

24 hours at Care Net

Care Net is a 24/7 ministry. Night and day, people come to find help, hope and healing. Read on for an inside look at a 24 hour snapshot inside Care Net's doors.

Amanda* and her friend Maggie* started our day with an STI follow-up appointment. Maggie sighed with relief when her pregnancy test came back negative. Meanwhile, a Care Net nurse was able to share a loving message with Amanda that "she is worth waiting for."

A little later, Jessica* walked in for a free pregnancy test. She found out about Care Net when she received an Optionline flier from someone outside an abortion clinic. Optionline (800-395-HELP) helps people find a pregnancy resource center anywhere in the US.

Around this time also, one of Care Net's Whole Heart facilitators met with Megan* who is considering joining our Whole Heart post abortion Bible study support group, *Forgiven and Set Free*. While Megan expressed apprehension, she was assured of God's leading to begin this healing journey as she works through the grief of a past abortion decision. Upon joining this study, many women are seeking to move the knowledge of God's forgiveness from their heads to their hearts. Care Net looks to God to bring that about for each woman through their participation in Care Net's Whole Heart program.

That afternoon, Care Net received a call from Brittany* who wanted more information about Care Net's The Elizabeth House program and her potential eligibility for moving into The Elizabeth House and joining this intensive six to nine month program.

Care Net's last appointment for the day involved a young couple, Michael* and Samantha*, who are exploring adoption. This was a follow-up appointment using materials titled "*Is Parenting for Me Now?*" and "*What about Adoption?*" They are courageously considering their options, and this day they were able to meet together with two Care Net peer consultants, a woman and a man. Michael and Samantha left feeling empowered, with their questions answered.

After closing, a Care Net Careline consultant received a call from Christopher* who wanted to register for Care Net's spring Care Classes. Christopher* and his girlfriend found the classes on Care Net's website, www.carenetdane.org, and called to secure their place in the class.

The next morning, Melissa*, an abortion vulnerable woman telephoned. She found Care Net's ad in the yellow pages and Care Net's ultrasound service caught her eye. Undecided about her pregnancy, she made the choice to set up an appointment to discuss her options and have an ultrasound.

What do Melissa, Christopher, Michael, Samantha, Brittany, Megan, Jessica, Amanda and Maggie* all have in common? They are being touched by your prayers, inspired by your faith, encouraged by your love expressed in many different ways. Care Net has never been simply a collection of staff and volunteers. It is instead a whole community of faith responding to a crisis with empathy and understanding.

*Names changed to protect client privacy.