

Heartlines



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Serving Through COVID-19

"This is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another."

1 John 3:11 NLT

This year has brought many surprises, and we are only into May. But God is good, and HE is always in control.

March 16, due to Governor Whitmer's initial "Stay Home" Executive Order, we closed the pregnancy center for our parenting education clients. Deb and I (Noel) checked phone messages, email and social media requests daily to respond to medical appointment requests and requests for items from the mart. During that time, we were also able to put in place policies and procedures to safely and prudently serve our clients while still adhering to the Executive Order.

Beginning April 13, the Center reopened with our new restrictions in place. We are open regular hours, but the doors remain locked with a notice to please call in to be screened before entering. We still are not offering parenting education appointments face-to-face but are calling clients on a weekly basis. If possible, we are texting a link to clients for an online lesson. Once they complete the lesson, we follow-up with a phone call, answering questions and getting feedback on the lessons. We are so excited about this capability through Bright Course.

We are also scheduling medical appointments. We are following recommendations for sanitation and hygiene to make sure that not only are our medical staff protected and safe, our mothers-to-be are also safe in coming here. Please pray that we will soon be able to get the medical supplies we need to continue serving clients safely.

While we are continuing to seek ways to serve Christ, it is strange to not have the face-to-face connections with clients we normally do. In our weekly phone calls with them, many clients are stating how much they miss us – not the mart items, not the lessons, but us – the staff and volunteers. This is how we know that what we offer is much more than material resources and information. What we offer (or demonstrate) is the love of Christ, the fellowship of believers, a relationship with God. This is really what clients are missing.

Please pray that God will continue to guide us as we reach out for Him to those seeking abortions. We are searching for the best ways to connect and let them know we care. Pray for wisdom and direction as we seek to reach the abortion-minded women and men of our area.

Returnables Drive!

April - May
Drop off at Care Net or
contact us for pick up.
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Upcoming Events:

Scrap Metal Drive

May 15-17
At Care Net

Garage Sale

June 26-27
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
At Care Net

Abortion Reporting: Michigan 2018

Total Abortions: 25,554

By Age of Woman:

Under 20 Years	9%
20-24 Years	29%
25-29 Years	32%
30-40 Years	27%
Over 40	3%

87% of abortions were performed on unmarried women.

The majority of women, 88 percent, were self referred.

Weeks of Gestation when Abortion was Performed:

Before 5 Weeks	2%
5-8 Weeks	63%
9-12 Weeks	23%
13-16 Weeks	8%
17-20 Weeks	3%
21-24 Weeks	1%
25-28 Weeks	6 abortions
After 28 Weeks	1 abortion

Types of Abortion:

Suction Curettage	55%
Chemical	38%
Dilation & Evacuation	7%

Pregnancy Confirmation Methods:

Ultrasound	91%
Lab Urine Test	3%
Home Urine Test	6%

Six abortions were performed without testing for pregnancy.

Taken from Charlotte Lozier Institute's report "Abortion Reporting: Michigan 2018" published September 23, 2019.

“Spring Banquet” Becomes “Fall Banquet”

“My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Psalm 139:15-16 NIV

So...The “Spring” Banquet is becoming a “Fall” Banquet, now rescheduled for October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Sault Wesleyan Church. God has blessed us in that Kathy Sparks is still able to come as our speaker to share how God worked in her life. This is also a blessing because it allows you more opportunities to talk to neighbors, friends and co-workers about how Care Net serves EUP communities. Invite them – especially those new to Care Net – to the banquet this fall.

Our theme this year is from Dr. Suess’ *Horton Hears a Who*. Throughout the book, Horton the elephant emphasizes that just because he is the only one to hear the Whos on a speck of dust, it does not diminish the value of the Whos. Horton says repeatedly, “A Person’s A Person No Matter How Small.”

Often a woman feels so small herself that she can’t see a way to survive an unplanned pregnancy other than abortion. One of our goals at Care Net is to empower her to see that she can be a mother and still reach her dreams. She does not need to feel small to save her baby that is so small.

Invitations with the new date will be sent as reminders in late August. We ask you to make your reservations then, so we know how much food to have Karl’s Cuisine prepare.

