



## Reflecting and Looking Forward

by Executive Director Lyndi Zembrodt

As I reflect on the past year, my heart is filled with gratitude—for God’s faithfulness, for the courage of the women and families we serve and for you, our faithful supporters who make this life-affirming work possible.

2025 was Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky’s greatest year to minister life-affirming services. We report 4,356 client visits, a meaningful increase from 3,777 in 2024. For the past five years we have continued to see the trend of clients coming to us in greater numbers. Each visit represents a woman or family who walked through our doors seeking truth, compassion, hope and help—and found a place where they were known, valued, and supported.



Care Net advocate/mentor Adriana, left, with her client, the client’s baby girl born in 2025 and a proud big brother.

Because of your generosity, Care Net provided 361 limited obstetrical ultrasounds this past year. Of the 293 viable ultrasounds, an incredible 98% of women chose life for their unborn babies. We also joyously report that the moms of 2,308 babies have chosen life as a direct result of ultrasound services established at Care Net in 2006. These numbers reflect more than outcomes; they reflect moments of clarity, courage and support at life’s most vulnerable crossroads.

This impact would not be possible without our compassionate staff, dedicated volunteers and faithful mentors who serve with humility, excellence and genuine care. They meet each client with grace, speak truth with love and walk alongside women long after the appointment ends.

As we look ahead, we do so with renewed confidence and expectation. Together we are building a culture that upholds the sanctity of human life and surrounds women and families with the support they need to choose life.

Thank you for standing with Care Net. Together, we are making a positive and lasting impact—for life.

## Seeing God at Work

To 26-year-old Olivia, the pregnancy test was almost a prank. On the infrequent times she and her boyfriend did have sex, they always used protection.

“I’m not a careless person,” Olivia said. “I knew how not to get pregnant. It was such a shock when the test came up positive.”



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“I come from a very conservative, Christian household, very strict on what to do and not do,” she continued. “I felt guilty when we had sex. I knew sex was blessed and sacred, from God, and we were trying to wait until marriage. So it was infrequent. The test result was hard to take because we were trying to avoid sex and be careful.”

Reeling from the shock, Olivia was “totally undecided” about what to do. She turned to Google, and the path her life would take came down to search results.

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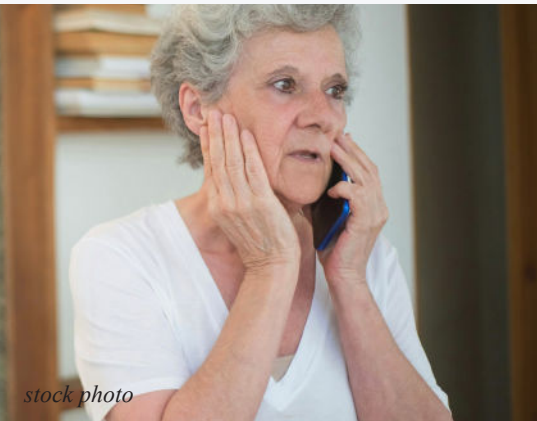
The moms of 2,308 babies (and counting) have chosen life since Care Net began offering ultrasounds in 2006.

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“It was going to be Care Net or Planned Parenthood,” she said. “I couldn’t get in to Planned Parenthood and they wanted \$300. So I came to Care Net.”

On her second Care Net visit, Olivia was far enough along for an ultrasound.

“If I had not seen my baby and the heartbeat, I probably would have taken the (abortion) pill,” she said. “It seemed like an easy answer. But as angry as I was at myself for the decision to have sex, it wasn’t my baby’s fault. I still had the opportunity to make a right decision. Just because I made one mistake didn’t mean I had to make another mistake.”



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By then Olivia and her boyfriend were excited about the baby, but ahead lay a conversation she dreaded: telling her parents. In fact, she was more worried about telling her mother than about having and raising a baby.

