

# Heartlines



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## Baby Steps 5K

Run/Walk/Crawl  
At Rudyard School  
Farm Trail  
May 11, 10 a.m.  
Registration starts at  
8:30 a.m.

## Upcoming Events:

### Garage Sale

Friday, June 28 –  
Saturday, June 29  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

At Care Net  
1420 Ashmun St.  
Sault Ste. Marie

## It Takes a Village to Raise a Child

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

*Proverbs 22:6 NIV*

The mission of the Care Net Pregnancy Center is to affirm the value of life by compassionately presenting Biblical truth to those experiencing pregnancy related crises, along with providing a network of care, resulting in changed lives to the glory of God.

When a woman comes to Care Net with an unplanned pregnancy, one of the main reasons she feels she cannot keep her baby is that she is all alone. How will she provide for the baby? How will she meet the needs of her baby? How will she know how to be a good mother? Many of the men that come to Care Net with the women also have doubts. They aren't ready, they feel unable to provide, they are not sure what the role of a father is.

This is why Care Net offers the *Earn While You Learn* parenting education classes. These classes are designed to help moms and dads see their role in shaping the lives of their little ones, to provide protection, discipline, love and safety. Many times, these moms and dads lacked these same things growing up. Now they are learning the importance of consistency and perseverance with their own children.

These classes don't just offer conceptual help. Homework assignments allow the parents to practice the skills they learn and measure the results. As the parent is

learning skills that give her/him confidence to parent, she/he is also gaining a friend through her/his client advocate. Client advocates help decipher successes and those things that were less successful.

Completing the classes earns points to use in the Mart. These points allow the parents to "buy" clothing, diapers, formula and other necessities for their children. This is different than receiving a hand-out: they are earning these things through the lessons they are taking. Being able to provide for their own children not only boosts confidence, but lets the parents know the community is willing to help. How? All the items in the mart are donated by the community. Care Net lets clients know this. They see generosity first hand.

Care Net also is working to develop relationships with other agencies. This makes us aware of what is available in the area. When we have a client with a specific need, we know where to refer her/him for the best help.

Care Net is working to provide a network of care – throughout the EUP – to help those experiencing pregnancy related crises affirm the value of life to the glory of God.

## Thank You to the Businesses that Sponsored the Spring Banquet

The following businesses donated to underwrite the expenses of the Spring Banquet. This means all funds collected that evening go directly to serving clients. Please be sure to thank them for their support:

C.S. Mulder Funeral  
Home

Weir Furniture Center

Lowell & Gail Ulrich

Tom & Valli Lawlor

Phil & Jan Becker

St. Ignace Right to Life

D. Beacom Insurance

Rick & Susan  
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Products & Printing Inc.

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Agency, Inc.

Gillett, Halvorsen &  
Leonhardt, PC

Old Mission Bank

Rudyard Lion's Club

St. Ignace Greenhouse  
& Florist

## Thanks for a Great 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

Care Net's annual Spring Banquet Fundraising dinner was held April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sault Wesleyan Church. The theme was *Bearing Fruit*. The focus of the evening was to show how each one of us bears fruit when we follow God's direction and how God is leading Care Net to provide a safe place for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

The guest speaker was Evie West, a former LA gang member who considered aborting her second son. Her testimony of how God turned her heart and her life to Him was very touching. Evie's humor was mixed with the very real hurt and hunger she felt when faced with not being able to provide for another child. Now she works as a police officer, reaching out and helping others who find themselves in situations like hers.

Karl's Cuisine provided the meal, including wild-caught salmon and chicken

piccata. It was delicious, especially when followed by the black forest torte.

Thank you to all those that attended. This is one of the few times a year we get to see so many of the faces of those that support life in real ways. It is encouraging and refreshing to see how large the fellowship is that works to bring Care Net's services to the communities of the EUP.



Evie West

## Conference: Planning for God's Abundance

*"I will refresh the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty, declares the Lord."*

Jeremiah 31:14

The national Care Net organization hosts a conference each year for pregnancy center staff, boards and volunteers. These conferences provide information on ministry, development, board management, legal matters, and medical training for medical staff. This is also a time to meet other pregnancy center staff to network, share ideas and encourage one another in a field that is, at times, controversial and stressful. Being well-trained and knowledgeable is important to serving our community to the best of our ability.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP strives to send two personnel to the conference every other year. September 3-6, 2019, the conference is in St. Louis,

MO and the theme is "Planning for God's Abundance." We are planning to have our nurse manager attend to gain some of her continuing education credits and connect with other nurses in similar roles. We are also sending our executive director, who is going with several questions for how best to plan for growth.

We estimate the cost of this conference for both people to be \$3,000. This includes travel, hotel, the conference registration and meals. Please pray for those attending and consider financially supporting this trip to the conference.

## 2019 Care Net Events

### Caring for Care Net Sunday

At your church, any  
Sunday you choose

### Baby Steps 5K Trail Run & Walk

Saturday, May 11  
Day-of registration begins  
8:30 a.m.  
Races begin 10 a.m.  
Rudyard School Farm  
Trail

### Garage Sale

June 28-29, 9a.m.–4p.m.  
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 cost of the music, please contact Noel at Care Net.

