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Together, we answer their call!

by Executive Director Lyndi Zembrodt

Care Net’s mission is to educate, support and empower people before, during and after an unplanned pregnancy while uplifting the sanctity of human life. Empowering expectant parents to choose life is our primary goal. Intervening on behalf of the unborn most often begins when we literally answer their call.

Care Net established its own local helpline for women facing unplanned pregnancy over 30 years ago when the center first was founded. We are committed to answering the call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Although we added an online appointment scheduler and just connected a 24-hour national nurse chat to our client website, a great number of women struggling with life decisions still call the helpline.

Their calls are so important to us that in addition to helpline operators who answer after hours, we added new paid staff positions, client intake specialists, who answer their calls at each center. The client featured on page 2 is one who spoke first with an intake specialist.

The initial contact time frame, when a woman is reaching out for help, is the most critical time to connect with her. We are there to answer her call.

As we speak with her, we hear her concerns, assess her needs and offer her relevant life affirming services. She is often surprised to hear we can provide a pregnancy test, confirm her pregnancy through ultrasound and even test for and treat sexually transmitted

infections—all at no cost to her. Even if she is seriously considering abortion, she often accepts our invitation to come to Care Net first for these services, allowing us the opportunity to present life options to her and intervene on behalf of her unborn baby. This year as of August, 94% of women who had an ultrasound at Care Net have chosen life for their babies.

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Our support continues long after they choose life. Mentors walk beside them in their parenting journey, drawing on 32 educational programs to equip moms and dads to become nurturing and skilled parents. Like all our services, these classes are free to our clients.

Providing these critical, life affirming services is not without cost, however. Please take a look at our website, carenentky.org, for creative giving opportunities to sustain the mission of Care Net. I thank each of you who supports Care Net in prayer and in financial giving. Together we answer their calls to save and change precious lives.

Micah 6:8 comes to mind as we uplift the sanctity of human life:

“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

CONTACT US

Business Phone

(859) 431-9178

24-Hour Client Helpline

(859) 282-9878

Donor Website

carenentky.org

Client Website

pregnantoptionsnky.org

“God Changed My Mind”

Kate* was torn. She had always said she was pro-life. She was a believer in Jesus. But this situation seemed impossible.

Separated from her husband but not yet divorced, Kate had moved back to Northern Kentucky from Louisiana to be near family and friends who could help with her sons, ages 5, 7, and 9. She had worked hard in middle and high school, taking accelerated classes and earning a full undergraduate scholarship, and now she planned to start law school, her dream since childhood.

Then the plan unraveled. She began dating someone she met after moving home, one thing led to another, and she became pregnant. With three little boys already and some health issues besides, her chance to go back to school seemed to be slipping away.

I was treated by Care Net, friends and family with mercy and grace and that helped put me back on track. I'm glad I didn't make a bad decision based on a temporary struggle.

As Kate googled “abortion near me,” she felt she had no other option. Thanks to Care Net’s strategic use of search engine terms, our client website turned up in her Google search and she called for an appointment.

On the phone, Care Net’s client intake specialist first made clear we do not perform or refer for abortions and then encouraged Kate to come in for a free ultrasound to confirm her pregnancy and discuss her options.

Determined to seek an abortion, Kate nevertheless kept the appointment. After seeing her tiny, six-week-old baby through the miracle of ultrasound and talking with Rhonda Brown, director of our Florence center, Kate knew it was “a God thing” that she choose Care Net from the Google results.

“God changed my mind,” Kate said. “I don’t think it was a mistake that I ended up at Care Net instead of Planned Parenthood. I remembered telling my boys that all our choices have consequences and we should stand up, accept them and live our lives based on what we believe. I know from experience that if I study hard for a test, I will do well; if I don’t study, I will fail. There are always consequences to *all* of our choices. I needed to *do* what I was telling my sons.”

Kate had been seeing many doctors and nurses to resolve some health issues, and that experience led her to update her childhood dream from law school to nursing school.

“While I was pregnant, I talked to my obstetrician about going for my nursing degree while raising four children. He

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Golf “Fore” Fathers Fun—and Success

Friends of Care Net took over the entire Aston Oaks golf course August 11 for our annual Golf “Fore” Fathers event. Perfect weather, friendly competition, good food, fun, fellowship and fundraising—what a great day!

Golf “Fore” Fathers supports our Fatherhood education program and other parenting classes.



Full house! Golfers enjoyed lunch from Izzy's and dinner from Texas Roadhouse of Fort Wright.



(Left) One of our co-ed teams. Men who purchased a Skirts ticket were allowed to hit from the women's tee on Hole 5. (Right) Golfers get serious about our raffles and silent auction.

We appreciate our Golf “Fore” Fathers sponsors!

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Lunch: Izzy’s

Dinner: Texas Roadhouse of Fort Wright

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“God Changed My Mind” *continued from page 2*

was very encouraging and told me how to keep balance while attaining my goals. I will finish the classroom part of my nursing degree in December and start clinicals in January.”

The baby God saved through Care Net and Kate’s own determination will be one year old when she begins her clinical training.

