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# Heartlines Newsletter

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## Party Planners Needed!

Did you know Care Net is turning 39 this year? We are looking for help to plan a big celebration for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Call Noel Rupprecht at 906-635-1103 to volunteer.

## Upcoming Events:

### Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up

May 1, 9:00 a.m.  
Meet at Care Net

## 2020 – A Year of Blessings

*"Surely you have granted him unending blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence."*

Psalms 21:6 NIV

We made plans for 2020, but nothing turned out as we expected. COVID shutdowns and state regulations changed many things. But God was not surprised by any of it; in fact, He used the shutdowns to bring about so many blessings for Care Net.

First, while we were not able to meet with *Earn While You Learn* clients in March and April, God provided extra training for staff members. Trainings which were previously expensive, in-person affairs were offered online free of charge. This helped us be better equipped and prepared for the work God calls us to at Care Net. It also helped us to refocus on our mission – to be a medical clinic reaching out to abortion-minded women and men, that also provides parenting education and support.

Second, God provided online parenting education classes for us to use with clients. While we are still working out some of the specifics, we are excited to have this capability as it helps us reach clients having difficulty coming to the Sault for appointments. The online lessons make it possible for a client to have weekly lessons and come to Care Net only once per month. For those in St. Ignace and Newberry areas, this blessing can really increase Care Net's impact.

Third, when we were able to start seeing clients again, all volunteers willingly and readily returned. We have been so blessed by the dedication and desire of our 9 volunteers to serve. They really are the connection factor with clients. On top of this, none of our staff or volunteers have yet contracted COVID. We thank God for the blessing of health.

Third, while so many people were working at home or not working while at home, many basements and storage areas were sorted through. The mart has been overflowing this past year with all the material donations received from you – our partners in ministry. Over and over again we have been able to provide what clients need because we have been given so much.

Fourth, God has provided the medical staff we need to re-engage the medical clinic. See page 2 for the details of this wonderful blessing.

Fifth, even though we were not able to hold the majority of our fundraising events, God – through YOU – provided all the funding Care Net needed last year. We were 100% funded. Thank you.

Most importantly, through the struggles of 2020, more client hearts have been open to hear how much God loves them and desires them to be His. He, after all, is the heart of Care Net.

## What to Expect at a Medical Appointment

First, when a woman or man calls Care Net to request an appointment, she or he will receive care, confidentiality, and compassion. We ask a few questions to determine the type of service being requested, then we offer information that will help the appointment to go more smoothly.

Second, upon arrival, Care Net completes the necessary COVID screenings. This includes a forehead temperature scan and a simple questionnaire. Two documents will need to be completed, one documenting what services are being requested and the second informing the client of Care Net's confidentiality practices.

Third, the client then meets with an advocate to share her/his needs and hear what Care Net can offer. Then the nurse will consult with the client to determine what services can be offered and when.



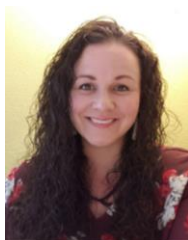
## Medical Center Update

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

Proverbs 17:2 NIV

Care Net's medical clinic offers laboratory grade pregnancy testing and ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy. Specifically, we seek to answer the questions: 1) is the pregnancy test accurate? 2) is the pregnancy viable? And 3) how far along is the pregnancy? Having the correct staff in place is a vital part of providing the best care possible. We are happy to introduce you to our medical staff.

Dr. Jeremy Day is a pro-life, Christian family physician new to the EUP. As medical director, he oversees the medical clinic, determines operations, and reviews ultrasounds and procedures performed at the center. Pray for his discernment and knowledge as he serves God here.



Lisa Young, RN, is the Clinic Manager. Lisa has 10 years of emergency room experience at War Memorial Hospital. She has jumped in with both feet to both learn the responsibilities of being the clinic manager as well as meeting with medical clients. Pray that her training will well equip her going forward.

Angela Thompson, RDMS, returns to Care Net as ultra sonographer. Angela worked with Care Net from 2014-2016, returned in 2019, and then took a "leave of absence" while we searched for a new medical director. Thank God for her dedication and allowing her to return.

We are also pleased to introduce Amy Lane, RN. Amy has been serving as a volunteer for Care Net over the past 2 years. While she will continue to volunteer as a client advocate, Amy will also be performing pregnancy tests on Wednesdays. This allows us 2 days/week of medical services. It also provides more streamlined appointments for medical clients coming for ultrasounds.

A wonderful blessing for our medical clinic is the formation of a Medical Advisory Committee. This group reviews the work happening in the clinic and helps to develop the best protocols and practices for clients. It is so helpful to have this additional medical knowledge and encouragement. Please pray these members will be encouraged in their service here.

The ultrasound machine was serviced in June 2020 and is functioning well. Ordering medical supplies has returned to normal, now that COVID is not as critical. And we are already starting to see medical clients on a regular basis.

The greatest prayer concern for the clinic – and the center as a whole – is that abortion-minded women and men would find Care Net instead of an abortion provider. You can help. First, pray. Second, share what you know about Care Net with friends, family and neighbors that might need our services. Most women and men we see came because someone they know told them about us.

