



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 40th anniversary. Call Noel Rupprecht at 906-635-1103 to volunteer.

Upcoming Events:

Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up

Sept 25, 9:00 a.m.
Meet at Care Net

People...People...People

"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...But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."

1 Corinthians 12:12, 18 NIV

Ever wonder what makes Care Net different? It is the people that fill this place. It is people who know the Lord Jesus Christ and want to share what He has done in their lives. It is people who care about every woman and man – regardless of circumstances – and can say, "we are here to help you."

Having a heart to serve is one thing. Directing all these hearts on a single mission with a vision of where God is leading is another. This is the role of board members. The Board of Directors makes sure Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP is viable, ethical and effectual.

Ensuring Care Net is viable means providing the staff, the equipment, the funds and anything else necessary to accomplish the mission. Overseeing the big picture, making sure all the necessary parts are in place, and determining where the center is headed all are details necessary for Care Net to continue to serve women and men of the EUP considering abortion.

The board governs ethical conduct through implementing, reviewing and updating policies and procedures followed by all staff and volunteers. This includes integrity in professionalism, finances, personal behavior, and scripturally. Are we living and working in the way God designed for us?

Effectiveness of ministry is measured in multiple ways. Both short-term goals and long-terms goals help the board determine if Care Net is growing or moving the direction set out by our mission and vision statements.

Each board member brings his or her personal, professional and spiritual gifts to the work of Care Net. Currently we are looking for individuals with legal, financial, and business backgrounds to help move Care Net to the next level of ministry.

Application packets can be picked up at the center. Once your application is complete, and reference requests have been received, you will be invited to join a board meeting to observe how it functions. This will be a time for you to ask questions, answer questions, and meet the members of the board. After this initial introduction, an interview may or may not be scheduled. The board votes on every board member selection after a time of prayer and discernment.

Think this is a way for you to serve with Care Net? Please contact Noel or stop by the center to pick up a packet. You can also talk to an existing board member. Then prayerfully consider how God would have you serve.

2020 Abortion Statistics for the EUP

Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence Michigan Residents, 2020

Chippewa	29
Luce	1
Mackinac	11

Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age of Woman Michigan Residents, 2020

<i>Chippewa County</i>	
Under 24 Years	10
25-29 Years	8
30-34 Years	6
Over 35 Years	5
<i>Mackinac County</i>	
Under 24 Years	4
Over 25 Years	7

*Age not reported for Luce
County Abortion*

*7 of the 29 women living in
Chippewa County who had
abortions in 2020 had a
previous abortion*

*All 12 of the women
having abortions from
Luce & Mackinac counties
reported having previous
abortions.*

*Taken from
<https://www.mdch.state.mi.us/osr/abortion/Summary.asp>*

Medical Center Update

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

Proverbs 17:2 NIV

Since reopening the medical clinic in February, we have performed 18 pregnancy tests and conducted 10 ultrasounds. Of these, half were either abortion-minded or abortion-vulnerable.

What is the difference between someone who is "abortion-minded" and someone who is "abortion-vulnerable"? For the purposes of this reporting, a woman who is "abortion-minded" is one who is determined to have an abortion. She is the one making the decision. A woman who is "abortion-vulnerable" is uncertain what she wants to do about this pregnancy, but she has people in her life encouraging her to abort.

But here is another perspective: every woman is abortion-vulnerable until her baby is born and is safely held in her arms. Circumstances for any woman can change in such drastic ways that a baby who was considered a gift or a blessing can suddenly be considered a problem and a burden. For example, a boyfriend or husband who was initially supportive could now be out of the picture (the relationship has ended, or he is now in jail, etc.). A job that supported the family has been lost or terminated, meaning there is no insurance, and the family is struggling to make it financially. Another mouth to feed becomes a very real concern, not to mention the cost of diapers. There are so many circumstances that can change and impact a woman during pregnancy.

So how do we meet these women? We meet them right where they are with the love of Jesus and with information. During pregnancy, hormones fluctuate in great waves. Emotions are all over the place. What is exciting and possible one day is scary and unreal the next. By giving women information to base their pregnancy decisions on, we can empower them to know why they chose to keep their babies. When we perform an ultrasound, we are looking for three pieces of information to give the mother: 1) is there really a pregnancy? 2) is the pregnancy viable, meaning is there a heartbeat? 3) how old is this baby? Knowing the reasons for a decision make it much easier to stick with that decision during the emotional lows. Knowing Jesus' love and the support and concern of His people for you, gives you a place to share those lows that reminds you of His goodness. This is why we encourage every woman that comes for pregnancy testing to continue to come to Care Net for other services. The support and encouragement they receive from client advocates provides that extra layer of impact, that extra "you can do this."

