

Heartlines



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**Baby Steps 5K
Run/Walk/Crawl**

May 12, 10:00 a.m.
At Rudyard School
Farm Ski Trails
Registration form
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**Upcoming
Events:**

**Care Net Garage
Sale
June 29-30**

**9 – 4 Each Day
At Care Net**

Understanding Client Advocacy

“Likewise, 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 to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.”

Titus 2: 3-5

In my position as Center Director, it is part of my responsibility to train volunteer advocates to work with clients wanting to take the Earn While You Learn lessons. These lessons cover from the time a woman finds out she is pregnant until her child turns 5. We purchase prepared lessons from a group called Heritage House. They have developed or found DVD's to educate on almost anything related to pregnancy and parenting. They have then put together lessons with DVD worksheets, discussion questions and all of the answers for the advocate. They are diligent about keeping all of their information entertaining, informational and up to date.

These lessons are done with an assigned advocate so a relationship can be built between the client and that advocate. This is a very tangible way that you can make a big difference in someone's life. We received a note at the center recently from a grateful client. It was shared at our recent Banquet, but for those who could not attend, I will quote parts of it here.

“I wanted to thank you so much for everything you did...It made providing for my babies needs easier and I learned how to be a better parent. But you went beyond that – you saw my needs and tailored the lesson plans for me, too. I could tell you cared, and that mattered perhaps the most.”

This relationship with our clients is what we strive for with each one. When they can see how much we love them, it opens the door to share with them how infinitely more God loves them!

We are very short on volunteers for our Earn While You Learn program. We currently see clients on Mondays from 10 – 4, and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12 – 4. We would love to see even more clients on these days and times and then to expand our hours to be more convenient for a greater number of parents.

We would love to have you as a part of our ministry team. You can choose to meet with clients for anywhere between 2 and 5 hour shifts. You are assigned a client and get to build that loving relationship with her for as long as she wants to continue. Please listen to Gods call to serve in this ministry and call or stop in to the Care Net Pregnancy Center for more information.

- Deb Kobes, Center Director

Thank You To Banquet Underwriters

The following businesses and individuals donated funds to pay for costs of our annual Spring Banquet fundraising dinner. This allows every dollar donated at the dinner to go directly to ministry. Please thank them when you see them and let them know you appreciate their support of LIFE in the EUP.

- Obreiter Law, PLLC
- Lee Chatfield, State Representative
- C.S. Mulder Funeral Home
- Lowell & Gail Ulrich
- Weir Furniture Center
- Tom & Valli Lawlor
- Phil & Jan Becker
- Upper Crust, LLC
- D. Beacom Insurance
- Soo Co-op Credit Union
- Don Wilson Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Gillett, Halvorsen & Leonhardt, PC
- Parker's Ace Hardware, Inc.

Special Thanks to Karl's Cuisine for catering the meal and Upper Crust for providing the French bread. The food was delicious!



Firm Foundations for the Future – Spring Banquet Update

“So this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.”

Isaiah 28:16

“April Showers bring May Flowers” – so what do April snowstorms bring?

This year's Spring Banquet fundraising dinner was threatened with snow, but God was gracious and held off the storms another day or two.

The banquet was held at Sault Wesleyan Church this year to accommodate our special “speaker” – a video presentation by Roland Warren. Mr. Warren is the CEO of our national Care Net affiliate. Raised by a single mother, he has a special heart for the importance of a dad in the lives of all children. This presentation, originally given at the September 2017 Care Net Conference, focused on the importance God places on the family structure. Even though God fulfilled His promise of a Savior through a virgin birth, He provided an earthly dad for Jesus in Joseph because that is God's perfect design for family.

Roland Warren also detailed the relationship between pregnancy centers like ours and churches. His example: imagine the pregnancy center is like a speed boat, going out to rescue people. They grab one, put her in the boat, love her up. They grab another, put her in the boat, love her up. And so on. Eventually, that little speed boat becomes full, yet there are still more people in the water, and still needs unmet. The speed boat either needs to dump people back in the water, or take people to the large ship. The church is the large ship, able to provide discipleship, teaching and care beyond what pregnancy centers are designed to provide. This is why church relationships are essential to

pregnancy center operations.

