



Care Net  
Pregnancy Center  
of Dane County

## Care Net – Celebrating 25 Years with Former Clients

Over 200 people gathered at Care Net for our 25th Anniversary Celebration. Former clients, members of the community, and faithful supporters were among those in the crowd. During a brief program, Liz Osborn, Care Net's Executive Director, remembered Care Net's beginnings. She looked back on the time when a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy didn't have a place to go where she could be listened to, respected, and provided with life affirming options and support--all free of charge. Care Net has now served over 9,000 women with free pregnancy-related medical services and support. This number does not include the number of children, men, and families affected by Care Net.

Deanna, one of three former Care Net Clients who shared at the celebration, remembered the support she received at Care Net. "I moved out of my parent's home at the age of 17 and became pregnant at the age of 18. I didn't know what to do or where to turn. The father of the baby did not want anything to do with me unless I had an abortion. So, I made an abortion appointment. I felt like I had no other option. The morning of my appointment, I just couldn't go through with it. I canceled my appointment and contacted Care Net instead. I walked in to Care Net feeling very ashamed and bewildered and walked out feeling very positive and empowered. Though the road would be hard, I knew I was making the right choice to keep my baby.

"My daughter, whom I gave birth to a few months later, is now 17 and a junior in high school with plans to go to college. She is beautiful inside and out. I am now married and have four children. I work at a local church. I can honestly say that I do not know where we would be without Care Net. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you did for us and for all the other women in need."

Another former client, who is now married and has three children, joined Liz up front with her teen son. With tears in her eyes she said, "Even after all this time, I get emotional. I just don't know where my son and I would be without Care Net...I received two things from Care Net: a son and a faith in God."

All three of the women thanked Care Net for getting them to where they are today. We rejoice at these lives save and changed and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His love and goodness to us.

*\*\*\* To read more about Care Net's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary or for client stories visit [www.carenetdane.org/friends](http://www.carenetdane.org/friends)*