



Care Net
Pregnancy Center
of Dane County

Care Net – Celebrating 25 Years Saving and Changing Lives

“In 1985, we plan to open a Christian Action Council Crisis Pregnancy Center. The Pregnancy Information Center, as it will be called, will provide Madison with a needed service and give Christians an opportunity to serve the Lord in our own community. As Christians, we should look for opportunities to meet people at their point of need.”

Kay Putty, First Board President of Care Net, written for first issue of Care Net’s newsletter in December 1984

Thus began Care Net Pregnancy Center, then called the Pregnancy Information Center. A small group of volunteers, seeking to provide options to women facing unplanned pregnancies and save the lives of unborn babies, started this ministry offering free pregnancy tests, consultations and referrals.

In 1986, Liz Osborn was hired as the Executive Director and she, along with our Board of Directors, continues to lead Care Net forward to this day. Care Net trains many volunteers each year to provide compassionate and quality services to women, men and families facing unplanned pregnancies or sexual health concerns.

While remaining committed to our core services providing options to women and men so they may Choose Life for themselves and their unborn children, Care Net now offers additional free services and support programs to more fully equip women and men to make wise Life choices. In addition to free pregnancy testing, consultations and ultrasounds, we now offer, all free of charge, parenting and childbirth classes, ongoing one-on-one support with a nurse, support for men, a 24/7 phone line, comprehensive STI testing and treatment for women, LifeWise abstinence and STI education, Whole Heart post abortion support and The Elizabeth House residential program.

In 25 years, we have seen God nurture this tiny seed and have watched it grow to become a many-faceted and vibrant ministry that continues to blossom and flourish with the support of many individuals, churches and businesses in the community. As we look ahead to the years to come, with compassionate care, we will continue to foster healing from the past, provide help for today and build hope for tomorrow for the many women, men and families who come to Care Net.

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