

Heartlines



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Life Discipleship – True Influence

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

The following excerpts are printed by permission from letters written by a Care Net client.

5/16/2019 “You are like a mother to me! Thank you so much for help, love, kindness! It truly means so much!”

5/25/2019 “So I’m walking with the Lord and living his word, and I have faith. It’s amazing! As it says in Provers 3:5-6 ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understandings. In all your ways acknowledge him and HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATH!’ I’ve learned that everyone goes through pain, trails, tribulation, we suffer sometimes. But our God’s the God of details. Every morning and night I pray for the protection, happiness, love for my family and children...I’ve made plenty of mistakes exactly like Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis. I’m acknowledging that! I’m learning! I repent! I’m growing in faith - that’s what matters, and I can help my children and family to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, ask the Holy Spirit to come into my heart! Save me!...I’m so glad I have you to talk to because you are so kind and understand and we can talk about God and the word, scriptures! ...Thank you so much for the prayers. I’ve been praying for you too and everyone at Care Net. I can’t wait to see you and everyone there. I miss our meetings. I

learned so much from you and I appreciate you – I really do.”

6/21/2019 “God is good! He brings strength and grants me serenity to accept the things I can’t change. And gives me the courage to change the things I can. And the wisdom to know the difference! ...If you live God’s way and lean on His understanding instead of your own, there’s no pain, anger, hurts. There is protection, peace and strength. I’ve learned so much from church, bible study, so much inspiring guidance that I’ve needed so much...I’m still looking for a mentor. Honestly, you were the closest person that cared for me and didn’t stress me out and I appreciate you for that.”

This client received a relationship built on trust. She decided for Christ. She is growing in faith. She continues to need discipleship, not just for the present, but for a lifetime.

*Would your church congregation be willing to come alongside women and men seeking help to provide lifelong discipleship? Care Net has a program to train you in discipleship called **Making Life Disciples**. Please let us know if you would like to join the calling Jesus gave, to go and make disciples of every nation – especially right here in the EUP.*

Fall Auction

Thursday, Oct 17
6:30 p.m.
At New Horizons Church
401 M-129
Pickford, MI 49774

Upcoming Events:

Unplanned

What She Saw Changed Everything

Movie Event
Date and time TBA
www.eupforlife.org
FB: cnpcofeup

Thank You to the Businesses that Sponsored the Baby Steps 5K Event

The following businesses donated to the Baby Steps 5K Fun Run. Please be sure to thank them for their support:

Pickford Building
Center

Pickford Feed Service

Larry & Diann Scarrott

Tri-County Motors,
LLC

Watson's Shoe Store

Whiskey River
Hardware

Wilderness Treasures,
Inc.

Skinner's

Central Savings Bank

Rudyard Co-op

Soo Printing

Spencer Insurance

Rudyard Fire
Department who came
in and flooded the
Soggy Bottom.

Thanks also to the
many individuals that
made this possible.

Updates on 5K Event and Garage Sale

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

2 Timothy 4:7 NIV

Care Net's spring fundraising events were a blast!

First, the Baby Steps 5K Fun Run, hosted by Rudyard Bible Church and organized by Jessica Beery, provided great family fun. The 1-mile event had 22 participants. Paul Sweeten was the overall winner for this event with a time of 8:04. The 5K Fun Run had some new obstacles this year, including a bulwark of hay bales and a "soggy bottom" (a stretch of the course that was pure mud). The top three runners for the 5K were Terry Myers, Krissy Smith, and Paul Sweeten. Weather that day was gorgeous, and it was a great event. \$1078.06 was raised by the Baby Steps event.

The end of June, Care Net holds a garage sale in conjunction with Engineer Days in the Sault. All items for the garage sale are donated and everything is for sale

"by donation." We have found over the years that this allows folks with needs to get things they really need at prices they can afford, while others that don't really need anything, give generously to support Care Net. It is also a great way to share what Care Net does. Many people who wouldn't seek out our services are willing to come to a garage sale.

