

Heartlines



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Fall Auction & Dessert Benefit

October 11, 6:30 p.m.
At St. Joseph's Church
1101 Minneapolis St.
Sault Ste. Marie

Upcoming Events:

Giving Tuesday
November 27

Online giving at
eupforlife.org/Support-Financially
OR [facebook.com/cnpcofeup](https://www.facebook.com/cnpcofeup)

Planting Seeds

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Following is an email letter we received this summer from a client advocate.

Several years ago, a woman ... came into CNPC nine weeks pregnant, seeking information on abortion. We knew each other so I asked her if she preferred to talk with someone else but she said she was comfortable talking with me.

I could tell immediately that she did not want to have to have an abortion because of her tears. She felt she could not raise her child alone. She was not a young woman. She ran a business. She felt trapped. And yet...I sensed she already loved her baby.

I asked her if she believed in God. She said she did. As a result of her answer, I was able to ask her if God makes mistakes. Her reply was, no. As you can guess, we then talked about her baby and the miracle that he was and what a gift he was from God to her. I was able to encourage her in the Lord, that if He gave her such a wonderful gift, then He would provide a way for her to raise her baby for Him.

We talked more and I encouraged her. I showed her what her baby looked like at that time and gave her information and told her we were there to help her. I prayed with her before she left and hugged her. When she left the office that day, I had no idea if she had chosen life for her baby. It wasn't until the following summer at church one Sunday, when I overheard a couple of people talking about the birth of a baby to this woman, that I found out that she had chosen life for her child! Praise God!

Since then I have seen her many times. The first time was at the grocery store. When she saw me she lit up like a Christmas tree! She came over to me and gave me a huge hug, with her beautiful baby between us. She thanked me. I told her that she glowed with motherhood! I left praying for them both. The next time I saw her, her little one was 2 years old. Again, she lit up with a huge smile. She leaned down to her toddler and said, "I want you to meet someone very special in our life." Oh, my heart! Again, my heart was touched and I was compelled to pray for her as I have been many times since.

As years have passed, the Lord has brought many Christian people into this woman's life. Several from our church. I have watched from a distance and prayed.

After [so many] years, God is still working on the heart of one of our clients!! Is this not awesome??

John 4: 36 (NIV) says, "Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together." Job 37:5 says "God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding." Sometimes the work we do doesn't seem to have an impact. We must remember – we plant the seeds God gives us to plant, but only HE can make them grow in HIS time.

How Did You Hear About Care Net Pregnancy Center?

These are the responses from new clients seen in 2018 to the question above:

Friend/Family	11
Here Before	4
ACFS – Tribal	2
Sign	1
Website	2
Church/Pastor	1
Google/Search	3
Previous Client	1
Teacher	1
Doctor/Nurse	1
Health Dept	3
School Presentation	2
Other	3

DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A CHRISTIAN?

These are the responses from new clients seen in 2018 to the question above:

Already a Believer	17
Not a Believer	21
Unknown	9
Unsure	2

The Value of a Magnet

“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself: it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

John 15:4

One of the very first questions we ask new clients is how they heard about Care Net. Usually clients say a friend or family member referred them. But how about the young lady that said she knew about us because of a magnet?

For Lakerpalooza, we include magnets in the gift bags students receive after completing a survey. These are self-stick magnets to which we attach our business cards. This young lady said it was a really strong, good quality magnet, so every time she moved, she made sure to take the magnet along. When she thought she was pregnant, she knew to call us because she had that magnet.

So – what was the value of that magnet? From a financial perspective, the magnet backing cost \$0.30 and the business card cost \$0.02. When you multiply that by

approximately 100 students per year for 4 years, it totals \$128.

Economically, this is good advertising. Not overly expensive, easily distributed, and useful so the consumer continues to use it and see it.

However, from a Kingdom Perspective (God's Perspective), the value of this magnet is much greater than we know. This young lady came to us. We pray she saw and experienced the hands and heart of Jesus. We know God uses all things to His glory and in His timing – even little magnets.

The value of a magnet does not equate to the value of a life, but it is worth your financial donation to see the lives of moms and dads changed for Christ.

Faithful Stewardship

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP works hard to be faithful stewards of the donations entrusted to us for this ministry. So how do we spend these donations?

- 50% salaries (payroll and payroll taxes).
- 15% operations (client materials, computer systems, web sites, etc.)
- 15% other (insurance, advertising, fundraising, staff development)
- 15% facility and building maintenance (includes mortgage, utilities, plowing, and repairs)

The remaining 5% we try to save for future projects or needs. Generally, this is the part that we use to follow where God is leading.

Why is only 15% of Care Net's income spent on operations? In a nutshell –we

receive so many material donations that we seldom need to spend monetary donations on items for the Mart or for the office.

Why is 50% of our budget focused on payroll? This number year-to-date is \$26,941 for all 3 paid employees combined. While volunteers handle most of the client interactions, our staff provides volunteer training, ensures we are compliant with Michigan and federal standards so we operate efficiently and legally, provides all medical procedures, researches the best parenting materials for clients, manages and monitors the Mart, and interacts with community organizations and boards. Our staff works from their hearts, to the Glory of God.

2018-2019 Care Net Events

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

Giving Tuesday
November 27
At www.eupforlife.org

**Caring for Care Net
Sunday**
At your church, any
Sunday you choose

**Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday**
January 20, 2019

Spring Banquet
April 5, 2019 6:30 p.m.
At Sault Wesleyan
Church



Spring of 2020, Care Net is holding a concert fundraiser for the center. Alan Jacobus will be directing this choral and instrumental concert. If you or your church would like to participate, or to help offset the costs of the music, please contact Noel at Care Net.

