

Alternatives

A Day in the Life of Care Net

*How you can be part of changing lives
everyday with Care Net*

Your sacrificial investment changes lives at Care Net. Every day, you make a difference. Let us show you what a day may bring.

How you make a difference – a day in the life of Care Net

1:02 am Crisis “You gotta do something to stop the whirlwind in my head.” The caller is frantic. She’s alone. She’s scared. And she’s pregnant. The home test showed up positive and she doesn’t know where to turn. But Care Net’s number is in the yellow pages, and she takes a chance that somebody might be there to take her call. (We are, 24/7.)

9:21 am Hope During morning prayers, the staff and volunteers sense that once again today their actions will make an eternal difference in someone’s life.

10:27 am Calm “I can’t believe how calming it is to be here.” Last night’s caller is holding a small gift bag as she wraps up a session with the counselor. “What you said about my value before God – nobody ever talked to me like that before. Thank you. I think I’ll be back.”

11:14 am Love Love takes many forms. And for the children and parents at a local Catholic grade school, today it

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Pregnancy Center Of Dane County



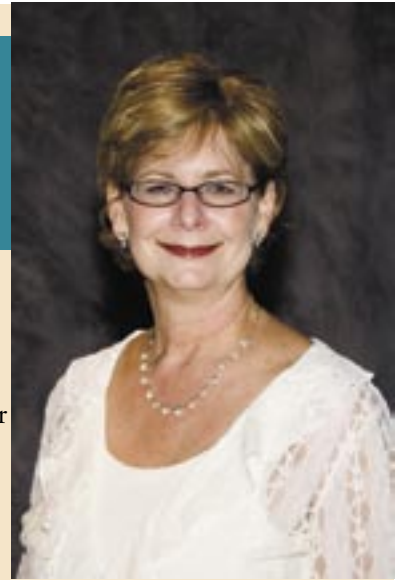
takes the form of a gift of baby clothes, thoughtfully purchased and lovingly hand wrapped.

1:32 pm Wonder An expectant mom at The Elizabeth House takes a break from her online job search to peruse the parenting articles in The Elizabeth House library. I’m going to be a mom. For the first time ever that thought fills her not with dread, but with wonder.

2:17 pm Decision “My boyfriend and I made the decision to stop having sex,” the client explains as she requests Care Net’s STI (sexually transmitted infections) testing. “We heard your presentation at our school, and we both decided we were worth the wait.”

3:05 pm Realization Partners are welcome, and even encouraged to attend the ultrasound session. At first he’s
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From My Heart



Liz Osborn
Executive Director

A CONNECTION, A PARTNERSHIP AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

There seems to be bad news everywhere...the dollar is falling, job figures are discouraging, gas and grocery prices are rising, homes aren't selling... bad economic news...it spreads like a virus and could leave us all gnawing off our nails. But, there is good news in the ministry of Care Net and as followers of Jesus Christ. We know our God, we know the faithfulness of our ministry partners and we know our mission... and it is spreading like a good virus in spite of hard times.

This effort of spreading the word about Care Net hasn't happened overnight. Making our ministry known in churches takes time, even more so to the community-at-large. It has involved many people working diligently on specialized teams – all for the same purpose over several years. We help educate and bridge the controversial abortion gap in an effort to help people better understand just

how a pregnancy resource center fits into the community.

By focusing on a concentrated community relations effort, not only will awareness increase overall, but client referrals will follow. It will also help us reach and develop new ministry partners and recruit volunteers, both so critical to our mission. We believe that strong healthy communities are communities of faith, hope and compassion. While we are a faith-based ministry (interdenominational), clients of all faiths or no religious faith are welcome to receive all services free of charge.

What might result from our efforts? Our community may become more

concerned and involved with the needs that exist for people in our community.

It is exciting to watch as we've begun to systematically connect more with the media, taking advantage of free exposure through radio, writing opinion editorials, letters to the editor and other prime outlets.

Wisconsin Public Radio recently contacted Care Net with an invitation to participate in a 3-day program on the declining infant mortality rate in Wisconsin and Dane County. The Elizabeth House, Care Net's residential program, was mentioned in the Wisconsin State Journal's articles on the same subject. Did you happen to see the beautiful photos of one of our residents and her adorable baby? Additionally, we're building stronger and more effective partnerships in the medical and social service sectors of our community. Care Net has partnered with long-standing institutions in helping to provide nursing and social work internships and abortion-alternatives education to 4th year medical students.

Through The Elizabeth House, Care Net has become a qualified extension of Dane County's "Circle of Parents" peer support network for single parents. More recently, we partnered with Children's Service Society of Wisconsin in providing a 6-week nurturing program on-site...and the list goes on and on.

Do you realize that YOU are invaluable to our community outreach efforts? Many client referrals come through our ministry partners...and many businesses and civic organizations learn of Care Net as you speak up in the marketplace.