“I’m very close to my parents, especially Mom. Dad traveled a lot, so often it was just the two of us and my little sister.”

Armed with advice from her Care Net advocate, she told her parents about six weeks later. Olivia lives six hours away from them. She finally couldn’t hold it in any longer and called home.

“I talked to my dad first, and he gave me advice on telling Mom. She said, ‘Are you serious? Do you know how much this will affect your life?’ Then she said, ‘I really don’t know what to say. I can’t talk right now. Goodbye.’”

“**Just because I made one mistake didn’t mean I had to make another mistake.**”

They didn’t talk for two weeks.

“Mom had high expectations for me, and I knew I let her down,” Olivia said. “Looking back, I think she was scared for me. I think she went into ‘Mom Mode,’ wanting to protect me. Not being able to talk to my mom for two weeks were the worst two weeks of my life.”

Her mom took time to think and pray and then extended grace, compassion, forgiveness and love. Her parents are now planning a baby shower and outfitting a nursery at their house for Olivia’s three months of maternity leave.

But while that daunting hurdle was behind her, another lay ahead.

“My boyfriend was very successful financially. He liked to take me out, take trips and give me gifts. Then he lost his job and was evicted, and that’s when I learned he was addicted to gambling. I knew \$10 here, \$100 there, but this was thousands every day.

“I think he measured his worth by how much he could spend. He didn’t come from money. He was self-made. But I think all of that hid some insecurity.”

Olivia now knows she was trying to “be there” for him but the stress was too much. They talk, but she made it clear their baby needs a stable, wholesome environment. Her boyfriend promised to get better for her, but she wisely told him he needs to get better for himself.

Through those weeks of making difficult decisions, Olivia now sees God’s hand at work, and His providence has continued. A college graduate, Olivia was working as a contractor and had no health insurance. Out of the blue, a company she had long wanted to work for offered her the exact job she wanted—with full benefits. She hadn’t even applied for the job. Someone there had kept her resume from a previous application. Olivia began her new job in January. Her baby is due in June.

“I’m so thankful to look back and see how God has provided,” she said. “I’m so thankful I fell into Care Net’s lap.”

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Our nurses were invited to join the Kentucky Perinatal Assn Maternal and Child Health Conference at St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center November 14. They enjoyed extensive conversations with colleagues from St. Elizabeth, Health Access Nurturing Development Services and Every Child Succeeds and with Dr. Toniea Reid, who presented on the state's syphilis outbreak. Pamela Bihl, who heads Care Net's sexual health initiative, sought to learn how best to support mothers with opioid use disorder during pregnancy.



*Nurses who attended, left to right Pamela Bihl, Tammy Warner, Mary Ellen Meier and Terri Lynn Johnston, received continuing education credits.*

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## Save the Date! 2026 Annual Banquet



Join us for Care Net’s 2026 Annual Banquet on Thursday, May 7, at Receptions Event Center in Erlanger. With the abortion pill accounting for at least 63% of abortions, the message from this year’s guest speaker, **Toni McFadden**, is timely and direct. Her book *Redeemed: My Journey after Abortion* is a story of hope and forgiveness.

Toni was a teenager when she learned she was pregnant. Frightened and pressured by her boyfriend, his mother and a friend, she followed their “advice” and had a chemical abortion. Two weeks later, she hemorrhaged while at school. By then her boyfriend had left her.

Toni holds a master’s degree in counseling and speaks at events around the world. She founded Relationships Matter, a program to educate young people about our culture’s degradation of sex and to equip them to build healthy relationships that protect them and honor their future spouses.

You won’t want to miss Toni’s dynamic story of courage, hope and redemption. **Save that date—May 7—and invite a friend!**

Our banquet happens because friends of Care Net who stand for life invite their friends to learn about our ministry. Vital to the banquet’s success are table hosts, who agree to fill a table of 10. The banquet is our most important fundraiser and donations are requested. Scan the code at right if you’d like to host a table.



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