The clinic has two specific needs: 1) the carpet in our medical room needs to be replaced with laminate flooring for sanitary reasons; 2) we are looking to purchase a laptop to use for digital record keeping (much like doctor's offices use). We are still looking into the specific costs of each of these needs, but please consider donating to help cover these expenses.

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Care Net Banquet – did you miss it?

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
 2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

August 6 – a strange date to have a “Spring Banquet.” Initially this banquet was to take place April 2020. Due to COVID, we postponed it until October 2020, and then again until August 6, 2021. But what a celebration we had!

God is good...All the time! That is Care Net’s theme this year and we spent the evening recapping all the challenges we saw in 2020. However, in every situation we also saw God’s hand and His provision.

Kathy Sparks spoke to us about how God took her out of working as a medical assistant in an abortion clinic to not only work at pregnancy centers, but to serve Him. Her testimony, filled with humor and great information, shared how the enemy blinds us to what is happening in the world. God in His goodness opens our eyes to Himself and to the needs of those around us.

Only about 100 people were able to attend the banquet this year. But you did not miss your chance to make a difference in the EUP. Care Net operates 12 months a year. Currently we are only open 22 hours per week, but we would love to be open more. Currently we are only located in the Sault, but we would love to be more accessible to women and men across the EUP. Join us in making these dreams possible. Here’s how:

First, pray. Pray for God to give us clear direction and understanding of His purposes for Care Net. We never want to move “forward” if it is not the direction God is leading. Second, consider your gifts and abilities. Is God calling you to be an active member of the team? We are looking for board members, client advocates, mart helpers, someone to clean regularly, and someone who enjoys landscaping. Perhaps you have abilities we have not thought of but could use. Let us know how you want to be involved. Third, consider being a financial partner by making a monthly donation to Care Net. Monthly donors are the mainstay of Care Net and are the ones providing what is needed to serve the women and men that come to Care Net on a daily basis. Care Net does not take any government funding. All our donations are from churches, businesses, and individuals who believe every life is precious. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed per IRS code.

To become a financial partner, send a check to Care Net using the envelope in this newsletter or go to eupforlife.org/Support-financially. At the bottom of the page you can set up a monthly online donation.

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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 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.

Light In the Darkness

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1:5 NIV

Roland Warren – President & CEO of Care Net
 Dr. Sarah Sumner – President of Right on Mission
 Steve Arterburn – Founder & Chairman of New Life Ministries
 Chrystal Evans Hurst – Author & Speaker
 Frank Peretti – Author

Dr. Day, Lisa Young, Deb Kobes and Noel Rupprecht were blessed to be able to attend the National Care Net Conference in San Antonio, TX this past month. The above speakers were keynote speakers and each spoke to the theme of being Light in the Darkness. Though the darkness can take many forms and comes at all different times, the Light is Jesus Christ – ALWAYS.

Each day we also attended 2 training sessions, covering topics related to administration, church & community, client care, marketing, cultural issues, development, leadership, medical, organizational culture, pro abundant life, and spiritual growth. These 75-minute sessions provide great information from leaders and experts to help us gain insight and develop skills to improve how we serve the women and men of the EUP. Some topics include information on how to identify women who might be victims of human trafficking; how to develop spiritual mettle in your center; information on the abortion pill and "reversal procedures."

Information and training is always a blessing. Another huge blessing is the chance to meet other people doing the same work, in the same roles, from all over the nation. Some centers are huge, with 5 or 6 locations serving thousands of women a year. Others are small, like ours. Some are new, only started in the past year. Others have been around a long time, like ours. But in each case, there is a common bond and a need to be encouraged to keep going, to keep improving, to keep serving.

Many vendors also attend the conference. By visiting their exhibits, we see what materials and services are available to help our clients. Many of these vendors started by working in pregnancy centers, seeing a specific need, and having an idea for how to meet that need. They are wonderful resources.