“Evan is the joy of my and my other sons’ lives!” Kate said. “When the boys first heard I was going to have another baby, they said, ‘Noooo!’ but now he is the apple of everyone’s eye. He is the happiest baby ever. When I first saw him on ultrasound, as tiny as he was, he seemed to be dancing—jumping all around! At nine months he still loves to wiggle and dance.”

“I know I am not perfect and never will be,” she continued, “but all I can do is try to do the right thing and follow God’s way. I was treated by Care Net, friends and family with mercy and grace and that helped put me back on track. Evan’s dad is very involved in our lives and we have found a church together in a nearby town. I’m glad I didn’t make a bad decision based on a temporary struggle.”



“The happiest baby ever”

**names of the client and her son have been changed*

Dedications *To dedicate a gift in someone’s memory or honor, write a note on your check or follow prompts on the online giving form.*

IN MEMORY

Sharon Schweer

by Mark & Michelle Sieber

by Frank & Valerie Renn

by Elizabeth Kloentrup

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Jean Longshore by Robert Longshore

IN HONOR

Lee Ann Ernst by Chad & Barbara Brady

Maria Paula by Veronica Gomez

Diane Thoman

by Sidney & Tina Trogden

by Terrie Perry

Moms choosing life by Heather Verst

John & Linda Schuchter’s 50th anniversary

by Stephen & Mary Carol Heidrick

Our 12 grandchildren by Scott & Anne Poe

Mary Holland

by Cynthia Loney

by Karen Wiles

Angie Johnson by Jim & Jackie Klosterman

We appreciate our Mother’s Day-Father’s Day Baby Bottle Campaign churches!

The following churches participated in Care Net’s 2023 Mother’s Day-Father’s Day Baby Bottle Campaign. Our three annual campaigns are a fun and easy way to start the pro-life conversation. Visit carenetnky.org/baby-bottle-campaign to get started!

Beaver Lick Baptist Church

Bethany Lutheran Church

Bethel Baptist Church

The Bridge Community Church

Bullittsburg Baptist Church

Christ Baptist Church

Christ Chapel Assembly of God

Church of the Redeemed

Corinth Christian Church

Crittenden Baptist Church

DeMossville Baptist Church

Dry Ridge Baptist Church

First Baptist Church of Walton

Glencoe Baptist Church

GracePointe Community

Church of the Nazarene

Hebron Church of Christ

Hebron Lutheran Church

Independence New Life

Church of the Nazarene

Kento-Boo Baptist Church

Knoxville Baptist Church

Main Street Baptist Church

Marcus Crooked Creek

Baptist Church

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish

Mercy Ridge

Community Church

New Columbus Baptist Church

Oak Island Baptist Church

Oak Ridge Baptist Church

One Hope Church

Pleasant Home Baptist Church

Sand Run Baptist Church

Sherman Baptist Church

St. Augustine Parish Augusta

St. Barbara Parish

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

St. James Catholic Church

St. John the Baptist Parish

St. Joseph Parish Cold Spring

St. Mary of the Assumption

St. Matthew Parish

St. Patrick Parish Maysville

St. Patrick Parish Taylor Mill

St. Paul Parish

St. Timothy Parish

Turner Ridge Baptist Church

Unity Baptist Church

Vineyard Christian Church Florence

Violet Ridge Church of Christ

Williamstown Baptist Church

Williamstown Church of God

Williamstown

United Methodist Church

**Cold Spring
Medical Center**
3700 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076
859-431-9178
Monday-Thursday 10a-5p
Same Day Ultrasounds

**McKinley Family
Center**
7129 Price Pike
Florence, KY 41042
859-282-0029
Monday-Thursday 10a-5p
Same Day Ultrasounds

**Williamstown
Medical Center**
103 Barnes Rd. Ste. E
Williamstown, KY 41097
859-824-0123
Monday & Thursday 3-7p
Wednesday 10a-5p
Scheduled Ultrasounds

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered organization existing to educate, support and empower people before, during and after an unplanned pregnancy, while uplifting the sanctity of human life.

Leaving a Legacy for Life

Care Net is honored to name areas in our centers in memory of men and women who through their support joined us in standing for the sanctity of life. Most recently, we named the development office at Cold Spring in memory of Fr. Robert Rosing, and in Florence one classroom was named in memory of Jeanette Skimerton and another in memory of Carl William Howser. Every day we're reminded of the legacy of these and others who stood firm for life.

To learn about leaving a legacy through naming rights, scan the code, visit carenetky.org/leave-a-legacy, or call (859) 431-9178.

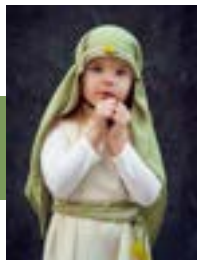


Top left: Daniel Skimerton in the Florence center classroom dedicated to the memory of his wife, Jeanette.

Right: Center Director Rhonda Brown (left) and Care Net Executive Director Lyndi Zembrodt (right) with Dr. Keith and Darlene Murrell after this Florence center classroom was dedicated in memory of Darlene's father, Carl William Howser.



Bottom left: Fr. Gerald Reinersman and the family of Fr. Robert Rosing after ceremonies dedicating the Cold Spring development office.



Watch for this tiny shepherd in your mailbox in November. He'll bring you news of our annual Holiday Appeal.