Our speaker: Kathy Sparks.

Having facilitated the horrors of abortion in the past, Kathy Sparks is now a fierce pro-life advocate. “Called out of darkness and into His marvelous light” may best describe the testimony of Kathy who, having once worked as a medical assistant in an abortion clinic, is now serving the Lord Jesus Christ as President/CEO of Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers in Granite City and Belleville, Illinois. Kathy’s testimony of the supernatural intervention of God in her life brings to reality the Holy Scripture, which declares, “...and we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)



Friday, October 2, 2020 6:30 p.m.

At Sault Wesleyan Church, 3556 Seymour Rd., Sault Ste. Marie

2020 Care Net Events

Caring for Care Net Sunday

At your church, any Sunday you choose. Let us know when we can come share updates with your congregation.

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At Care Net

Scrap Metal Drive!

May 15-17, 2020
At Care Net

Garage Sale

June 26-27, 9a.m.–4p.m.
At Care Net

Chippewa County Fair

September 1 – 7
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
each day
Fair Grounds in Kinross

Fundraising Banquet

Friday, October 2, 2020
Speaker: Kathy Sparks
At Sault Wesleyan Church

Make a Joyful Noise

January, 2021
Location & Exact date to be determined.

FUNdraisers!

“Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?”

1 Corinthians 3: 16 NLT

RETURNABLES DRIVE!

April through May you can help Care Net by donating your returnable cans, bottles and glass. When return centers are again open, these will be redeemed for the 10 cents value and the cash used by Care Net for client needs. To donate returnables, drop them off at Care Net or contact us for a pick-up. Someone can pick them up from your driveway.



SCRAP METALS DRIVE!

Scrap metal getting in the way of your spring cleanup? **May 15-17** bring it all to the scrap metal dumpster at Care Net. Any metals are accepted. Please, no wood, plastic or glass. Donated refrigerators **MUST** have an evacuation sticker. If you need help delivering scrap metals, please contact us and someone can come to pick up.

Medical Center Update

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

Proverbs 17:2 NIV

Several needs are present in our medical clinic right now. Our ultrasound machine needs repair, as there is no power reaching the monitor. We have been in contact with the service technician from Philips. This can be a costly fix, but we are so grateful that God has provided funds for this ahead of time, through our ultrasound account. We hope the funds we already have are adequate to cover this repair.

We continue to search for a pro-life doctor that works as an OB/GYN or MD to be our medical director. This person must agree with our Statement of Faith and have experience with reading OB ultrasound.

We are also looking for nurses willing to volunteer a few hours' time each week to conduct pregnancy tests. We are hoping to receive help on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please continue to pray that women and men seeking abortions would come to Care Net instead. Please pray also that we will know how to reach them to let them know we are a safe and confidential place to receive compassion, hope and help.



Tricia Goyer is a homeschooling mom of ten, grandmother of two, and wife to John. A bestselling author, Tricia has published 50 books to date and has written more than 500 articles. She is a two time Carol Award winner, as well as a Christy and ECPA Award Nominee. Tricia is also on the blogging team at TheBetterMom.com, FortheFamily.com and other homeschooling and Christian sites. Her recent book, *Teen Mom: You're Stronger Than You Think* (Zondervan) is available from major retailers.

Tricia volunteers around her community and mentors teen moms. She is the founder of Hope Pregnancy Ministries in Northwestern Montana, and she currently leads a Teen MOPS Group in Little Rock, AR.

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What A Pregnant Teen Really Needs

Taken from "What A Pregnant Teen Really Needs", posted on the care-net.org website by Tricia Goyer.

