or give them our web address. They might be interested in supporting us or volunteering too.

## Needs List

### Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- Disposable diapers (sizes newborn, 5 & 6)
- Pull-ups and potty training disposables
- Baby wipes
- Bottles – new
- Baby food and formula
- Single serve beverages (juice, water)
- Household supplies: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels
- New toys for children birth to age 4
- New and gently used clothing up to size 5

### Ministry and Building:

- Copier Paper
- Rubberbands
- Postage Stamps
- Batteries (AAA – D)

### People:

- Board Members
- Advocates for clients (both men and women)
- Committee members for fundraisers
- In office volunteers
- Liaisons to represent CNPC within local churches
- Building maintenance and cleaning help
- Snow shoveler
- Gardener

### Finances to meet these and other needs!

### Filling Baby Bottles

***We need people in local churches to help us by handing out baby bottles! We have bottles that can be used by churches, families, and organizations to fill with money to help support our ministry. The bottles can be picked up at the Center (or mailed to your church or organization) and you return them when they are filled. This little fundraiser provides a big portion of our day to day operational needs!***



Hosted by Brimley Congregational Church and Brimley Baptist Church at the Brimley School Cafeteria. Items available for auction will be posted on [www.eupforlife.org](http://www.eupforlife.org) starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us for this entertaining evening!



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