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## Our Greatest Year in Pro-Life Partnership with You

by Executive Director Lyndi Zembrodt

We want to thank each of you who supported Care Net's mission in 2023. It was our greatest single year to meet client needs, as we provided 3,227 client services to more than 750 fathers and mothers.

2023 was also our greatest year to onboard new mentors to guide those moms and dads through our 37 life affirming educational programs. Your continuous support has created opportunities for people to choose life, those whose first thought was to abort their pregnancy. Caring donors together with Care Net staff provided 302 ultrasounds last year. Of the women who had viable ultrasounds, 92% chose to carry their pregnancies! We know that 1,738 babies have been given life as a direct result of having an ultrasound at Care Net, each one funded by your generosity.

Our mission for 2024 is to save and change even more lives!

- Our client demand for programs is at an all-time high, so we are adding a new position, programs coordinator, to oversee the educational programs and equip the growing number of mentors.
- To serve the number of walk-in clients in need of baby care items we are adding new volunteer positions, client care specialists, at each location.
- To save more lives we will offer nine additional ultrasound appointments weekly.
- We are training two additional nurse advocates to sustain our medical program.

- Equally important, we are increasing our online advertising to reach those most vulnerable to abortion.



*A parenting education class at the McKinley Family Center in Florence.*

Yes, all this growth is not without cost and even requires more space. We are currently seeking free office space for our development department (800 to 1,000 square feet) as well as free climate controlled space (1,000 square feet) for our client materials and supplies.

We are confident God goes before us preparing the way to save and change more lives in 2024. We pray you will follow our inspiring client stories by newsletter, email and social media. Your generosity to Care Net is an active testament that we, the pro-life community, care for, support and walk beside women facing unplanned pregnancy while uplifting the sanctity of human life.

Please contact me at [lyndi@carenetky.org](mailto:lyndi@carenetky.org) or (859) 653-8904 to arrange a tour or discuss giving opportunities, or visit [carenetky.org](http://carenetky.org).

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### 24-Hour Client Helpline

(859) 282-9878

### Donor Website

[carenetky.org](http://carenetky.org)

**1,738 babies (and counting)** have been given life by Care Net clients since we began offering ultrasounds in 2006.

## Lisa and Matt's Very Happy New Year

Lisa\* and her boyfriend, Matt, came to Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky in mid-May 2023. Scared and angry, all Lisa wanted was an ultrasound to confirm the pregnancy. She had already had two abortions from a past relationship and was considering whether this pregnancy would end the same. At this first meeting, Center Director Rhonda Brown noted that Lisa seemed overwhelmed and withdrawn.

For his part, Matt was excited about the pregnancy, and he knew what Lisa had gone through with the previous abortions. He didn't want her to go through that again but said he would support whatever she decided.

Immediately after the ultrasound, Lisa stormed back into the advocate room and angrily told Rhonda, "I'm ready to get the [expletive] out of here!"

Unfazed, Rhonda gently asked if she could explain some of Care Net's programs. Surprisingly, Lisa agreed. "Then Matt and I have a lot to discuss when we leave!" she said.

After Rhonda showed the couple all the ways Care Net could help them and their baby, from parenting classes to supplies, Lisa and Matt allowed Rhonda to pray over them.

Three weeks later during a follow-up call, Rhonda was relieved to hear that Lisa and Matt had decided to carry to term and parent their baby!



*Baby Nathaniel was born New Year's Day.*

Rhonda assigned Evelyn to be Lisa's mentor in the *Earn While You Learn* program. The couple completed classes such as "Simple Infant Care," "Caring for Yourself after Birth," "Shaken Baby Syndrome," "Car Seat Safety," "Training your Birth Coach," "The Importance of Bonding" and other lessons to begin preparing for parenthood. Matt even attended breastfeeding courses with Lisa so he would know what to expect and how he could support her.

Lisa and Matt already had a car seat, normally the incentive for completing 10 of the 20 classes of *Earn While You Learn*, so Care Net enabled them to purchase other baby items on their wish list. They then received a crib for completing the remaining 10 classes. For each lesson they completed, they also received a dozen diapers, which thrilled Lisa. "They're so expensive now," she said.

