

# Heartlines



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## The Princess Bride

February 15 & 16  
At Calvary Baptist  
Church  
2301 Young St.  
Sault Ste. Marie

## Upcoming Events:

### Spring Banquet

April 5, 6:30 p.m.  
At Sault Wesleyan  
Church  
3556 S. Seymour Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie

## Evie West to Speak at Spring Banquet

*"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 NIV

### EVIE WEST'S BIOGRAPHY

Evie West speaks from experience as a former L.A. gang member and two-time teen mother who was faced with the decision to terminate her second unborn son. Through God's amazing grace, a story of intrigue, tough love, and miracles, Evie's life is now a passionate picture of redemption and abundant life.

Evie's story comes alive on the pages of her book, "Revolving Choices: Playing Roulette with Life." Each chapter brings to life the adventure and journey of a young, Hispanic girl in a desperate search for identity, but whose life drastically changed when confronted by the power of Jesus Christ. Her story is evidence that God can take your mess and make it your message of love, forgiveness, and restoration.

In 1996, Evie was divinely transplanted to Cleveland, Tennessee where she enrolled at Lee University. In 2001, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Intercultural Studies and a minor in Bible. Evie now serves her community as a police officer for the City of Cleveland and works to promote an environment of peace and safety by assisting several organization boards such as Ocoee Regional Multicultural Services, Keep America Beautiful, and Habitat for Humanity.

Because she understands how one comes to the decision to abort a child and what it feels like to give birth and not take her baby home, she speaks with heartfelt compassion on pro-life issues. Adoption as an option is a message she endorses as a volunteer at New Hope Pregnancy Care Center in Cleveland, Tennessee.



Care Net is excited to host Evie West as speaker for the 2019 Spring Banquet Fundraising Dinner. This year's banquet will be April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Our venue will be Sault Wesleyan Church and Karl's Cuisine is catering the meal. Lenten options will be provided.

Be sure to mark your calendar now for this exciting evening. Invitations will be mailed the beginning of March. Reservations are required for the dinner.

If you would like to host a table or if you would like to help underwrite the cost of the dinner, please contact Noel at 635-1103.

## 2018 Service Statistics

# of Appointments	467
# of Unique Clients	68
Female Clients	52
Male Clients	6
Pregnancy Tests	21
Ultrasounds	14
Gospel Presentations	4
Decision for Christ	1
Post Abortion Help	2

## MART ITEMS DISTRIBUTED In 2018

Total # of Items Distributed	2,860
Used Baby Clothes	1210
New Baby Clothes	243
Toys	194
Diapers (packages)	155
Books	147
Adult Toiletries	103
Baby Toiletries	94
Wipes (packages)	90
Shoes/Boots	63
Formula/Food	59
Bottles & Supplies	51
Maternity Clothes	51
Toilet Paper Rolls	49
Pacifiers/clips	32
Towels/Washcloths	28
Receiving Blankets	27
Quilt (new)	21
Feeding Items	19

(Not all items distributed are listed above.)

## Improving Our Efficiency

*"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."*

*Ephesians 5: 15-16 ESV*

During November and December, we asked for your help to replace our phone system that is starting to show signs of age. The quotes we received put the price for a new phone system and six telephones at \$5000. We also stated that any money raised above this \$5000 level would be used to beginning upgrading computers at the Center. While we have only raised \$3100 of the funds needed for the phone system, God has certainly shown His generosity through you.

First, there is a possibility that we will be able to acquire a new phone system from another business in the area. This system is brand new but did not work out for their needs. It is a system very similar to what we were hoping to purchase. If this business is willing to donate that system to us, Care Net would only need to pay for new phones and a license transfer fee. This will mean the money we already have raised should be enough.

Second, a very generous donor sent a check specifically to upgrade the computers. Over the Christmas holidays we were able to install 6 new computers, have them all networked together, and install a stronger WIFI booster for the back building.

Third, the company that maintains the copier for us called in December with a proposal. Copiers at this time are less expensive than when we leased our current copier. As our lease was almost up on our existing copier, and we were calling regularly for service, they suggested we lease a new copier. With the lower lease and lower cost of the maintenance agreement, we will save money.

All three of these blessings excite us. We feel God is positioning Care Net for growth. Upgraded technology improves our efficiency, meaning we can serve clients more effectively.