Thank you for helping to spread the good virus of Care Net in the community...lives are literally being saved and hearts are changed now - affecting generations to come.

Called to be salt & light,

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From the Dentist Office

Care Net received a phone call from Mari* asking if we would be able to see her right away. We assured her we could and she came in. She was concerned that she was pregnant and wanted an abortion. It was unclear whether she had intended to come to Care Net or an abortion clinic. Someone from a dentist office gave her directions to Care Net.

Her pregnancy test came back negative. However, the counselor was able to speak to Mari about sexual integrity and that she was worth the wait. No one had ever explained sexual integrity to her before and she was very interested. She even agreed with some of the things the counselor said. She didn't make a pledge to purity but the seeds of sexual integrity were planted. Please pray for Mari.

Non-Judgmental Truth

Cindy* came to Care Net for a free pregnancy test, and if the test came back positive, for a free ultrasound. The test came back positive. She was already leaning towards having an abortion and the needs of her 15 month-old son, who came with her to the clinic, made her feel even more overwhelmed. The father of Cindy's unborn child was opposed to abortion and said he would help Cindy. However, as teenagers, Cindy aborted their first child without telling him.

During the ultrasound, Cindy's eyes teared up as she saw her child for the first time. She didn't know that her unborn child's heart was already beating. This caused her to

ask more developmental questions.

Cindy left with information about Whole Heart, Care Net's program helping women deal with past abortions. She also left with more knowledge about her unborn child. But she also left still undecided. Please pray that the truth about her unborn child will help Cindy make the right decision.

Second Chances

Sarah* came to Care Net very concerned that she was pregnant for the first time. Her free pregnancy test revealed that she was not pregnant. Relief gushed from her when she received the news. As this was her first pregnancy scare, she was very open to the follow up information Care Net's nurse provided her.

The nurse was able to share with Sarah that she was very special and worth waiting for. This message reinforced Sarah's desires for her life. In addition, the nurse shared with her the realities of sexually transferred infections. Sarah and the nurse then talked about renewed virginity, which Sarah accepted gladly.

Care Net's nurse made a follow up phone call. Sarah related to the nurse that she was honoring her commitment to renewed virginity. Praise the Lord for Sarah's promise to herself and pray that she continues to honor it.

*Fictitious names to protect privacy

Morning Prayers at TEH

More than a place of shelter, maternity home offers spiritual growth

Between 9:00 and 9:30 am weekday mornings, you may find The Elizabeth House Community in Morning Prayer.

Morning Prayer is part of a spiritual tradition and discipline known as Fixed Hour Prayer. Everyone in the house is invited and together we read through an opening prayer, listen to Scriptures, pray for people God has placed on our hearts and say a closing blessing for each other.

Doing prayer together helps us focus our day on God and helps us remember the relationship we were made for - before the stress of the day can pull us away from Him. Offering up prayers for each other gives action to the words, "we're praying for you."

Praying together also offers people who are not used to being in conversation with God a way to start to pray and to see prayer modeled. We hope to add mid-day, evening and night prayers as we progress on the journey together.

Both Tracy and I are so thankful for the solid foundation of prayer that exists at TEH. We hope to maintain that founda-



Reading Room at TEH

tion before we complete our tour of service within the next year.

We haven't been able to meet every morning of the week yet, but we are trying. If you would like to try to incorporate this discipline for yourself, please email me at tim@carenetdane.org and I will share with you the resources that we use.

---Tim Markle, House Dad

Moms Receive Discipleship

Moms at TEH have many opportunities for spiritual growth. Even the Relief House Parents, Mike and Becky Caron, offer a discipleship study on a one-on-one basis.

After receiving some training, Becky has been sharing what she learned with the women at TEH. And she has been able to connect with them in a special way. "I have my own broken past that I had to work through and a lot of it is very similar to the backgrounds these women have," said Becky.

So with the training she has received, Becky has started a one on one book study. "It was a really sweet time of conversation, and even though it was really neat to see their eyes opened a little bit to this new perspective on God, it impacted my own life in a big way," said Becky.

The study became an exchange of ideas and thoughts and processes. So much so that it wasn't just the women living at TEH that grew spiritually. "They gave so much to me through conversation that I have been able to take with me and apply to my own journey," said Becky. "And for that I'm eternally grateful.

Join us for Care Net's Banquet November 6, 2008

Save the date for Care Net's Annual Fundraising Banquet which will be held at the Monona Terrace Convention Center on November 6.

We will hear former clients share their stories about how they received help, hope and healing through Care Net's ministries and debut Care Net's new video. Watch our website at www.carenetdane.org/friends for further updates.

