

Heartlines



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3 Important Needs in Ministry

"But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

2 Timothy 4:5

Every ministry has three basic needs: 1) prayer, 2) volunteers, and 3) financial support. Care Net is no exception.

Prayer is the most important need. We recognize that the work we do here is not our own, but God's. He is the one that has blessed us, brought us together, given us a common goal. He is the one that has given us a model of how to love and show compassion, even to "the least of these." In going about our daily responsibilities, we need to be sure we are following God's plan for His ministry and not our own plans. We also recognize that even if we show God's love perfectly and without fail, we cannot change the hearts of the women and men that come to us for help. Only God can do so. Therefore, we covet your prayers for this ministry and those that come to us.

But prayer is only *one* of the basic needs. Too often we stop at prayer and fail to see how else God wishes to use us.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Care Net. Since we are a non-profit organization, and since we do not take government funding or payment for any of the services we provide, we have a limited budget to pay employees. The majority of those that work here volunteer their time and energy to meet with clients, to organize the Mart, and

ensure our facilities are clean and welcoming. Even the Board of Directors volunteer their time to oversee the business of this ministry.

Financial support is necessary for this ministry. IF we were to accept government funding, we would be obliged to agree to outside stipulations on how we operate. This would mean being limited in presenting the gospel to the women and men that come to us for help. This would encumber us with outside forces telling us what we must post regarding abortion (as in the NIFLA v. Becerra case going before the Supreme Court March 20). Instead, we rely on our communities, churches and individuals, to provide the finances necessary to operate this ministry. We are blessed to have many people interested in what we do, but is God calling you to more? Is He asking you to serve? To give? To share?

Prayer, volunteers and financial resources are needs that never fade. In order to grow this ministry, in order to extend our reach and impact for life in the EUP, we need all three. Please consider what part God has for you, then call us to get more information.

Spring Banquet

April 13, 6:30 p.m.
Sault Wesleyan Church
RSVP by 3/30

Upcoming Events:

Baby Steps 5K Trail Run & Walk
May 12, 2018

At Rudyard School Farm Trail

Treasurer Needed

God is faithful to provide the people He calls to this ministry. He is faithful to bring the talents and knowledge needed to the positions available at the right time.

At this time, CNPC's Board of Directors is looking for someone to join the board as treasurer. The job description from our organizational bylaws is as follows:

Section 4. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the Corporation, oversee the receiving and giving of receipts for monies due to the Corporation, and the depositing of all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks or other depositories as shall from time to time be selected by the Board of Directors. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Please pray for the person God calls to help us in this position, and consider if it might be you.

CNPC is a “Happening” Place!



Above: new advocate room

Construction on a second client-advocate room was completed in November. This second room is outfitted with comfortable chairs, a TV and a DVD player so it can be used for any need, including parenting education classes. Funding for this building project was provided through the Pink-in-the-Rink organization of Sault Ste. Marie.



Right: new reception/entryway



Top: Fred Young talks with Noel on air

Above: Fred talks with Deb on air

Right: the Promise FM mobile

MI Biggest Baby Shower, sponsored by the Promise FM radio, was at Care Net on Friday, January 19. Thanks to all who dropped by and brought gifts! Here is a list of what we received that evening:

- Diapers: 11 packages (623 individual diapers)
- Wipes: 5 packages (348 individual wipes)
- 2 new clothing items
- 3 stuffed animals
- 17 baby bottles
- 2 boppy pillows
- 8 bottles of Similac formula
- 1 toy
- 6 pairs boys shoes
- 9 bibs
- 4 pacifiers
- 2 mobiles
- 10 children's books

Thanks to Promise FM for their time and energy to share this ministry with others.



2018 Care Net Events

Caring for Care Net Sunday

A Sunday of Your Choice for Your Congregation. Contact the Center to have us come share updates, baby bottles or literature.

Spring Banquet

Friday, April 13 at 6:30pm
Held at Sault Wesleyan Church
Catered by Karl's Cuisine

Baby Steps 5K Trail Run/Walk

May 12, 2018
Rudyard School Farm

Garage Sale

June 29-30
At Care Net

Chippewa County Fair

August 26 – September 3

Fall Auction & Dessert

Thursday, October 18

Giving Tuesday

November 27
At www.eupforlife.org

2017 Fall Auction & Dessert Update

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5 NIV

October 19, 2017, Care Net and over 60 friends gathered in the Brimley Area Schools cafeteria for the annual Fall Auction and Dessert.

Brimley Congregational Church and Brimley Baptist Church provided delicious desserts and some wonderful fall decorations for the tables. Thank you so much for making the evening scrumptious!

Many wonderful items were donated for auction again this year, including baked goods, an American Girl Doll gift set, outdoorsmen's knife set, an antique treadle sewing machine, and a dog

lover's gift basket. Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that donated items.

We also want to thank Norm Burton and his daughter Andrea for acting as auctioneer and assistant. Norm added a lively and entertaining vibe to the evening.

A total of \$4632.50 was raised that evening to allow Care Net to continue to minister to women and men facing pregnancy decisions.

Thank you to all for your generosity and a fun evening. We certainly enjoyed seeing so many there!