## 2018 Fiscal Update

*"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 operates solely on donations. The only grant we receive is from the Check/Slash/Survive committee. We do not accept federal or state funding. Therefore, this fiscal update is a report of your involvement this past year.

Thank you for supporting and building this ministry to serve women and men of the EUP facing unplanned pregnancies.

Please continue to prayerfully partner with us in 2019. God is working to reach the EUP with a message of life and worth in Him through Care Net.

<u>Total Amount of Revenue</u>	.... \$96,525
# of Donors	..... 315
Average Gift	..... \$100
Average # of Gifts per Donor	..... 3
# of New Donors	..... 81
# Repeat Donors	..... 234

### Amount Per Event:

Spring Banquet	..... \$10,501
Christmas Appeal Letter	..... \$9,100
Baby Bottle Campaign	..... \$4,849
Garage Sale	..... \$3,821
Fall Auction	..... \$3,789
Caring for Care Net Sunday	... \$3,075
Freewill Offerings	..... \$1,667
Ultrasound Project	..... \$1,650

## 2019 Care Net Events

### Caring for Care Net Sunday

At your church, any  
Sunday you choose

### Spring Banquet

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

### Baby Steps 5K Trail Run & Walk

TBD

### Garage Sale

June 28-29  
At Care Net

### Fall Auction & Dessert

Thursday, October 17



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.

## Community Corner

*"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 NIV

- *Thank you* to the First Congregational Church of Brimley's Youth Group for helping with our September Adopt-a-Highway clean up. We collected 27 bags of garbage off the south-bound side of I-75. We even had an adventure in finding a wallet that was turned over to the state police. Thank you so much, teens, for your hard work and the donuts!
- *Thank you* to Turner Callaghan for shoveling snow for us. It has been a real blessing to come in and have the snow already moved away.
- *Thank you* to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rudyard for the items they collected and delivered to Care Net in December. We appreciate all these items provided by you to Care Net clients.
- *Thank you* to the ladies at the Quilted Moose. Each year these ladies make numerous quilts for kids, package them each with a stuffed animal and a book and provide them as Christmas gifts for each child of every Care Net client. This is a real highlight of the year.

## The Promise FM: MI Biggest Baby Shower

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

Colossians 4:5 NIV

Each January, to highlight the work done by area pregnancy resource centers, the Promise FM holds what they call Michigan's Biggest Baby Shower. Fred and Scott from the Promise FM broadcast live from pregnancy centers and encourage listeners to stop by with gifts for the centers.

2019 is the third year in which we have participated in this event. It is always a joy to be so encouraged. We also make sure Fred and the crew have the best weather to travel up from Gaylord. This year it was clear and sunny until the Rudyard

exit. Then it was blowing snow across the highway.

This year, 12 people stopped in. 4 were potential clients and 2 were new partners with Care Net. We received 15 packages/cases of diapers, 5 packages of wipes, 10 containers of Enfamil formula, 11 new baby outfits, 3 baby blankets, 3 bottles of laundry detergent and numerous other items like socks, bottles, safety items and hand sanitizer.

Thank you so much to all who came and visited and thank you to the Promise FM for sharing the work we do with their listening area.



Noel and Fred ready to go "on air"

### ***Fetal Development Fun Facts***

"Gestation is the period of time between conception and birth when a baby grows and develops inside the mother's womb.

Because it's impossible to know exactly when conception occurs, gestational age is measured from the first day of the mother's last menstrual cycle to the current date. It is measured in weeks. This means that during weeks 1 and 2 of pregnancy, a woman is not yet pregnant. This is when her body is preparing for a baby...

Week 5) This is when all the baby's major systems and structures develop...Blood cells, kidney cells, and nerve cells all develop. The embryo grows rapidly, and the baby's external features begin to form. Your baby's brain, spinal cord, and heart begin to develop. Baby's gastrointestinal tract starts to form."

Excerpt from  
Medlineplus.gov/ency/  
article/002398.htm

*(All this amazing development and mom probably doesn't know she is pregnant yet.)*

## **The Princess Bride for Valentine's Day**

*"Let all that you do be done in love."*

1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV

Over the past year, Care Net has had several groups organize fundraising events for the Center. This one is really a fun idea.