Baby Steps 5K Run/Walk/Crawl Update

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

2 Timothy 4:7

Thanks to the efforts of Char Miller and Jessica Beery – along with the folks at Rudyard Bible Church – the trail run they organized was a real success! What a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day weekend.

The morning was crisp and clear. Events started at 10:00 with the one mile walk/race. 31 participated with Ethan Caldwell crossing the finish line first.

As soon as the one mile race was completed, the 5K run began. Both races were started by firecrackers set off by Terry Baxter. 18 runners participated in the 5K race, with first, second and third going to Erin Cornwell, Alan Jarvie and Charlotte Folkersma respectively.

Also that weekend, Rudyard Bible Church held a garage sale with all proceeds going to the services provided at Care Net. All in all, the weekend raised \$2582.25.

Another Baby Steps 5K is being planned for spring 2019. Keep an eye out for information on this fun family event.



Terry Baxter lights the "starting gun".



The 5K Participants Leave the Starting Line

Lakerpalooza and Chippewa County Fair

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."

Colossians 4:5 NIV

During summer, we enjoy many opportunities to visit in our communities. Each year we participate in Lakerpalooza at LSSU and the Chippewa County Fair.

At Lakerpalooza (a welcome-weekend event to introduce students to area services and merchants), we interact with students and encourage them to take a quick online survey. Their responses help us to determine what students already know about Care Net and how to advertise. This year 109 students took our survey.

Each participant in the survey put their name in a drawing for three gift cards, each worth \$30. Our winners were Rebecca Burkley, Emily DeGlopper, and Hannah Smock.

We conduct a similar survey at Chippewa County Fair. This year 83 people stopped to take our survey. Some remembered us from previous years, but many said they were not familiar with our center or our services. Our fair gift card winner was Donna Savard.

Community Corner

Thank you to all those that helped at the Garage Sale in June:

- Kathy Alexander
- Phil Becker
- Candy Blocher
- Hannah Brood
- Turner and Jack Callaghan
- Michelle Cole and family
- Janice Connelly
- Matha Hutchens
- Maggie Jentoft
- Shelva Johnson
- Deb Kobes
- Amy Lane
- Jadon Lawlor
- Sharon Lawrence
- Tom and Valli Lawlor
- Joyce Mastaw
- Bob Novac
- Brianna Peterson
- Norm Sampson
- Jack Scott
- Tim and Daniel Twining
- Carolyn Trumbull
- Adam Valeski

JULY 4TH PARADE FLOAT

Thank you to Tom and Valli Lawlor and Norm Sampson for helping us with our July 4th Sault Ste. Marie parade float. We had a wonderful time with an old juke box cranking out hits.

Annual Garage Sale Update

"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

What a crazy HOT weekend?! The annual garage sale fundraiser held at the end of June was loaded with glassware, clothing, furniture, household items, books and baked goodies – all donated by people in the community to help raise funds for Care Net to meet our summer expenses.

Even more exciting was the number of people that helped with setting up, managing the garage sale, and cleaning up on Saturday evening.

The total raised for the weekend was \$4106.02. Thank you to all for making this possible.



Daniel Twining and Tom Lawlor



Adam Valeski and Norm Sampson



Brianna Peterson and Maggie Jentoft

Medical Center Update

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

Proverbs 17:2 NIV

Since the May newsletter, CNPC's medical center has conducted 9 pregnancy tests and 6 ultrasounds. While this may not seem like many, 4 of these were at least considering abortion. We pray that our interactions with these ladies made a difference in their decisions.

Two other exciting events have occurred since May as well. In August, due to the donations of many Knights of Columbus groups, we were able to have our ultrasound

machine serviced. The technician said it is in good shape with just a few minor fixes. We are so glad to know our machine will continue to serve us well.

Also in August, our Nurse Manager, Brenda, was able to attend an ultrasound training in West Branch to refresh her skills with ultrasound and build her confidence in getting the best images possible. Again, this was only possible through the partnership of donors like you.

From Noel's Perspective

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, Adam
Valeski

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

Proverbs 19:21 NIV

During Downtown Days in August, a boy approximately 10 years old walked past my booth with a violin case. He was heading toward STARS theatre and so I asked if he was going to lessons. He replied confidently, "No. At 3:00 I am going to make beautiful music."

I was so impressed with his confidence. He was already sure of the outcome – he was going to make beautiful music. How often do we lack that confidence?

Jesus Christ has already won the battle. He has conquered sin and death. We have confidence and assurance that He is victorious! We already know the outcome, yet often we lack assurance that what we are doing on a daily basis is making a difference.

At Care Net, it is sometimes hard to see if the services we provide and the

lessons we share are making a difference in the lives of the women and men that come. But this cannot be our focus. Our focus must be, "What is God asking me to do today?"

As with the story on page one from a client advocate, it may be years before we see any change. We may never see a change, but we must persevere in service to Him, because that is what He calls us to do. The outcome is already known to Him.

The next time someone asks how your day is, wouldn't it be great to reply in confidence, "I did what God called me to do today." Look for those opportunities to share who He is and what He does for you. Be encouraged that He controls the outcome.

Needs List

Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- Disposable diapers (sizes 2 - 6)
- Pull-ups and potty training disposable diapers
- 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)
- Bleach for laundry & Cleaning

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

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!

Finances to meet these and other needs!

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.

Fall Auction & Dessert Benefit

Care Net Pregnancy Center's

October 11, 2018

6:30 p.m.

- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- Tasty Desserts and Coffee

Hosted by:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Sault Ste. Marie





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