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aloof, but when he sees that baby something inside melts. “Look at that,” he says to the sonographer, “our baby is waving at us.” “She sure is,” the sonographer responds. “It’s almost like she’s saying, ‘Hi, Mom. Hi, Dad.’” Finally, the realization sinks in. I’m going to be a dad. And then he turns away suddenly so no one will see the tears.

6:12 pm Impression A rowdy group of twenty middle school kids from a church grows quiet as they listen to a first time expectant mom from The Elizabeth House tell her story, and explain how she discovered her own value as a human being. “You’re worth waiting for,” she explains. One of the kids breaks the silence with this comment: “Wow. This is way better than health class.”

7:38 pm Transformation “Something is different about you,” the Whole Heart post abortion support group leader says to one of the women. She nods. “I don’t know how to explain it. For years I knew that Christ forgave me for what I did. But tonight things have changed for me. Tonight I feel His forgiveness. Tonight I feel like a whole person once again.”

8:21 pm New Life “At first,” a young woman in the parenting class confides to her classmate, “I thought getting pregnant was the worst thing that could happen to me. All I could think of was trying to find some way to undo what had happened. But now I realize that this was God’s way of finding me. I know things are going to be hard, but I wouldn’t trade what happened. The people here at Care Net have helped me find a new life.”

10:10 pm Gratitude In the quietness of her room at The Elizabeth House, a new mom, rejoicing in her newfound faith and holding in her arms life’s greatest treasure, looks up to heaven, eyes glistening, and breathes a wordless prayer of gratitude.

We invite you to help us build lives by joining our new Life Sponsors Circle

Day after day, life change happens here because of people like you. Every morning brings new possibilities. Because our ministry operates one day at a time, we invite you to take “ownership” of an entire day by joining our newly created Life Sponsors Circle by becoming a Full-Day Sponsor. Or, consider being a Dollar A Day sponsor.

When you make such a commitment, you are underwriting the kind of transformation you see described above. It is impossible to calculate just how many lives you might change for eternity.

If you choose to sponsor a day, we invite you to write your own dedication for that day if you wish. Your dedication will be read during our morning prayers and may be posted on our website.

Here’s why others are partnering with Care Net

- ♥ We make a difference. We don’t just talk; we do something.
- ♥ Woman and family centered ministries
- ♥ Life saving and life changing ministries
- ♥ “I wish there had been a place like Care Net when I was in a crisis pregnancy.”
- ♥ Interdenominational Christian ministry with community-wide support
- ♥ Transformation minded, we connect clients with Christ
- ♥ 23 years of financial integrity and local accountability
- ♥ Services free of charge to our clients
- ♥ Practical rather than political
- ♥ Nonjudgmental, open, inviting; providing support and acceptance
- ♥ Preventative, crisis pregnancy, and post abortion services
- ♥ Open to all regardless of faith

In 2007 ...

- ♥ 45 volunteers put in 6,264 hours of Careline coverage helping to respond to 1,076 calls.
- ♥ 437 client visits included 80 ultrasounds. 43 partners also were served.
- ♥ Care Net met the needs of 12 Elizabeth House residents and 10 Whole Heart clients.
- ♥ 1661 students viewed our STD/STI presentation at their schools.
- ♥ Three out of four women who visit our Center choose life.
- ♥ 98% of our clients would “strongly recommend” Care Net to a friend. Even those who were “abortion minded” in exit interviews were eager to spread the word about this ministry.

Dane County’s first choice

Every day in Dane County 3-4 women think they have no option other than abortion. We strive to be the first choice for every woman and man in our area facing an unplanned pregnancy or sexual health concern.

Becoming a Full-Day or a Dollar A Day Sponsor is easy. You may donate the full amount now, or spread it out over twelve convenient monthly payments. For more information or to sign up, please contact us at:

www.carenetdane.org/friends

608-259-1606

donate@carenetdane.org

In The Community

Care Net continues to educate and expand its presence in Dane County

Care Net is much more than four walls and a parking lot on MacArthur Road. We are constantly trying to reach and help people throughout Dane County. You may be surprised at the number of places Care Net shows up.

Yes, Care Net is a building on MacArthur Road. But within that building many different ministries exist - from the free medical clinic to our maternity home, to name a few. And each of these ministries reach outside the building to minister. Our Marketing Team works hard to expand this outside outreach.

We continually train volunteers to do this important work. Recently, we held a Speaker's Bureau Training Workshop for 20 people to increase our presence in the community and churches. Our Church Relations Team continues to develop and expand church relations to create two-way partnerships with Care Net's ministries. And, we recently trained four nurse volunteers to do Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) presentations in public and private schools.

And our efforts include the media. We had a letter to the editor published in the Wisconsin State Journal; had a front page photo with a reference to TEH in the same publication; had a letter to the editor published in the MATC's student newspaper; and had an article on TEH program in Your Family Magazine. In July, we will participate in a 3-day Wisconsin Public Radio program.