Two resources are available to prepare churches for this discipleship to women and men. The first is called *Making Life Disciples*. It is a 6 part DVD curriculum aimed at “equipping the Church to offer compassion, hope, help and discipleship to women and men considering abortion.” The second is the *Embrace Life* program developed by Embrace Grace, Inc. Copies of both these resources are available at the center.

Deb Kobes shared a letter from a recent client that described the relationship between client and advocate/volunteer (see page 1 article). Please consider becoming a volunteer to be this difference in someone else's life.

Noel Rupprecht shared a vision we believe God has given Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP for the future: satellite centers that share resources in more communities of the EUP. We recognize that transportation is a large factor for many would-be clients. If we can provide services in more communities, we can reach more families for Christ. While we don't know how or when this will happen, we do know that our focus must be to shore up current operations, ensuring we are prepared for the future. Most importantly, we need to ensure Christ is our Firm Foundation.

**2018
Care Net
Events**

**Baby Steps 5K Trail
Run/Walk**

May 12, 2018
Rudyard School Farm

Garage Sale

June 29-30
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day
At Care Net

Chippewa County Fair

August 26 – September 3

Fall Auction & Dessert

Thursday, October 11
6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Parish, SSM

Giving Tuesday

November 27
At www.eupforlife.org

Baby Steps 5K Run/Walk/Crawl

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith..."

2 Timothy 4:7

Last fall Char Miller and Jess Beery approached the Care Net Board about organizing a family-oriented run to raise money for our ministry. We were very excited to have their help, especially as they are active in running groups and knew what runners expect at such an event. Since then, they have worked very hard to put everything together.

Join us May 12 at 10:00 a.m., at the Rudyard School Farm Ski Trails (just off Tilson Rd. on Thompson Rd. near RMG Family Sugar Bush) for this great event. It is scheduled for Mother's Day

weekend to celebrate moms and their roles in the family.

Registration is \$25/person, with a family of 4 or more paying a flat rate of \$100. All proceeds go to support Care Net. Lunch items, such as hot dogs, chips and drinks, will be available to purchase after the race. Two courses will be available, a 5K for runners and a 1 mile for walkers. Awards for age groups and categories will be presented.

Registration forms can be submitted beforehand at Care Net or to Jess Beery or Char Miller.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Supreme Court Decision Expected Sometime in June

"If a man's gift ... is leadership, let him govern diligently..."

Romans 12:6-8 NIV

March 20, 2018 was a landmark day for the pregnancy center movement as our case against the state of California was argued before the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). I am so proud of the hundreds of supporters who rallied in the cold rain and snow outside the Court on our behalf.

Thank you for your prayers and support! If you were one of the brave supporters who battled the weather to be present on this day, you are truly a hero.

We are now anxiously waiting for the decision that will be issued sometime before the end of the current Court term, which is June 29, 2018. Typically, SCOTUS decisions that are controversial are announced the last week of June and sometimes on the very last day of the term.

If SCOTUS rules in our favor by a 5-4 vote such a vote will indicate that the Court is divided and thus, the decision will be controversial in the eyes of

some - particularly the liberal national media. In such a case we would expect the decision to come down very late in June. If, however, the decision is a 6-3, 7-2, or even 9-0 (our hope) vote in our favor then the decision is not very controversial and it could be announced sooner.

I promise that you will hear of the decision very shortly after we receive the news. In fact, we are now in the planning stages for a national webcast on the decision to explain its ramifications and implications for the future of the pregnancy center movement. Stay tuned for a future announcement on this.

Sincerely in Christ,
Thomas J. Glessner, JD
President
NIFLA

Copied from a NIFLA newsletter sent via email April 12, 2018.

Community Corner

Thank you to the Middles, a group of 8-12 year olds from a local homeschool co-op that held a baby shower for Care Net. Their efforts collected clothing, diapers, toys and many other items for the Mart. Thank you to these young people for their hearts to serve.