Paying Down the Mortgage

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

Psalm 136:1 NIV

In November and December, Care Net requested special year-end "Christmas" donations to help pay down our mortgage. We feel God has given us a vision for growth, but that in order to best meet the needs of more clients, we need to have better options available for space. We have completed a second advocate room and are so grateful that we can now offer two appointments at the same time. However, this construction has really emphasized the fact that we are

running out of space in our current facilities.

Paying off the mortgage as quickly as possible will allow us to look into buying a different building or expanding and redesigning our current location.

In response to November and December's appeal, we recently made an extra mortgage payment of \$4348.00. Our remaining mortgage balance is \$33,818.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Electronic Connections

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25 NIV

Care Net is working to stay better connected with our ministry partners – you. We have upgraded and improved our eupforlife.org website to keep you informed of events and needs through periodic blog posts. You can also subscribe to a monthly email "news blast" by putting your email address in the banner at the top of the page and clicking "Subscribe."

We are also working to add email delivery of donation receipts. This will not only be a timely way to distribute monthly receipts, but will also save paper, stamps and printing costs. If interested, please email us at cnpcfoeup@gmail.com with EMAIL RECEIPTS in the subject line. When this capability is available we will send you a message to confirm your email address.

2017 SERVICE REPORT

From January –
December 2017,
Care Net Pregnancy
Center of the EUP has:

- Served 64 individual clients
- Provided 461 appointments
- Conducted 25 pregnancy tests
- Performed 15 ultrasounds

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

CNPC's Mart has distributed 2,736 items including:

- 1,286 used baby clothes
- 205 food/formula
- 157 packages of diapers
- 64 packages of wet wipes
- 89 adult toiletries
- 35 baby blankets
- 43 maternity clothing items



Care Net's Financial Accountability

"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God."

Romans 14:12 NIV

Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. As such, and because our operating budget is small, Care Net is not required to conduct audits of our financial practices.

However, because we report to you – our partners in ministry – we wish to be above board in all that we do. To that end, Care Net has been researching having an audit of our financial records. Costs for a full audit exceed what we are capable of spending from our budget, but another avenue of financial accountability is being pursued.

ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) "provides accreditation to leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, transparency, fundraising, and board governance." (www.ecfa.org)

ECFA has established 7 key standards of financial accountability,

and Care Net is proud to say we believe we meet all seven of these standards. In order to become accredited through ECFA, however, we must have a Compilation Review prepared on the GAAP, accrual, or modified cash basis conducted by an outside/independent accountant.

Therefore, we are looking for someone willing to offer his/her time and services to perform such a Compilation Review for Care Net. We would like to have this compilation done this summer (after tax season), so that we can complete this process and report to our supporting churches and individuals by the end of the year.

If you know someone who could donate such a service, OR, if you would like to donate financially for such a service to be performed, please contact Noel at the Center or reach out to one of our Board Members (listed on page 5).

Medical Center Update

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

Proverbs 17:22 NIV

The last quarter of 2017 was busy for the medical clinic with 9 pregnancy tests and 5 ultrasounds performed.

We ask you to pray for our medical clinic: first that more women and men considering abortion or facing an unplanned pregnancy would hear about Care Net and come here for help; second, that we would be able to increase the number of hours per week our medical staff is available. This means increased funding to

both operate the ultrasound machine more often and to pay our nurse manager.

We are also looking for nurses willing to donate an hour or two per week to perform medical grade pregnancy tests. This will allow us to offer pregnancy testing more often, meeting the needs of women and men when they are first concerned about a pregnancy rather than making them wait until "next Tuesday" when the clinic is open.

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:
Kathy Alexander, Donna
Batho, Linda Bush,
Pamela Ellis, 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

We are looking for a
treasurer to join the
Board. Please pray that
God would lead the right
person to this position.

From Noel's Perspective

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.

Hebrews 6:19-20a NIV

Have you ever been on the verge of homelessness? Have you ever been concerned you would be unable to pay your rent? Have you ever worried you would lose your job because you can't make your car payment? Have you ever thought you might have to skip meals to feed your children this week?

I have been so blessed in my life that I can't remember a time when I have worried (truly worried) about these things. Yet, at Care Net we have clients that face these questions on a daily basis. Thankfully, we have been able to help them in ways that alleviate some of the worry.

Through you, our Mart has been well stocked the past two years. This has allowed us to be generous when hard times have hit for some clients. Through you, we have had gift cards for groceries or gas available for

clients that need a helping hand. Through you, we are able to be here, listening and sharing, giving comfort to these women and men by showing them they are not alone. They have a community that cares.

We have seen God's Spirit at work this past year. While no clients made decisions for Christ, there are a couple more willing to hear about how He loves us.

I have a hard time not getting caught up in the numbers, in the statistics, but I think the number of people coming to Christ through this ministry is an important figure. This is why we are a ministry and not purely a business or an organization. Will you pray for our board, our staff and our volunteers, that we will clearly speak God's love to each client? Will you pray for our clients, that each one will hear and accept what only HE can offer – LIFE ETERNAL?

Needs List

Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- Disposable diapers (sizes 2 - 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!

RSVP by March 30 via phone 906-635-1130 or email cnpcfoeup@gmail.com. Use this fun event to invite friends and neighbors that might be interested in supporting the ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP.



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