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Pregnancy Center of the Hudson Valley

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of Human Life
Sunday?**

Prayer & Praise

Pray: For courage for our at-risk clients to persevere in their choice for life.

Pray: That our financial needs will be met.

Praise: For how the Lord has grown our Board of Directors.

Praise: For all the great toys that were donated for our Client Christmas Party.

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Do you search the internet? Do you shop online? Well here are two easy ways for you to raise funds for Care Net at no cost to you.

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Spread the word! Tell your family and friends!



Walk for Life '08

October 18th was a chilly Saturday morning, but that didn't stop our faithful walkers from coming out to support Care Net by "taking a step for eternity." They walked the two-mile route along Wilbur Blvd. that was lined with footsteps sponsored in memory or honor of loved ones or aborted babies.

Many thanks and blessings to all of you who walked and donated to raise over \$11,000 for our work at the Center.

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The Last Sanctity of Human Life Sunday?

Twenty-five years ago, Care Net National asked President Ronald Reagan to create a special nationally recognized day to focus on the intrinsic value of human life and the fundamental right to life, as recognized by America's Founding Fathers. Reagan agreed, and in 1983 issued a proclamation establishing National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS). Since that time, only two other Presidents have issued that same proclamation – Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush.

The official SOHLS is held on the Sunday in January that falls closest to the day on which the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 1973. This year's SOHLS will be celebrated on January 18, 2009, just two days before President-Elect Barack Obama takes his oath of office. As Obama has made a promise to very quickly sign the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) upon his arrival, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday has taken on a whole new meaning.

Robert P. George, writing for the Witherspoon Institute's Public Discourse, says: This proposed legislation would create a federally guaranteed "fundamental right" to abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, including, as Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia has noted in a statement condemning the proposed Act, "a right to abort a fully developed child in the final weeks for undefined 'health' reasons." In essence, FOCA would abolish virtually every existing state and federal limitation on abortion, including parental consent and notification laws for minors, state and federal funding restrictions on abortion, and conscience protections for pro-life citizens working in the health-care industry-protections against being forced to participate in the practice of abortion or else lose their jobs. The pro-abortion National Organization for Women has proclaimed with approval that FOCA would "sweep away hundreds of anti-abortion laws [and] policies."

Obama's promise to sign FOCA has indicated to the pro-life community that he will not be issuing a proclamation for SOHLS. Please pray that God will change his heart on this issue.

This year's celebration of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday need not suffer and in fact is a perfect time to educate people about the impact of abortion on women, men and families. Most centers celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Week, January 18-25, 2009, including the two Sundays. We can provide a speaker for your church services or events and a specially created SOHL Bookmark to distribute.

Please call the Center at (845) 471-9284 to request a speaker or bookmarks.



Thanks to All our Supporters!

We have so many wonderful supporters of Care Net and we just could not do the work we do here without all of you. So from the Staff and Board at the Center, we offer a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helps this ministry.

Abortion Recovery Group Leaders

Church Liaisons and Pastors

Churches – monthly donations, special offerings, baby showers, 5K Run, etc.

Financial donors – monthly, one-time, churches, businesses

Maintenance Volunteers – carpentry, electrical, plumbing, cleaning

Material Resource Donors – clothing, furniture, diapers, layette items, Christmas toys

Prayer Chain

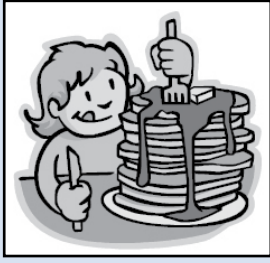
Special Event Volunteers – Walk for Life, Banquet, Baseball Tournament

Student Interns – from Marist College and home schooling groups

Supply Donors – paper goods, cleaning supplies

Weekly Volunteers – Client Advocates, Resource Room Workers, Baby Massage





Pancake Breakfast

Come enjoy delicious *homemade* maple syrup, pancakes, bacon and sausage at the Meyer barn at 2327 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners on **Saturday, March 28th from 9 am to 1 pm.** Great family fun for all!
 Adults: \$8
 Children 6-12: \$6
 Seniors: \$6
 Children 5 & under: free!

A Joy to Serve on Care Net's Board

My name is Jim Wojtowicz and I am honored to currently serve as Care Net's Board Treasurer. In my professional life, I work for the Town of Poughkeepsie where I function as the town's Comptroller. My wife and I belong to a fantastic church, Calvary Chapel of the Hudson Valley. We have four children between us: Seth, Ben, Ryan and Sarah.

