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Save the Dates:

Basketball Tournament

Saturday, April 10, Lourdes Gym

Fundraising Banquet

Friday, April 23, The Grandview



A Word from the Director

Healthcare Reform and the Impact on Pregnancy Centers

During his campaign, President Obama promised he would treat abortion as a basic health care mandate for both taxpayers and private health insurers to subsidize. He told Planned Parenthood that "reproductive care" would be at the "center" of his health care plan.

We are extremely concerned about taxpayer-funded abortion in the healthcare reform bill that was recently signed into law and what it means for our nation's pregnancy centers. Not only does the new law make the work of pregnancy centers more difficult, it also makes our work more critical than ever before.

The executive order issued by President Obama changes nothing. The president cannot amend a bill by issuing an order, and the federal courts will enforce what the law says. And regardless of any executive order, the reconciliation bill will make matters worse by increasing funding for community health centers, which will bypass any abortion funding restrictions in appropriations bills because it is directly appropriated.

Research has shown that if abortions are covered in a public healthcare plan, they will increase. According to Planned Parenthood's Guttmacher Institute, abortion will significantly increase among Medicaid recipients if covered by public funding. Care Net National's own research indicates that the marketing of "free services" at pregnancy centers is a draw to abortion-vulnerable women. So if abortion is covered in healthcare plans, how can we continue to attract this at-risk population with our free services?

The bill also provides no adequate provision for the rights of conscience of pro-life healthcare professionals. When these rights are trumped, pro-life individuals will leave or simply not enter the field of medicine. Where will pregnancy centers find like-minded doctors and nurses to provide free ultrasounds or STD testing? They simply won't exist.

We anticipate that if abortions increase because they are free and federally-subsidized in healthcare plans, there will be a huge increase in the demand for post-abortion recovery programs, which we offer at the Center. We expect that we will have to greatly expand our services in this area and are already making daytime Abortion Recovery Groups available.

Unfortunately, Congress and the President have passed a bill that allows for the expansion of abortion and the provision of taxpayer-funded abortion. But the good news is that you can make a difference in protecting life by supporting the Center! Our work is now more vital than ever and we need your prayers, help and financial support. I urge you to stand firm and not give up. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Trusting in Jesus for the victory!
Deb

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Spring 2010



Former Planned Parenthood Director to Speak at our Fundraising Banquet!

**Note our new location:
The Grandview in Poughkeepsie!**

Care Net's 24th Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie on Friday April 23rd. This year we will begin at 6 pm with an hors d'oeuvres hour that will be followed by dinner and the program. Our theme for the evening is "A Change of Heart" and we're delighted to have Abby

Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director, as our keynote speaker. God changed her heart after she witnessed an ultrasound guided abortion. We're looking forward to having the opportunity to hear her testimony and get an insider's view into the abortion industry.

In these challenging times, it's so encouraging to see God at work changing lives! With the new healthcare bill that was just passed, we are expecting to see more women seeking abortions. We hope you will partner with us as we need your financial support to continue our mission at Care Net, that is now more vital than ever.

For more information, to make your reservations or if you'd like to sponsor a table or help underwrite the Banquet, please see your church liaison or call the Center at (845) 471-9284.



Celebrating our 100th Ultrasound Client

Two years ago we began to offer referrals for onsite ultrasounds. This month we are celebrating our 100th client referral for ultrasound! In 2009 a classroom full of children were saved when their mothers saw their beating hearts! So far in 2010, our numbers are increasing. We're praising God for giving us access to this amazing technology!

Prayer & Praise

Pray that the nurses and social workers contacted in local high schools will refer teens to Care Net.

Praise for the donation of 29 chairs from Rosemary and Tom Holmes.

Praise for the Fishkill Baptist Living Well Bible Study group for spring cleaning at the Center.

Praise for the Vassar Road Church of the Nazarene for use of their facilities for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

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Baby Bottle Blessings Kick off on Mother's Day



Our annual Baby Bottle Blessings campaign will kick off on Mother's Day. The main event runs through Father's Day, but this is actually an ongoing campaign that can be done anytime during the year, and we will be happy to provide a speaker to present it to your group.

Baby Bottle Blessings is a wonderful opportunity to introduce children and others to the sanctity of human life and the ministry of Care Net in a non-threatening, age appropriate way. Everyone wants to help babies! Just get a baby bottle from your church liaison, the Center, or you can even buy one or use one you already have. Fill it with your spare change and return it to your church or drop it off at the Center. It's that easy, and the change really adds up! This is a perfect mission project for youth groups, Christian schools, Vacation Bible Schools, or any group that wants to help. For more information, speak to your church liaison or call the Center at (845) 471-9284.

Come Play! Our 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament



Saturday, April 10th
Our Lady of Lourdes Gym
8:30 am start
Flights: All Levels -
Male, Female, Co-ed
\$80 / 4 Person Team
\$20 / Individual -
Individuals will be assigned a team.
To Register Call:
Chris Pantano: (845) 234-2380
Bill O'Neil: (845) 489-0718

A Very Special Thanks!

We're praising God for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast **Eric and Lois Meyer** held in their barn to raise \$1,844 for Care Net!



Over 250 people enjoyed yummy homemade maple syrup, pancakes, bacon, sausage and perfect weather! Many thanks Eric and Lois, all who volunteered to help and to those who came out to eat!



Donations for Babies

Layette supplies: baby wipes, lotion, shampoo, onesies, crib sheets, towels
Boys' Spring and Summer Clothing up to 12 months
Bassinettes
Pack n' Plays

Our Wonderful Client Advocates

Care Net is blessed to have a dedicated group of women who volunteer as client advocates. Each client advocate has taken an independent six-hour study course followed



by six weeks of in-Center training in order to be prepared to counsel the clients. Our client advocates counsel with compassion, looking for opportunities to share the love of Christ with each woman. They have been stretched in their roles this past year as they have adapted to new policies and procedures that we have instituted to maintain the integrity of the Center as it operates in a more hostile environment.

The client advocates represent all ages and stages of life, from retirees to college students, nurses and business women. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 states, "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." What a fitting verse to describe our client advocates as they faithfully present life-affirming options to women facing unexpected pregnancies.

Lois Meyer

The Center Needs New Windows

In order to make our building more energy efficient, we really need to replace our old windows. We are seeking donations for the cost of the replacement windows. Eric Meyer is putting together a team of volunteers to install the windows as they are donated. If you would like to donate a window or volunteer to help with the installations, please call the Center for more information: 471-9284.



Daytime Abortion Recovery Groups!

We are so excited to be able to offer our *Forgiven and Set Free* abortion recovery Bible study for women during daytime Center hours. If you have had a past abortion experience and need the healing that only our Lord Jesus can bring, please call the Center at 471-9284 to sign up for this confidential group.

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