

Volunteering...A Great Part of My Week!

Care Net's Fall Volunteer Training
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"Volunteering at Care Net is a great part of my week" says Cindi, Care Net's Friday afternoon volunteer receptionist. "As a receptionist at the Center, I feel like I serve as the first voice that a client hears on the phone or face that is seen as they come through the door and hopefully help them to know that we're glad they've come to us! I know our clients are often scared and even panicked and if I can be a small part of helping them to know that there is help, my time is well spent."

Cindi continues, "The other talents that I share with Care Net, although seemingly not very spiritual, are those of administration and service. I help to do everyday things that therefore free the staff and volunteer counselors to do other things. I input data into the computer, generate forms, stock supplies, send out mailings...all the things that need doing so that others can concentrate fully on the clients that we serve. It is amazing how God can use ALL of us for His glory. Even if you have a gift that seems like it doesn't necessarily tie in to Care Net's mission, He can use you to help Care Net!"

Cindi is one of many volunteers who serves at Care Net, some by greeting clients, others serving behind the scenes with administrative tasks, cleaning and maintenance, event planning or marketing and still others by holding babies or assisting young moms at The Elizabeth House.

Medical volunteers, such as Shannon, use their expertise to provide free medical services such as pregnancy testing, childbirth and parenting education and education on sexually transmitted infections. Shannon, an RN, has this to say about serving at Care Net:

"My role at the center is to provide needed medical support for the women who walk in the doors...Volunteering at Care Net has been rewarding because it has allowed me to use my knowledge and gift of caring with women who need support most. I have been able to show God's love to women in difficult and stressful situations. It has been wonderful to come along side them and support them as they go through pregnancy, parenting and beyond."

Thanks to Cindi, Shannon and other women and men dedicated to help Care Net 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. Through Care Net's ministries, God uses people with many varied gifts and talents who share a desire to help women, men and families facing unplanned pregnancies or sexual health concerns.

Care Net is seeking women and men with a heart to serve in this ministry. Please contact Cassie at cassiem@carenetdane.org or 259-1606 to find out more about how God could use you and your gifts and expertise at Care Net or visit www.carenetdane.org/friends.