An important ministry is our STI presentations and clinic. This ministry is a good example of using the building (the clinic) and reaching outside as well (presentations).

Recently, we completely several STI presentations:

- ♥ MATC Human Sexuality Class - Truax Campus
- ♥ Indian Mounds Middle School
- ♥ Marshall High School (50 students)
- ♥ Kromrey Middle School (100 students)
- ♥ Memorial High School (310 students)
- ♥ LaFollette High School
- ♥ Toki Middle School

We also believe it is very important to work with area churches. So many of our ministries can come along side the efforts of churches. Churches we recently made presentations to:

- ♥ Life Church
- ♥ Gateway Church
- ♥ High Point Church
- ♥ Christ Lutheran Church (DeForest, youth group)
- ♥ Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Women's Spring Breakaway
- ♥ DeForest Evangelical Free Church
- ♥ Fulton Church
- ♥ Door Creek Church
- ♥ Mad City Church
- ♥ Metro Believers Church
- ♥ Wisconsin Lutheran Church
- ♥ Baby Bottle Campaign - 55 churches

Other community activities include:

- ♥ Prime Time - Campus Crusade for Christ - UW Campus
- ♥ Edgewood College Nursing Students - at Care Net
- ♥ Silent No More - State Capitol
- ♥ Childbirth Education Class - at Care Net
- ♥ Nurturing Program - working with Children's Service Society

So, keep your eyes open. You may see or hear Care Net at a location near you!

March through May Care Net Client Statistics

<i>Total Clients:</i>	106	<i>Income:</i>	\$76,369
<i>Ultrasound Clients:</i>	22	<i>Expenses:</i>	\$101,430
<i>Whole Heart Calls:</i>	4	<i>Net Income:</i>	\$-25,061
<i>Client Calls:</i>	197		
<i>Men:</i>	8		
<i>STI tests:</i>	7		

Former Client intersects with Golf Fundraiser

Care Net's Golf Fundraiser does not end on the day of the golf event. God brought someone special our way while the golf event planning team met over dinner a couple weeks after the event. When we were nearly finished, Mia*, the young woman who was our server, came by our table and said "That is a great organization you are with. It is just great! I went there when I was pregnant with my daughter and met with someone and had an ultrasound and they are just so great."

We were grateful to God for this moment that he orchestrated. Coming on the heels of this fundraiser it was encouraging to hear a little snippet of how Care Net is making a difference in our community.

Sixty-five golfers gathered at House on the Rock Resort on May 19 in support of women, men and families. Women like Mia, and her four year old daughter, find the help, hope and support they need at Care Net because of the many who support Care Net's ministries. Through this event Care Net has received over \$24,000 in donations and pledges.

Special thanks to our top fundraisers, Larry and Pat Brady and George Oehrlein who each received an overnight at the Kalahari Resort in thanks for their efforts.

Thanks also to the following businesses and individuals who donated tee and green sponsorships, sponsored our Hole in One contest and donated prizes to support Care Net and this event.

Baby Bottle brings a woman to Care Net for a long consultation and Ultrasound

Care Net's Baby Bottle Campaign, held in over 50 area churches in 2008, is normally seen as an important fundraiser for Care Net's ministries and a great connection with area churches. This June, however, a baby bottle was the crucial link between a woman struggling with what to do as a result of her unplanned pregnancy and Care Net's services.

Kerri* came to us in a very difficult situation, wondering if abortion was her only option and trying to make a decision the week before the rate for her abortion would go up.

While she was visiting a home, Kerri saw one of Care Net's Baby Bottles. She saw Care Net's toll-free number and

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Pleasant View Golf Course
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Smokey's Club
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Thyssen Printing
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Thank you to all of Care Net's 2008 golfers. We'll see you again next year!

*Fictitious name to protect privacy

punched the 1-800 number printed on the outside of the baby bottle into her cell phone. Later that day, she called the number and came to see us the same afternoon, met with one of Care Net's nurses and viewed the gift of life inside her womb via ultrasound. She left still unsure of what to do but very grateful for the help and counsel she received.

Care Net thanks all the churches and individuals who participated this year. We are also thankful the Lord used this year's efforts to put us in touch with Kerri.

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Post-abortion Confidential Healing

Hope, help and healing is available for those who struggle with the emotional pain, regret and/or forgiveness following an abortion. Whole Heart is taking registrations for its 14 week Bible Study - Forgiven and Set Free. Study scheduled to begin October 13th. For more information or to register, call Cassie at 608-259-1605 or email cassiem@carenetdane.org



Whole Heart Counseling Room

Care Net Pregnancy Center Mission Statement

We are a caring network of resources dedicated to equip, empower and support women and men to CHOOSE LIFE for their unborn children and to make wise life choices for themselves and their families.

With loving compassion, we minister to those affected by abortion and share with all the hope, forgiveness and peace found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.