The teens of the Homefront Homeschool group decided they wanted to put on a play. They selected *The Princess Bride*. Since September, they have been producing, practicing, designing costumes and creating scenery. They started looking for a venue where they could perform their play. When they approached Calvary Baptist Church about using the sanctuary, Pastor Dave suggested performing the play over Valentine's weekend. Calvary typically has a special valentine's dinner and the play could be made into a dinner theater.

The teens loved the idea and decided to add an open-seating performance on Friday evening. They also decided they wanted to use this fun evening as a fundraiser for Care Net. So, they are asking everyone to come, enjoy the evening, and

support the pregnancy center through a freewill offering.

The Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> performance begins at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Calvary is located "behind Pizza Hut" at 2301 Young Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> performance includes the dinner theatre and requires reservations. The price for the dinner is \$12 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the performance starting as soon as all are served. Call Calvary Baptist Church at (906) 632-7941 to make your reservation.

We encourage you to come spend an evening with these industrious young people. Thank them for their time and talents and support Care Net.

If you or a group you are part of would like to organize something to benefit Care Net, please let us know. We would love to be present and provide whatever information you need.

## **Medical Center Update**

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

Proverbs 17:22 NIV

God is good all the time. Care Net's medical center continues to see women facing unplanned pregnancies coming for pregnancy tests and ultrasound confirmations of pregnancy. This past year (2018), we performed 21 pregnancy tests and 14 ultrasounds. These numbers are like those of 2017. The difference is that in 2018 9 of these pregnancy test clients were abortion-minded (planning to abort) or abortion-vulnerable (influenced to abort).

In 2019 we hope to see more women considering abortion and help them to make a choice for life. We are still seeking nurses willing to volunteer a few hours per week to offer pregnancy tests every day we are open. If you would like to volunteer in this way, please contact us. The required training can be started online, then we will also conduct in-house training to orient you 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:  
Linda Bush, Pamela  
Ellis, Chasidy Keyser,  
Joyce Mastaw, Jordan  
Tremblay, Adam Valeski

### Pray for Our Board of Directors!

Don Bishop – Sault Ste.  
Marie

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

*"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."*

*Psalms 90:12 ESV*

I am sure many of you feel as I do – there are just not enough hours in the day to accomplish all the tasks I have set for myself. Yet, when I sit down and think about how I spend my time, I am disappointed in the quality of the time I spent.

One of my personal "accomplishments" in 2018 was upgrading from a flip phone to a smart phone. I was told how handy they were and how much more productive I would be. I was told soon I wouldn't want to be without it. However, when I look at how I spend my time, I find a lot of the time spent on my phone is with what I call "time suckers": games, social media, apps that don't really serve any purpose but to entertain myself. I am disappointed in how I have let a potentially useful device become a distraction from the purpose of my life.

What is the purpose of my life? To serve God by serving those He puts in it.

What is the purpose of your life? To serve God by serving those He puts in your life. This includes people from many areas – our individual families, our neighbors, our co-workers, the strangers we meet in line at the store, the person we help out of the ditch. It even includes the women and men coming to Care Net, seeking help and information in troubled circumstances.

I would like to challenge you in 2019 to take time to assess how you spend your time. Is it serving God the way He intended? Are there "time suckers" in your schedule? Is there time God is asking you to give to Care Net? We are desperately in need of volunteers, both female and male. Could God be calling you to serve Him here?

## Needs List

### Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- Disposable diapers (sizes 5 - 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
- K-Cup Beverage Pods
- 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
- Building 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!**



# *The Princess Bride*

*A classic tale of adventure and true love, this production is a family fun event for all ages. The Homefront Homeschool Group Teens produce, design and perform the entire show.*



**2 Performances**  
**At Calvary Baptist Church**  
**2301 Young St.**  
**Sault Ste. Marie**

**Theatre Performance: Friday, February 15 6:00 p.m.**  
Open Seating, No Tickets Required

**Dinner Theatre: Saturday, February 16 6:00 p.m.**  
Reservations Required \$12/person  
Call Calvary Baptist at (906) 632-7941

*A Freewill Offering will be taken to support the work and ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP. Care Net provides pregnancy tests, ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy, pregnancy options information, parenting education and support, and post-abortion support to women and men of the EUP. All Care Net's services are completely free. Brochures detailing their services will be available at both performances.*

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