## 2020 Service Report

### Appointments:

# of Appointments	495
Individuals Served	60
# of Women	42
# of Men	18
Pregnancy Tests*	7
Sonograms*	2
Parenting Lessons	385

\*No medical available for 6 months due to staffing changes

### Mart Distribution:

Total Items Given: 3373

### Most Popular Items:

Use Baby Clothes	1468
Baby Food/Formula	303
Diapers(pkg)	223
Toys	208
New Baby Clothes	178
Maternity Clothes	104
Baby Wipes (pkg)	95
Shoes/Slippers/Boots	75

### Ministry Partners:

# of Donors	229
# of Churches	32
# of Businesses	13
Average Gifts/Donor	3.5
# of Monthly Donors	17

Total Income \$99,722

## Community Corner

*"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

Area businesses also support Care Net. Last year the businesses highlighted on this page provided funds to underwrite the costs of Care Net's banquet. That banquet did not happen, but these businesses were willing to leave their donations with Care Net. Please let them know how much we appreciate their support of life in the EUP.

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## Email Addresses Needed

Care Net is developing an email update newsletter that will be sent out once per month. It will alert you to special prayer requests, specific needs and praises as well as upcoming events.

To receive this update, please send an email to [info@careneteup.org](mailto:info@careneteup.org) with "Monthly Update" in the subject and your name in the body of the email.



We hope to send donation receipts electronically through email in the near future. We will ask permission to send your receipt to the given email when we are able to provide this service.

Thank you for helping us to better connect with you and update our databases.

Providing your email will not remove you from the quarterly print newsletter.

## Financial Accountability

*"Keep your lives free from the love of **money** and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"*

Hebrews 13:5 NIV



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 19, 2021

### Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP Accredited by National Financial Accountability Organization

SAULT STE. MARIE, MI – The ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) announced today the accreditation of Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

ECFA accreditation is based on the [ECFA Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship™](#), including financial accountability, transparency, sound board governance and ethical fundraising.

[Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP](#) joins a growing number of Christ-centered churches and ministries across America, supported by over 14.6 million donors that have earned the right to display the ECFA seal. When an organization is accredited by ECFA, it demonstrates its willingness to follow the model of biblical accountability.

"We are pleased to accredit a ministry committed to affirm the value of life," said Michael Martin, president of ECFA.

Founded in 1982, Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP (<http://euppregnancyoptions.com>) compassionately presents biblical truth to those experiencing pregnancy related to crises, along with providing a network of care, resulting in changed lives to the glory of God.

To learn more about Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP and their stewardship opportunities, visit [ServantMatch®](#), ECFA's program that matches God's servants with the stewardship options of ECFA members based on ministry sectors and categories. It is ECFA's newest online feature that allows you to quickly and easily find giving opportunities.

ECFA, founded in 1979, provides accreditation to leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with the ECFA Standards pertaining to financial accountability, fundraising and board governance. For more information about ECFA, including information about accreditation and a listing of ECFA-accredited members, visit [www.ECFA.org](http://www.ECFA.org) or call 1-800-323-9473.



### Pray For Our Staff and Volunteers!

Noel Rupprecht –  
Executive Director

Deb Kobes – Center  
Director

Dr. Day, MD – Medical  
Director

Lisa Young, RN – Clinic  
Manager

Angela Thompson, RDMS  
- Ultrasonographer

Jordan Tremblay –  
Volunteer Coordinator

In Office Volunteers:  
Linda Bush, Pamela Ellis,  
Karen Goetz, Marv  
Lalone, Amy Lane, Joyce  
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, especially  
someone with financial  
experience. Please pray  
that God would lead the  
right people, maybe you,  
to these roles.

## From Noel's Perspective

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

*Psalms 98:1*

Have you ever wondered? Not tried to puzzle something out or solve a problem. Not question what is happening. Just wondered and marveled. 2020 was a year in which I often stopped and wondered, marveled at God's faithfulness and goodness. The year certainly didn't go as I had planned, but He was very active and faithful.

Many of our clients need to know this about God. They need to know He cares and is active in their lives. They see this pregnancy, this gift of a child, as a problem or something needing to be "fixed." The questions and concerns outweigh the positives. Care Net is here to lend support and encouragement. We strive to let them know God gives life and creates each new being with purpose and design. When we can step back and see God's hand at work, we can see the gift He gives through new life.

2020 was difficult for many of our clients. They lost jobs. They struggled to get services from other agencies. They felt unimportant and forgotten. Yet God provided so that we could meet some of those needs.

What does 2021 hold? I can honestly say, we have no idea. We have some plans, yes, but we are not limiting God to our plans. We are praying and staying wide open to see what He is going to do. With excitement and anticipation, we are waiting to see Him change the hearts of women and men of the EUP.

Come WONDER with us. Come marvel with us. Come pray to see what God will do through Care Net, His ministry for life in the EUP. Be ready for Him to do great and marvelous things – that is just how He works.

## Needs List



Laundry detergent  
(adult and baby)



- Diaper Rash Ointment
- Women's Body Lotion



- Girls pajamas in sizes 6-9 months, 12 months, 18 months, size 2 and size 3



- Full Size Diaper Bags
- Breast Feeding Pads

**Finances to meet these and other needs!**

Want an easy way to help family, friends and neighbors learn more about Care Net? Review us on either Facebook or Google. Simply capture the QR codes above with your phone camera, then write a review. Tell how you feel about Care Net's service to the community.

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