Special thanks to Tom and Valli Lawlor, Jaden Lawlor, Maggie Jentoft, Bob and Bonnie Novak, Norm Sampson, Martha Hutchens, Michelle Bole, Nancy Cline, Ed and Wilma Rupprecht, Amy Abram, Deb Kobes, Joyce Mastaw, Mary McKay, the Callaghan Family and Adam and Aiden Valeski. Many volunteers made this the smoothest and most appreciated garage sale yet. Total

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 NIV

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.

The 2019 conference was held at St. Louis' Union Station Hotel in Missouri. Brenda Jones and Noel Rupprecht were able to attend and really appreciated this

opportunity. We were challenged by Roland Warren to not accept society's definition of tolerance, but instead to love as Christ loves, in spirit and in truth. We were taught about how Generation Z uses internet and devices to become even more isolated and alone. Keith Ferrin led us in learning our identities in Christ from Ephesians 1-3. Bob Goff motivated us to hold onto Christ and let go of all unnecessary burdens. Randy Newman encouraged evangelism in sharing our own experiences and how God has worked in our lives to move others closer to Him. Thank you for making this amazing conference possible.

2019-2020 Care Net Events

Caring for Care Net Sunday

At your church, any
Sunday you choose

Fall Auction & Dessert

Thursday, October 17
6:30 p.m.
New Horizons Church –
Pickford

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Service

January, 2020
TBA

Spring Banquet

Friday, April 17, 2020
Speaker: Kathy Sparks
At Sault Wesleyan
Church

Baby Steps 5K Trail Run & Walk

Saturday, May 20, 2020
Day-of registration begins
8:30 a.m.
Races begin 10 a.m.
Rudyard School Farm
Trail

Garage Sale

June 26-27, 9a.m.–4p.m.
At Care Net

Community Corner

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:12 NIV

- The Brimley postal workers conducted a can drive in May. They donated all the food collected to Care Net. Our clients have been so excited by the food items available to them. Thank you to Brimley contributors and the post office staff for organizing this.
- A friend of Care Net recently received numerous large cans and jars of old coins in an inheritance. She donated all these coins to Care Net. Deb spent several evenings sorting the coins, pulling out any that might have special value. These we will have appraised and see if we can get a better value. The remaining coins totaled \$893.45. Thank you for such a generous and unique gift.
- Thank you to the folks that came out to help spruce up our garden beds in June: Andrea Muench, Norm Sampson, Amber and Lila Tuzinowski, Grace Kowalski and Trinity Bauer. Thanks also to Adam Valeski for replacing some large ugly bushes with flowering plants. Our garden beds look much more inviting.
- Thank you to all those that helped pack the mart to clear the building for truss repairs: Jim and Michele Callaghan, Amber Tuzinowski, Jan Becker, and Carolyn Trumble. We are still waiting for the repairs to be made, but many hands made the job manageable. Thank you for your time.

Celebrating Life – Donna Batho

“Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Psalms 23:6 NIV



Donna Batho has been a friend and partner with Care Net for many years. She was faithful to keep her church up-to-date on what was happening at Care Net and participated in fundraising events regularly. Her jam baskets have been a favorite of the Fall Auction for many years.

Donna started volunteering at Care Net in March 2008. She said that after her husband died, she wanted to do something that kept her active and meant something.

Donna surely meant something to the women she met with at Care Net. Her gentle spirit and ready smile made her easy to love. She cared about what was happening in the lives of those she served. Even when she was not comfortable with the technological side of meeting with clients, she still wanted to serve them.

Donna passed away August 24th, 2019. She had ended her time at Care Net in October 2018 but was still active in prayer for this ministry and by attending events. We praise God for this faithful friend, prayer warrior, and advocate for life.

New at Care Net

We have several things we wanted to share with our whole Care Net family. Many people have asked regarding progress on these projects.

- *Telephone system:* a new phone system and new handsets have been installed. A few extra features that we would like to have available are still being added on, but we are functioning well. Thank you to all our partners that made it possible.
- *Concrete Sidewalk:* do you remember the wooden walkway that extended between the two buildings here at the center? It is no more! We have a new concrete walkway. It is wider, more easily shoveled, and looks so nice.
- *Truss Repairs:* repairs will begin on Monday, 9/16 on the trusses in the back building. The Mart is almost cleared. As soon as construction is completed, we will need help moving everything back into the Mart and getting it ready for clients to again use. During the construction, we have diapers, wipes, and food items available to clients.

