



Almost 15!

It's hard to believe that CareNet is almost 15 years old! The emotions surrounding that are exactly like a teenager's excitement about **almost** being old enough to get a driver's permit.

From the beginning, CareNet's vision was to minister to a group of people that were dismissed in many ways... those people who were choosing or contemplating abortion as their answer to an undesirable situation. The most challenging issues then would need to be divided into two categories. The first had to do with us as a community, which was gathering enough support from churches, businesses, and individuals to do the work God had called us to and our community would have to see past the 'sin' of the woman enough to provide the help she needed without being judgmental and condemning.

The second category had to do with the women themselves. They had fallen for the lie that abortion was the answer to their intense fear of being pregnant and they were hard to reach. They did not possess a relationship with God that was real and rewarding. When confronted with the Good News of Jesus Christ – they mostly refused, because in their mind, they had plenty of time and looked at being a Christian as boring and unfulfilling. They were not seeing any difference between those who claimed to be Christians and themselves and saw no need to have a relationship with God. When given the love and care of an understanding advocate, they, in many cases, would see their own value and therefore treasure the value of their unborn child and choose life for that baby.

When dealing with our clients the underlying issues, in some ways have remained the same, and in other ways it has drastically changed.

They are still afraid of being pregnant, but I'm seeing an incredible hard heartedness and selfishness. One of my clients told me, as she giggled – "it's like I've seen in the movies 'If I can't have the baby – nobody can.'" My staff, advocates, and I have seen clients look at their baby on the ultrasound monitor and say, "Oh... it is so innocent." And then abort that baby. The problem is intense for those of us who love that child, see that life on the screen, and know the mother chose to kill it – all because her life and her convenience mattered more to her than anything else.

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They still do not, for the most part, possess a relationship with God. We have seen an increase in the number of women who choose WICCA or New Age beliefs as their religion of choice. They don't want to be a Christian, because they feel the only ones they know are so hypocritical. We also see a difference in the spiritual leaders of women. Fifteen years ago, women were afraid to talk to their pastors, elders, and deacons for fear of being an outcast. A problem we have seen in the last year is spiritual leaders advising women to abort, feeling this is in the woman's best interest. It is hard to create a culture of life when our spiritual advisors are saying it is ok to choose death.

I believe with all my heart, that CareNet, and those who minister to these women, is prepared to address today's issues in our community better than anyone else.

Yes, I see many challenges for us in the future, but with each challenge I also see many great opportunities.

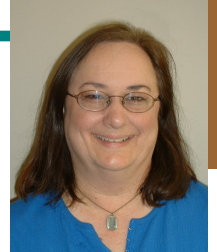
The opportunities God has given us in the past are impressive when put all together. We started with just a handful of men and women and have grown into a very respected ministry in our community. CareNet equals integrity in service to our clients, board, staff, and volunteers. We give our young the tools they need to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. We show Jesus to those women and men who come to us for help in the most troubling times of their lives.

We offer post abortion counseling to those women who are suffering from the guilt of a past abortion. This past year, we added a myriad of classes to help those women who chose life be the best mothers they can be. We added ultrasound technology in October 2008, now we can help even more women choose life for their unborn.

Yes, we are the best prepared to address today's issues of life and death to our next generation. No, it never has been nor will it ever be easy to look death in the face every day. But our God is a gracious God and He upholds us through people like you... people who have chosen to partner with us so that we can be about the business God has given us to do.

Thank you for the opportunity to minister to our community in this way!

Chris



Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor

Chris Russell

By

CareNet Staff

In Memory

Bessie Bradley
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By

Donald & Carolyn Simon
The Collier Family
Reuben & Dorothy Buttrey
Jere & Anne Bass
Jean Moore, Dee Browning,
Carolyn Brunett, & Joan Vineyard
Sherrie Spencer
1st Baptist women
Martha, Samantha, Jocalyn
& Christopher Albright
Earl & Roberta Tucker
Lois Wehman
Mary Karnes
Ron & Pat Marks
Bill Morgan Family
Clifton & Brenda Brown
Retha Johnson

Bessie Bradley
Ruth Bradfield
Lavenia Bell

Eric Jay Tucker
Bill Wehman
Wistelle Conner
Vera Puckett
Bessie Bradley
Kenneth Durham
James H. Johnson

I AM going to abort this baby!

November was a very busy month for us. We had six women with their parents, boyfriends, or husbands come to CareNet planning to abort their child or contemplating abortion.

We had one couple in particular. They were adamant when they arrived; "We ARE aborting this baby. It doesn't matter what you say."

I am not sure why, but they agreed to have a complimentary ultrasound. It still did not look hopeful, they did not seem affected when they saw their baby on the screen. As a matter of fact, they called it "that blob of tissue?"

All we could do was love and pray for them.

The next thing we know, they called to say, "we just can't abort this child. We were affected by what we saw during the ultrasound!"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Not only has the child been granted life, but his parents will not suffer because of a bad decision.

"The more abortion has become entrenched, the more difficult it has become for women to resist the pressure to avail themselves of it."

MELINDA TANKARD REIST, *Giving Sorrow Words*

CareNet Babies 2009

What a year it has been! Our first full year of offering complimentary limited ultrasounds has come to an end. The Lord has kept us extremely busy ministering to those men and women who struggled with the life and death decisions of their children. The following is a list of those babies we know were born in 2009. Of this list, seven babies are alive that would not have been if CareNet were not here to minister to their moms, dads, and grandparents! One was a set of twins!