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Prepared and excited, Lisa and Matt awaited the arrival of their son. On New Year's Day, Lisa gave birth to Nathaniel.

One telling event happened when Lisa was in the hospital after giving birth. A nurse asked her if she knew how to breastfeed. Lisa said, "Yes! I attended in-person classes with a lactation consultant for several weeks." The nurse was surprised. She said even the hospital no longer offers in-person breastfeeding classes. "Where did you get that?" the nurse asked. Lisa was happy to tell her about Care Net.

Lisa said, "If someone is pregnant or suspects she is and is nervous about going to Care Net, she shouldn't be. Rhonda was comforting and open. Matt and I took away a lot of information that first visit and talked it out together. On return visits, all the Care Net staff and volunteers we worked with were invested and we could tell they really cared about us."

*\* Names of the clients and their baby are fictitious.*

## Fore! Save the Date: Annual Golf Event

Get ready to tee it up! Our 12th annual Golf "Fore" Fathers event is August 9. Draw a big red circle around that date and watch for news that the registration portal is open.



Registering early ensures you'll get the best price *and* a spot on the course. We sold out weeks before the deadline the last couple of years, so don't get locked out—watch

for details, get your foursome together and register as soon as we open the portal. Sponsors welcome too; scan the code for information.



Proceeds from Golf "Fore" Fathers fund our Fatherhood and other parenting programs.



*Care Net Medical Director Deward Voss, MD, provides ongoing ultrasound training for our nurses. In this photo he is working with Terri Lynn Johnston on her first day at Care Net. Also shown, left to right, Pamela Bihl; Medical Manager Tammy Warner, Julie Darpel; and, partly hidden by the monitor, Patty Kues. Our skilled medical team is the heartbeat of our ultrasound program.*

# Dedications

## IN MEMORY

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

# Thank you, Baby Bottle Campaign partners!

The following churches and schools participated in Care Net's **2023 Respect Life Month Baby Bottle Campaign**. Our three annual campaigns are a fun and easy way to start the pro-life conversation. Visit [carenetsy.org/baby-bottle-campaign](http://carenetsy.org/baby-bottle-campaign) to get started.



All Saints Parish  
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Sherman Church of Christ  
St. Anthony Parish  
St. Bernard Parish  
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St. Philip Parish  
St. William Parish  
Sts. Boniface & James Parish  
Williamstown Christian Church

# Explore the Benefits of Giving from Your IRA

by Matthew L. Darpel

Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) provide an opportunity to make a tax-free donation directly to Care Net using your traditional individual retirement account (IRA). If you're 70-1/2 or older, making QCDs lets you maximize your charitable impact while reducing your taxable income. If you don't need all the money from your IRA required minimum distribution (RMD), making a charitable gift may be a tax-efficient way to support causes and organizations that are near and dear to your heart.

If you own an IRA, you must take RMDs starting at age 73, whether or not you need the funds. When you take an RMD from an IRA, taxable income is created. The resulting increase in taxable income could push you into a higher tax bracket and may impact your ability to take certain tax deductions and, potentially, taxes on Social Security and Medicare premiums.

While QCDs aren't eligible for charitable tax deductions, they are not

included in your taxable income as other IRA withdrawals are. They do count toward your annual RMD from your IRA. When you use your RMD to make a QCD, your taxable income is reduced dollar for dollar. This approach to charitable giving helps you save on taxes while supporting your philanthropic goals.

*Matthew L. Darpel is an investment advisor and attorney with Darpel & Howard Wealth Advisors in Crestview Hills, Ky., and a past president of Care Net's Board of Directors.*



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#### 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.

**Be strong and courageous ...  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go.**

Joshua 1:9

**Save the Date**  
**Care Net Annual Banquet • Thursday, May 9, 2024**

Are you willing to host a table? Contact Joy at (859) 816-8836 or [directorofdevelopment@carenetky.org](mailto:directorofdevelopment@carenetky.org)