So why send 4 people to the conference? Care Net makes it a priority to send two people to the conference every other year. This year, we had new medical staff that needed training. They were the obvious choice. However, Noel in her role as Executive Director and Deb in her role as Center Director are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the center. The encouragement, education, and refreshment received at a conference are essential in a job that frequently has discouragements. The last year has brought many political, legal and health changes not only to our state and nation, but especially to pro-life pregnancy center work. Ensuring we have the tools necessary to operate above reproach and in accordance with state and federal regulations is required. The conference is the best place to interact and be able to ask questions of the experts. God blessed us financially and the board felt it wise to send four people.

Thank you for making this possible through your donations. We pray that over the next few months we will be able to report to you the improvements and changes to Care Net's services that came from this conference.

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, Marv Lalone, Amy Lane, Joyce Mastaw, Mary Myton, Renie Smart, Jordan Tremblay

Pray for Our Board of Directors!

Don Cole – Sault Ste. Marie

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

“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”

James 1:27 NLT

Sometimes it feels like just when one thing gets taken care of, something else goes wrong. I know many people have felt they are in a spin-cycle through this whole COVID era.

But then a reminder comes along – like 9/11 – that brings the problems back into perspective. Yes, the smaller problems are still there, and still need to be dealt with, but they are more manageable when seen in the bigger picture.

Many women coming to Care Net are focused on this unplanned pregnancy. Their world seems turned upside down. They can’t figure out how they can finish school, continue their career path, manage another mouth to feed. They are focused on the minutia of the situation. It is one of our responsibilities to bring the minutia into focus with the bigger picture.

So many people in our clients’ lives are telling them they can’t: they can’t be a mom and finish school; they can’t be a mom and have a career; they can’t be a mom and continue to take care of their other children. Care Net comes alongside to say, “you can – and we are here to help.” Life changes over and over again. When one thing gets taken care of, something else goes “wrong.” But that doesn’t mean we are incapable of making the changes. It doesn’t mean we are incapable of dealing with the next situation. Sometimes we do need help, at least for a time.

Isn’t that what we are called to do as Christians? Meet people where they are, in their distress, and help them reach a place where they can manage? Isn’t this part of discipleship? Isn’t this what Christ does for each of us?

Please continue to pray that the women and men coming to Care Net who are facing unplanned pregnancies can hear the good news that they have help. They can choose life for this little one and life in Christ for themselves.

Needs List



Laundry detergent (adult and baby)



- Diaper Rash Ointment
- Women’s Body Lotion

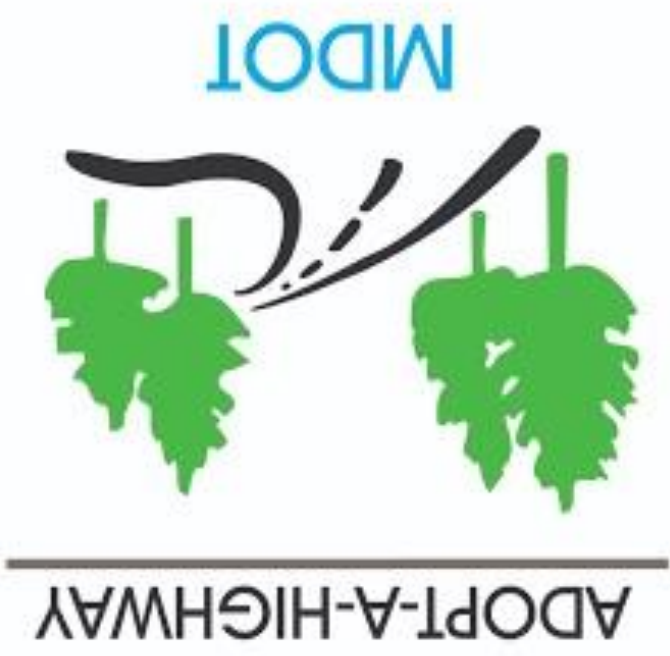


- Girls pajamas in sizes 6-9 months, 12 months, 18 months, size 2 and size 3



- Full Size Diaper Bags
- Breast Feeding Pads

Finances to meet these and other needs!



Call Noel to let her know about your team. Bring work gloves and beverages. Meet at Care Net at 9:00 for a brief safety video.

Join Care Net in serving our community with the Adopt-A-Highway program. Bring a team of 3-4 people and spend 1-2 hours cleaning along I-75. Your team could be a Bible study, a youth group, or friends. Safety vests and trash bags are provided. 6 teams can easily finish the 2-mile stretch.

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