Teen moms need a lot of things, but here are 5 things they need the most:

1. **Respect**—When a young woman becomes pregnant, she is often disrespected by friends, family, and strangers. Yes, choosing sex outside of marriage is a mistake that can come with difficult consequences, but a young woman needs respect for choosing to have her child. She also needs respect for all she's trying to juggle. Many young women have to balance high school classes, ob-gyn appointments, work, and extracurricular activities, all while trying to plan a future for their child. **Your respect will tell a teen mom that her sacrifice is worth it!**

2. **Emotional support**—A pregnant teen has a multitude of worries, and it doesn't help when everyone around her thinks she'd ruined her life by becoming pregnant. It's important for caring adults to spend time listening to a teen mom and offering sympathy and care. The heaviest burdens are those we carry alone. **Be the person to help lift the burdens by walking alongside a young woman.**

3. **Space and Time**—Teen mothers need time to sort through all their issues and problems. They have to make hard decisions, and these decisions can't be made overnight. For example, the decision to parent a child or choose adoption may take months rather than days. Space and time are often needed. **Don't try to push her into your idea of what would be the best choice.**

4. **Grace**—During my pregnancy, and after I had my son, I wanted to be the perfect mom ... talk about stress! Let a teen mom know that she doesn't have to be perfect. EVERY mom messes up and makes mistakes. **When a teen mom is given grace by others then she can give grace to herself.** It also opens up the opportunity to share the grace that God offers, which is what we all need most.

5. **Perspective**—Teen moms often think that because they had a child that they'll now never get the things they've dreamt about—like a good marriage, or a chance to go to college. Let a young woman know that her life doesn't stop when she's a teen mom. Tell her that she can start from where she's at and turn to God in prayer. **A baby doesn't close the door on a young woman's potential.** She can find a godly husband, with God's help. She can go to school and follow her dreams. A young mom needs to know that the months of pregnancy are just a tiny segment of the timeline of her life. There are still many years to grow into the person God has designed her to be.

I'm so thankful for those women who reached out and offered me these five gifts. **Yes, the baby blankets and the burp rags that I received at the baby shower were helpful, but respect, support, space, grace and perspective pointed me in the right direction and impacted me for life.** Those are the best gifts I was given, and the ones I like to offer others as much as I can.

If you minister to teen moms, won't you join me in sharing these compassionate, hope-filled, and helpful gifts?

**Pray For Our
Staff and Volunteers!**

Noel Rupprecht –
Executive Director

Deb Kobes – Center
Director

Dr. Madeleine Guevara,
OB/GYN D.O. – Medical
Director

Brenda Jones, RN –
Nurse Manager

Angela Thompson,
RDMS -
Ultrasonographer

Chasidy Keyser –
Volunteer Recruitment
and Training

In Office Volunteers:
Linda Bush, Pamela Ellis,
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Mastaw, Mary Myton,
Renie Smart, Jordan
Tremblay

**Pray for Our
Board of Directors!**

Don Cole – Sault Ste.
Marie

Phil Becker – Rudyard

Norm Sampson – Sault
Ste. Marie

Bryanna Murray –
Brimley

Rachel Cron – Sault Ste.
Marie

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

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

During this time of social distancing, I have been reading a lot of articles and attending a lot of webinars. There is so much information available online it can be very overwhelming.

I started considering the women of our area that are having abortions. I started looking at statistics of who they are or might be. I started trying to understand why they choose to have an abortion.

I can't really understand why, but I can understand they feel alone and trapped. They feel their lives will not only change but become worse. Many messages from society drill this into them: "You worked so hard to get through college and have a career – are you going to throw that all away on an unplanned pregnancy?" "How can you afford a baby – you have all this college debt?" "How can you afford another child – you are barely making it with the child/children you have?"

Some experts are predicting that we will start to see more unplanned pregnancies in the aftermath of COVID-19 and the "Stay Home" orders. There are also growing reports of depression, loneliness and mental health issues during these enforced isolations. Combine these two states (unplanned pregnancy and depression/loneliness), and the idea of becoming a mother must be overwhelmingly hard to view as a gift or a positive experience. Can you imagine how socially distant a woman could then feel?

Will you please pray with me that Care Net is able to reach these women - wherever they are – with the message that not only are their babies' lives valuable, but their own lives are precious as well? God values each person He creates.

Needs List

Client:

- Cribs, bassinets and mattresses
- New car seats
- **Disposable diapers (sizes 3, 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, hand sanitizer, 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
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

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

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!

Friday, June 26 – Saturday, June 27
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
At Care Net Pregnancy Center
HELP NEEDED!!



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