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Save the Dates:

Walk for Life

Saturday, September 25

Praisin' in the Park

Saturday, October 9

25th Annual Fundraising Banquet

Friday, March 18, 2011

A Word from the Director

12th & Delaware: Inaccurate Portrayal

In our last newsletter, I wrote about the HBO documentary *12th & Delaware*. Though I had not yet seen the film, I had been made aware of it and was concerned about the impact it might have on pregnancy care centers across our country. The film began broadcasting on HBO on August 5th and I have had the opportunity to view it. I found it disturbing in several ways.

First and foremost, it did not at all accurately represent the philosophy of or what goes on in pregnancy centers that are affiliated with Care Net. The pregnancy center that was filmed is not a Care Net affiliate and while I can't be sure of what was left on the editing room floor, the directors made it seem that their approach is more "baby focused," while Care Net centers are "woman focused." At our Center, we put the woman first, thereby helping her to feel valued and affirmed. The baby is important but if we are to be effective, the woman cannot feel as though we're only interested in it. By making her the priority, we are able to better establish the relationships that give us the right to be heard, which leads to more effective counseling.

In the film, when one client chose to abort, it appeared as if it was the end of the line for her at the pregnancy center. At Care Net, while it is our prayerful desire that all our clients choose life, unfortunately, that is not always the case. It is imperative that our clients know that they are valued no matter what their decision and we will be there for them to help them pick up the pieces when they are ready. Because of this approach, if they

face another unplanned pregnancy, as they often do, they feel safe in coming to the Center again. Frequently women are plagued by the memory of their past abortion and don't want to do it again. Having that safe place of support helps them withstand the pressure to abort and stand firm in their decision to carry.

Just last week a former client, who was facing a challenging time in her life, came to the Center to speak with us. Her child is beyond the age we serve, we could not help her financially and she was already aware of all our referral sources. So why did she come see us? She came because she knows that we love her and care about her. She knows we're a safe place where she would find the sounding board and prayer she needed. This is not an unusual occurrence and we are so blessed that the Lord is using the Center to minister to those precious women He brings to us.

Please take a moment and read Care Net National's response to *12th & Delaware*. A link to it can be found on our website: ISupportCareNet.org. As was expected, since the film began to air on HBO, our Center has seen an increase in fake calls and visits. Again I ask you to please pray for the protection of all pregnancy centers and if you have any questions, please call me at the Center. 471-9284.

Trusting in Jesus, Deb

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Fall 2010

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Annual Walk for Life: Stay the Course

Care Net's Walk for Life fundraiser will be on Saturday, September 25th at the beautiful Bowdoin Park on Sheafe Road in Wappingers Falls. As we look forward to the challenges in standing firm in our battle for the sanctity of human life, we need to Stay the Course. That's the theme for this year's Walk. We hope you'll come out with your family and friends and help raise funds and awareness for Care Net!

Registration begins at 9:30 am and the 2-mile Walk starts at 10:15 am. There will be prizes for our top walkers and refreshments will be served. To get your registration form with all the details or for more information, see your church liaison, visit our website at ISupportCareNet.org or call the Center at 471-9284.



"But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn that shines brighter and brighter until the full day."

Proverbs 4:18

Prayer & Praise

Planned Parenthood's client visits are increasing. **Pray** that ours increase even more!

Praise God for volunteers who are only available in the summer. You surely have blessed us!

Praise God for salvations during the summer months!



Pearls Mentoring Program

We are excited to be offering a new biblically based mentoring program for teen girls. We believe that this generation of young people is under more pressure than ever before. Pearls was designed to be a tool to help young women, ages 13 to 19, overcome the battles they face everyday. It allows them the confidence to put up healthy boundaries and feel secure. They use their strength to fight for what is right and

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make choices full of hope. Class topics include:

- Their relationship with the Lord
- Relationships with friends
- Where do guys fit in?
- Relationship with parents
- Society's pressures
- Purity – beyond abstinence
- Drugs and their effects

Parents are encouraged to attend three meetings during the program. For more information or to schedule a class, please call the Center at 471-9284.

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\$1,620 Raised at 5K Run & Kids' Fun Run

After such a hot summer, the Lord provided the perfect weather for the 3rd Annual 5K Run and Kids' Fun Run sponsored by Hyde Park Baptist Church. There were 70 runners and walkers who did the 5K and 15 children who did the Kids' Fun Run. We are so grateful to Pastors Buccio and Nargi and all the wonderful people of Hyde Park Baptist who work so hard to make this event such a success! You're just awesome!!!



Board Transitions

Lynda Lee has completed her second term on Care Net's Board of Directors and the Lord has called her to step down to allow her time to care for her aging parents. We are so grateful for Lynda's godly and prayerful leadership these past years. We're thrilled that she will continue as the liaison for the Evangelical Free Church. We pray that the Lord will richly bless her and her husband Lew and provide them the time to spend time with their children and grandchildren.

Gift Drive for our Client Christmas Party

We need unwrapped gifts for children ages infant to 9 years. Please drop the gifts off at the Center by November 29th.

Rock for Life Concert Raises \$692 for Care Net!

What a fantastic night we had at the 1st Hopewell Junction Rock for Life Benefit Concert held at the Full Gospel Family Life Center in Lagrangeville! It was so exciting to see all the young people, the next generation of pro-life advocates, standing firm for their belief in the sanctity of human life. And a very special thanks to John Fontanello and Amy Oppedisano, who worked so hard to make this concert a success. If you have teens or twenty-somethings, please tell them about Hopewell Junction Rock for Life. You can find them on Facebook and their website is www.hopewelljunctionrockforlife.com.

Praisin' in the Park

**Saturday, October 9th
1 - 6 PM**

Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls

All proceeds will go to:
89.7 The Sound of Life
and Care Net Pregnancy Center

Music by:

Calvary Chapel Youth Worship Team
Rock of Refuge Praise Team
Pure Joy
Terry Dunhan & GODSOWN
Full Gospel's Elevate
Calvary Chapel's Streets of Gold

Tickets:

\$7 in advance, \$10 at the door
\$5 for seniors 65+
Children 5 and under are free
If you have a family with more than 5 paying children, call the Center for a Family Pass.

Purchase: Online at SoundofLife.org
In person or by phone at the Center
845-471-9284

Visa and MasterCard Accepted
For a list of churches selling tickets go to
ISupportCareNet.org

Concession Stand by Lola's Café
or bring your own refreshments.

Thanks to Calvary Youth Group

We say a very special thanks to Calvary Chapel's Youth Group for choosing Care Net as one of their mission projects. A large group of students came to the Center and cleaned our garage and its contents (which included over 40 pieces of baby items), removed the sticky tape from all our new windows, overhauled our 3 bathrooms, weeded our gardens, shampooed our reception room carpet, and mopped all the floors. The students also toured the Center and asked wonderful questions as they learned more about Care Net. What a wonderful blessing they are to us!

Abortion Recovery Bible Study



Our abortion recovery Bible study for women, **Forgiven and Set Free**, will begin on **Tuesday, September 28th** and run for 9 weeks. If you have experienced emotional problems dealing with a past abortion, this study is for you. It's completely confidential and will be the first steps to receiving God's peace. For more information, please call the Center at 471-9284. For a list of symptoms of Post-abortion Stress, visit the Abortion Recovery page on our website: CareNetPregnancyCenter.com.

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