Thank you to the Students for Life group at Sault Area High School. The group sponsored a community baby shower in March at the Bayliss Library. They invited Care Net to share literature with families coming to receive items. They also donated any remaining items to the Mart. Thank you, teens!

Care Net has been active in a few new events in our community this year. We participated as a judge for the Right-to-Life Oratory contest in March. We also participated with a table at the EUP Reads event. Both events provided a chance for us to serve the Sault area.

Annual Garage Sale Coming Up

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."
Colossians 4:5 NIV

Two years ago we started having a garage sale at Care Net as a pre-summer fundraiser. However, over the past two years, God has used it as a means for us to minister to others.

We are making preparations for another garage sale this year. It will be held June 29-30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. As in previous years, all items sold at the garage sale are donated by the community and our Care Net supporting family. If you have anything you think would sell at a garage sale, please let us know. You are welcome to drop it off at the center or call us and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

This year we are introducing a couple new things as well. First, many people have asked where the baked goods are, so this year we are going to add some baked goods to our sale. If you would like to donate something for the bake sale, please keep in mind that these things will be sitting outside and need to be able to stay fresh without refrigeration. They also need

to come packaged for sale (individual baggies, or in batches of 6-12) as we will not have time to package them.

Second, we will be setting up the garage sale starting Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. Extra hands will make light work of setting up.

Third, we will be offering tours of the center to those attending the garage sale. We really feel that by showing people what we do here, and our facilities, they will be more likely to recommend us to those needing our services.

If you would like to help either day of the sale, we are putting together a sign-up sheet for work rotation. This will allow those working the whole day to take some breaks. Perhaps your bible study group or men's/women's group would like to come help together. Whether you can only spare an hour or whether you can be here four hours, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing how God uses us to bless the EUP through this event.

Medical Center Update

"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."
Proverbs 17:22 NIV

Thanks to the generous donations of local Knights of Columbus groups, we now have \$2175 in the ultrasound maintenance/replacement account. We are pleased to say that our machine is in good working order and pray it will continue to be so for many years. However, annual service calls to maintain the machine cost approximately \$800-1000 per visit. Thus, we established an account specifically for ultrasound maintenance. The Knights of

Columbus groups from the UP agreed to help build this account. Knights of Columbus Council #649 held a scrap metal drive that raised \$600. The Knights of Columbus Council #7100 from Goetzville presented Care Net with a check for \$550. Last August, the Knights of Columbus Council #10777 from Rudyard presented a check for \$1000. Thank you for helping us to be good stewards of the machine God has provided to this center.

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

Phil Becker – Rudyard

Val Lawlor – Rudyard

Norm Sampson – Sault
Ste. Marie

We are looking for a
treasurer and additional
members to join the
Board. Please pray that
God would lead the right
people, maybe you, to
these roles.

From Noel's Perspective

"The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 NIV

I have a quote on my desk attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt. It says, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." I keep it on my desk to remind myself that my focus needs to be on how God is leading us, not on the numbers or even specific clients: that is His department.

But what happens when the ideas that come are bigger than what I can handle? Are bigger than I can understand or imagine? How do I know when ideas are from God or are my own creation?

These are questions I have been wrestling with over the past few months. The phrase that keeps coming to mind is "rest in Jesus."

I find in this busy society with so much going on, that I get caught up in the busy-ness of it all. I have to stop on a regular basis and weigh the

value of the actions and activities with eternity. Is what I am doing today making an impact on eternity? Or is it just meeting a need for today? Is it showing Christ to someone who needs Him? Or is it showing me and my accomplishments to those around me?

The work that Care Net does is many times this way. We seek to reach each client for Christ, but often see her/him choose something else. We question what we say or what we do. In reality, we need to remember to leave the change up to God – we can't change hearts. We can just introduce them to the One who can.

If you have been considering volunteering and been concerned about how you could do so, or what to say, or how to respond, I encourage you to pray instead, "God, how do you want to use me?"

Needs List

Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- Disposable diapers (sizes 2 - 6)
- Pull-ups and potty training disposables
- 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
- 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!



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 or
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at Rudyard School Farm Ski Trails
 May 12, 10:00 am.



Art by Ruth Sweeten



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