Community Interactions

“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

1 Peter 2:12 NIV

Summer is a busy time for many people. The weather is nice and getting out to visit family and friends is always a highlight.

Summer at Care Net also means getting out to visit family and friends. We start off with the Garage Sale in June. In August, Care Net can be found at Downtown Days in Sault Ste. Marie. This year we had several very positive conversations with people passing by. We also had conversations with two women really struggling with hard things. Please pray for them and pray that God will allow our paths to cross again.

August 23 found us holding down a canopy at Lake Superior State’s Lakerpalooza. The weather was great for meeting students on campus and sharing our information. We were also blessed by having a young woman give us her phone number. She gave her baby up for adoption and is willing to share that story with any clients trying to make that decision.

We ended our visits at the Chippewa County Fair. So many people came out to help man the booth. We truly appreciate help from so many of our family. This year instead of having visitors complete a survey, we posted trivia questions each day. This was a great way to start conversations. It was non-threatening and allowed visitors to start asking questions about what Care Net does.

At both Downtown Days and the fair, I was asked what I thought about Trump defunding abortion centers “and taking that money away from helping women.” I said that we provide all our services through the generous donations of people in our communities – not from federal funding. If we truly believe in helping women, we can find a way without government funding.

Please pray for our nation as we seek to serve women and men facing unplanned pregnancies with love and truth.

Medical Center Update

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

Proverbs 17:22 NIV

Many of you know that Dr. Guevara has moved out-of-state. Currently, she continues as Care Net’s medical director through electronic means until her Michigan medical license expires in December 2020. We wish to thank her for her faithful service, her encouragement and help with starting the medical clinic at Care Net, and her dedication to God and life.

We have already started the search for a new medical director. This person must be Christian, pro-

life, and a licensed OB/GYN or MD. If you know of anyone fitting this description that would be a good fit, please let us know how to contact that person.

Please continue to pray that women and men seeking abortions would come to Care Net instead. During 2019, we have only conducted 4 pregnancy tests and no ultrasounds. This is not indicative of the needs in our area. Please pray also that we will know how to advertise to those needing our help.

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, Renie Smart, Jordan Tremblay, Adam Valeski

Pray for Our Board of Directors!

Don Cole – Sault Ste. Marie

Phil Becker – 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.”

Psalm 90:12 ESV

I had a conversation with a woman at the Chippewa County Fair that started out something like this:

“Are you a pro-life group?”
“Yes, we are.”

“I would never have an abortion myself, and I don’t think abortion should be used as birth control, but what about those poor women that have been raped or are victims of incest? How can you make them go through that?”

As we continued to talk, it became clear that we were not so far apart in our beliefs as she first thought. We both care about women. We both care about that little baby. We both seek to serve both in a compassionate way.

As she was leaving the booth, she said, “I think we could be friends. You at least are willing to talk and listen.”

Isn’t this what Jesus did? Didn’t he listen to those around Him? He told them truth in a straightforward way

that let them know He cared. They were willing to hear the truth because they knew he cared.

How often do we become defensive and angry in our responses to those with opposite opinions? David Nasser, campus pastor at Liberty University, said recently that God’s Truth does not need us to defend it. We are called to speak the Truth in love so that we will grow up into Him who is our Head, Jesus (Ephesians 4:15). When we speak truth in love, we also allow the other person to know they are valued and respected. After all, they are also made by God in His image.

As you engage others in discussions about life, remember that we represent the Author and Giver of life. Speak truth but do so with respect and love.

By the way, victims of rape account for 1% of abortions in the United States (*Facts on Abortion 2018*, care-net.org).

Needs List

Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- **Disposable diapers (sizes 4, 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
- **Feminine Hygiene Items**

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!



Hosted by
New Horizons Church of the Nazarene

Live Auction
Silent Auction
Tasty Desserts & Coffee

Thursday, October 17, 2019
6:30 p.m.

*Fall Auction &
Dessert Benefit*

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