

Care Net and the Local Church

Church support for Care Net is essential in order for us to be successful. While it may seem like the churches do the majority of the “giving” – we consider it a privilege to co-labor and partner with them in advancing kingdom purposes right here on the home front. And that is why we consider those who become involved with Care Net as local “missionaries.”

One key way churches support Care Net is our annual Baby Bottle Campaign; more than 50 churches are participating in 2008. Numerous churches support Care Net through mission boards and other giving. And many gave financially to help us build our new building.

But area churches help Care Net in more ways than just financial. We will always remember when one area church closed their church offices for a day and their pastors and staff came to help us move to our new facility. Or when church groups volunteer to help with service projects such as spring cleaning, stuffing baby bottles and decorating The Elizabeth House for Christmas.

Frequently church members refer women to our center and are an invaluable resource in helping to provide community awareness. You can't put a price on this type of “free” publicity and word of mouth.

We are very grateful for all the help local churches give Care Net. We see these incredible blessings on a daily basis and feel privileged to receive such blessings.

As the Lord pours these blessings into Care Net, we hope we can pour them right back into the church. One way we do this is by providing guest speakers for churches and youth groups and by participating in home-missions fairs

Another way we hope to pour back the blessings is by offering tours for youth groups. Recently, a group of twenty middle school kids and 5 youth leaders from a local church showed up at Care Net for a pizza party and a tour of our counseling and medical clinic. As they gathered around in the living room upstairs at The Elizabeth House, the group grew quiet as they listened to a first time mom tell “her story”, and explain how she discovered her own value as a human being. “You're worth waiting for,” she explained. One of the kids broke the silence with this comment, “Wow. This is way better than health class.”

We also help lighten the counseling load for a Pastor (who already wears too many hats...) when he can refer a family in crisis to our center when they learn their daughter or son is caught in the throes of an unplanned pregnancy. While he may meet with the family or woman initially – they can continue on with Care Net.

Area churches remain one of the main ways the Lord meets the needs of Care Net. We appreciate it and hope to never take it for granted. And in addition, our heart is to pour those blessings back into the church.