## A Tough Winter Leaves Its Mark

*"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens..."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV

Many folks in the EUP are working through damage from this winter's snow load. Care Net is no exception. The amount of snow caused two problems for the center's back building, which houses the Mart and the medical clinic.

First, as the large amounts of snow melted off the parking lot, the frost line was pushed deeper into the ground. This caused the sewage line from the back building to the street to freeze. Thankfully, this has resolved itself over the course of a month and we can now use water and toilets in the back building.

Second, the trusses of the back building were pressed down under the weight of snow and ice this winter. When the snow melted away, we noticed a break in the mart ceiling. Further investigation showed that 7 trusses are damaged and need repair this summer. The insurance company is working to handle this as quickly as possible.

Before repairs can be made, we will need to pack up and move the items in the mart. Please keep your eyes peeled for a call for help. Many hands will make light work.

## The Princess Bride: Fun and Funds

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

1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV

The Homefront Homeschool teens wanted to put on a play. They decided to perform *The Princess Bride*, but they also decided to make it a fundraiser for Care Net.

The teens scripted, produced and performed the play. They created their own sets and costumes. They managed lighting and sound. They did it all and worked well together to deliver an evening of great family entertainment.

Over the Valentine's Day weekend, the teens performed twice, once to a

dinner theater crowd. Both performances were well done.

At each performance, a free will offering was collected to benefit Care Net. The amount donated to Care Net from this production was \$1,207. Thanks to all those that came to the performances and supported Care Net. Thanks also to Calvary Baptist Church for hosting the play and providing the meal for the dinner theater.



*Fezini accepts a duel of wits*



*Prince Humperdink tracks Princess Buttercup*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Care Net is involved in the EUP community more than by just providing pregnancy tests and ultrasound confirmations of pregnancy. Here are a few things we do to invest in the welfare of our communities:

- **SCAN Meetings:** Care Net participates monthly with area agencies seeking to positively intervene in problematic family situations.
- **Communities That Care:** this organization works to inform and engage the community to develop a culture that cares for all kids and families.
- **Youth Mental Health Committee:** this organization seeks to determine the needs of youth in our area to prevent small issues from escalating into bigger mental health problems. Again, this group works to identify problem areas and preventive measures.
- **Great Start Collaborative:** this group focuses on helping parents provide great developmental starts in life for their children. Great starts indicate success in later life.



### FOCUS ON THE FAMILY®

“Alive from New York” is a Focus on the Family event designed to celebrate the sanctity of human life; marvel at the wonder of human development in the womb; and encourage advocacy for women facing unplanned pregnancies and the preborn. The event will feature live music and inspirational speeches from special guests, as well as abortion survivors. The culminating moment of the event will be a live 4D ultrasound broadcast on massive digital screens in Times Square.”

Make plans to participate in this event. Share with family and friends.  
For more information:

<https://events.focusonthefamily.com/events/alive-from-new-york-live-stream/>

## Medical Center Update

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

Proverbs 17:2 NIV

One of the fun parts of having a medical clinic is interacting with nursing students from LSSU. The senior students participate in 4-hour “internships” with area medical services that are not part of the hospital or doctors’ office settings. Care Net is one of those places.

In 2018 we were blessed to interact with 6 nursing interns. This spring we only had 1 student, but we really enjoyed our time with her.

When an intern comes, we share all three aspects of Care Net’s

services. Brenda, our nurse, walks through pregnancy testing and what we are looking for in ultrasounds. Deb treats the students to an *Earn While You Learn* lesson and a tour of the Mart. Noel talks with them about reaching out to the community and advertising.

These interactions also help Care Net because we learn what LSSU students are seeking when faced with unplanned pregnancies and how to better interact with them.

### 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,  
Kristen Garlinghouse,  
Amy Lane, Joyce  
Mastaw, Mary Myton,  
Jordan Tremblay, Adam  
Valeski

### Pray for Our Board of Directors!

Don Cole – Sault Ste.  
Marie

Phil Becker – Rudyard

Val Lawlor – Rudyard

Norm Sampson – Sault  
Ste. Marie

Bryanna Murray -  
Brimley

We are looking for  
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 a movie buff. I love all genres and time periods – although I prefer old musicals. I like movies that cheer me up, but I also like movies with strange, unexpected twists. I especially love movies based on true events. *Unplanned* is one of these movies.

Many of you have heard of this movie. So far, I have not been able to go see it. I have seen trailers and read a short article by Abby Johnson herself about the movie. I have also read lots of articles about the effect this movie is having on those working in the abortion industry, how it is challenging their mindsets and changing their perspectives on the services they are performing.

But how does this affect us here in the EUP? We don't have an abortion clinic nearby, so we likely won't see the affects on employees. However, I

think we will see more women who have had abortions struggling to cope with the reality that they aborted a real, living baby.

Care Net offers a great post-abortion program. It walks a woman through the confession that what she aborted was a baby, but it also walks her through the forgiveness and redemption that can only come from God. He restores and renews.

If you have the chance to see the movie *Unplanned*, be aware that the R rating is warranted due to the graphic nature of abortion. More especially, be aware of those around you as you discuss the movie afterward. How could your words and attitude be condemning or impacting them? How could you be a witness, a shelter, a helping hand? Then consider: could the person you are reaching out to use the post-abortion services Care Net provides?

## Needs List

### Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- Disposable diapers (sizes 2, 4, 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!**



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HELP WANTED!!



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