Abigail	Carson	Caiden
Noah	John	Dakota
Caylee	Christianna	Kiren
Kamron	Marly	Ayden
Rebecca	Kevin	Mary
Lydia	Zoey	Josiah
McKenna	Liza	Elizabeth
Davey	Daylin	Aiden
Landon	Lillie	Abigail
	McKynly	

Plus 6 Babies we have no name for.



Help us Meet our Walk Goal

We are needing to raise a minimum of \$35,000.00 at our LifeWalk. This amount will help sustain this ministry for **2 months**. It is our 2nd biggest fund raiser. Even if you can't actually walk, you can get sponsors & donate yourself to help us reach our goal.

Choose Life Plates

Choose Life specialty license plates are now available at our county clerk's office.



Bring in much needed "Forever" postal stamps.

Bring your pastor to CareNet for a tour.

Come in and pray for us and our patients in our "prayer room."

One Life at a Time

(Jan-Dec)

All client visits.....	431
New clients.....	105
Return visits.....	326

Pregnancy Tests

(Jan-Dec)

Positive.....	78
Negative.....	23

Ultrasounds Performed

(Jan-Dec)

33

Salvations

(Jan-Dec)

3

Bibles Given Out

(Jan-Dec)

14

Volunteer Hours

(Jan-Dec)

2,645



Client Quote

"I am so glad we came here first; before we went to Planned Parenthood!"

Step out with us this year: Walk the Walk

Haven't walked in our LifeWalk before? Perhaps this year, you'll join us. This is not a strenuous event - just a couple of miles. It's not hard to get sponsors; just a few friends and family members will be plenty.

And you don't even have to collect the money; we will do that for you. What is it worth? A lot! Because when this Walk is over, a portion of the funds raised will go to finishing our construction project so that our boutique, LoRita's Open Door, can begin accepting patrons.

Just because someone decided to get sponsors and walk, we believe more mothers and fathers will choose life for their babies and more women and men will have an opportunity to know Jesus Christ.

All of this, because people cared enough to grab a sponsor form and talk to a few family members and friends.

Lives will be saved and hearts will be changed, just because someone walked a couple of miles with a bunch of friends and turned in a pledge form with sponsors.

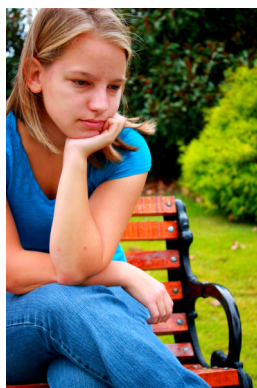
On the day of our LifeWalk, Saturday, April 24, 2010, no one will protest, no one will be chanting and waving signs. But quietly, a much larger statement will be made - a statement of love.

This year, perhaps all of us can walk. And because of that, more hearts will be changed and more lives will be saved. **Won't you walk with us?**

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"Integrity allows you to make an authentic connection with people, especially those you want to be close to. Without integrity, there is no relationship, only entanglement."

Gay Hendricks and Kate Ludeman



pregnant?
had an abortion?
Need help?

**Call 446-0701
for healing**

Needs:

Monetary donations for:

- New Washer & Dryer/ (\$1,500)
- 2 New Flat Screen TVs
- Flat screen monitor for ultrasound (\$500)
- Clothing Racks for Store
- Cash Register for Store

Labor Needs:

- Paint lines in Parking lot
- Re-do Concrete Walkway
- Put up Trim on Main Floor
- Fix & seal exterior walls

Volunteer Needs:

- Encourage someone to choose life
- We need people who love talking on the phone

Her name is Joanie, and she's making a difference

She lives in a small southern town, and when LifeWalk stories are told, hers is one of those at the top of the list.

You see, Joanie has a condition that makes walking difficult, and sometimes impossible. But 1997, she participated in the LifeWalk at her center. That year, she started early, getting out of her wheelchair a few weeks before the event and walking the first of the two miles before she lost her strength.

On the day of the event, a friend pushed her the other mile, so that she could complete the event. And yet at the end of the event, she was thanking her pregnancy center for giving her the opportunity to participate.

That year Joanie raised more than \$700! And each year, Joanie has been a part of the LifeWalk. To the folks in her town, she is a hero!

To us her story should be inspiring as well. Won't you join us on April 24 at the Discovery School? If you can't make it that day, you can always walk on your own time - like Joanie did!

Return Service Requested



Want to know where we are going? Here is our 5-year plan! →

When we think of a pregnancy care center like ours, we often think in terms of unborn babies - not realizing the long-term impact our ministry is having on those little lives.

Perhaps this little guy can remind us that when a mom chooses life for her child, that child might grow up to be tomorrow's ballplayer, or even spelling bee champ.

If you have the vision to see what *can* be in a new mom's life, we're looking for you to join our family of dedicated volunteer staff members - give us a call. We're sure there is a place for you!

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Mission Statement

CareNet believes in the sanctity of human life. We are a service organization committed to dramatically reducing the number of lives lost to or harmed by abortion. We offer abortion alternatives, evangelism, post-abortion healing, and promote sexual purity.

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