I've always been a firm believer in the sanctity of human life and when Board director, Bill O'Neil, asked me to consider joining the Board, I was humbled and at first, thought I wasn't worthy. I prayed about it and God has led me to my Board position. I am really happy that I joined. Our Board is fantastic and I enjoy our oversight responsibilities. Care Net Pregnancy Center of the Hudson Valley has a great staff and many loyal volunteers. I am truly blessed to be able to serve this godly ministry.

Care Net Board & Staff

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Welcome to Our Two New Directors

We are excited that God continues to grow Care Net's Board of Directors. Please join us in welcoming our two new directors, Donna Robinson and Tom Zahradnik.

Donna Robinson and her husband Bill are the adoptive parents of three wonderful children, Anna, Justina, and Nicky. She is the Foster Parent Liaison at the Dutchess County Department of Social Services where she trains, supports and works with foster and adoptive parents. She says, "Truly, every life is valuable and special in God's eyes, and I get to work with people who can and do make a difference in the lives of abused, neglected or abandoned children." Donna and her family attend Valley Community Church of the Nazarene in Clinton Corners. Her husband is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, and is currently on leave after having pastored for fifteen years. Donna has been walking with Jesus as her Savior for 23 years, and is "still astounded daily by His incredible grace and love and provision."

Tom Michaels Zahradnik serves as the General Manager/CEO of The Sound of Life Radio Network. He holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Theology, and an AS in Communications and Media Arts. He is a licensed minister and endorsed chaplain with The General Council of The Assemblies of God. He will be ordained in May 2009. Tom is married to the love of his life of 21 years, Cathleen, and has three children, Jonathan, Alyssa, and Christy. They attend Faith Assembly. Tom is a HUGE Pittsburg Steelers fan! He enjoys aviation, cooking, football, but mostly sitting quietly watching a movie with Cathleen. Tom has been post-abortive for 28 years and has experienced the process of God's forgiveness, healing and grace in his life from this tragic choice. He is honored and grateful to serve on the Board of Care Net.

Did You Know?

22 babies are aborted in Dutchess County each week.

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Save the Dates:

Sanctity of Human Life Week

January 18 - 25 (Speakers available)

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 28

Annual Banquet

Friday, April 17



A Word from the Director

Welcome Love INC!

Over six years ago, when Care Net purchased the house in Poughkeepsie where our office is located, it came with a long-time tenant, Dr. Leigh, a dentist. We have been so blessed to have the additional income each month to help offset the mortgage expense and have come to rely on it. Last April Dr. Leigh let us know that he was retiring. It would take him a few months to vacate the office space, which was quite old and would need major renovations before it would be rentable again.

The Board began to pray about what to do and the Lord revealed that Love INC, a new ministry in Dutchess County, was looking for office space. Love INC, which stands for Love In the Name of Christ, understands that when resources are not connected, many needs go unmet. They bring those resources together so more needs can be met. They act as a clearinghouse where they will receive the request for help, assess the need, refer to help and then follow up. Their mission is to mobilize the Church in the Mid-Hudson Valley to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. You can find out more information on their website: www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org.

I called Jewel Ratzlaff, who is on the Love INC Board, and told her about the available space. She came to look at the office and saw the possibilities, but the rent was more than they could afford. They had been praying for free space. Care Net's Board prayed some more and the Lord revealed His leading. We took a huge step of faith, knowing that it would mean less income for us, and offered Love INC the use of the space rent free. They

would be responsible for the renovations, would pay for their share of the utilities and if they desire and are able, they could make a donation to Care Net at the end of each year. The Love INC Board loved the idea and we worked out an occupancy agreement. The renovations began in October and they expect to be up and running sometime in January 2009.

Care Net's Board and staff are so excited to have Love INC coming to 226 Church Street! We are already establishing a wonderful relationship with them and we see this as such a fantastic opportunity to help each other. We know that some of our clients will be able to benefit from their resources and we will be a referral source for them as well. This will help all of us establish deeper relationships with the people we serve and ultimately, introduce them to our Savior, Jesus, who is the one who will really transform their lives. It's the body of Christ working together as we should. What a witness!

Please join with us in welcoming Love INC to their new home and keep all of us in your prayers.

*In His service,
Deb Townsend*

