

# Creating a Culture of Abundant Life



Summer 2019

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Confidential  
Support for Teens,  
Women & Families



40%  
growth in  
new clients  
within last 6 months



The best way for Care Net to reach more people is by **word of mouth**.

Soon we will be sending updates via email; please forward those emails to others, or when you finish reading this, please pass it on.

## From the Executive Director

As the new Executive Director, I am going to be transparent as I share my heart and story with you. I am humbled and grateful to have this position at Care Net. As I share a little bit about myself, I would also love to meet and get to know you.

I have been married to Bil for 33 years and we have 3 grown children. I served on the Board of Directors here at Care Net from 2001-2003 and 2017-2019 and have always been pro-life. When this position opened, I was the only Board Member that did not have a paying job, so I jumped in as the Interim Executive Director.

Each day, I saw how God was moving; I also saw the love the staff & volunteers have for Christ and for every client. I became even more passionate about this ministry. Different board members, staff, volunteers, family and friends started suggesting I apply to be the Executive Director and I emphatically kept saying, "No, I don't think so." Then one day someone said something that made me realize that maybe God was talking. While alone, I said out loud, "God, if you want me to apply for this position, You are going to have to change my heart and mind." Long story short, He answered that prayer, and I am very thankful He did.

We are here to serve as an amazing team of brothers and sisters in Christ. Every day at the Center, we see the body of Christ working together. God is using every one of us uniquely—including you—to reach others, not only physically by saving lives, but spiritually and emotionally. John 10:10b (ESV) says, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." We desire to help our clients live an abundant life in Christ.

This newsletter will share ways God has already been moving. You will read about the Woods' family donating \$10,000 toward our ultrasound package, the wonderful Mark Schultz concert, Central Assembly's donations from the *Come Alive Easter Experience*, our very successful walk, Sherwin Williams of Sebastian's generous donation, and H Brothers Painting Inc, who painted the entire outside of our building for free! Those are just a few ways God has moved through His people. Thank you for your support as a Care Net Champion!

For Abundant Life,

*Bonnie Martinelli*  
Executive Director

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"...so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." Romans 12:5 NLT

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## Recent Events

Vero Christian Church hosted a Mark Schultz benefit concert recently. We were thrilled by community participation & generous donations, which included funds towards an ultrasound machine. We praise God & thank everyone that participated in this two night concert!



Cornerstone Christian Church of V.B. held a baby shower for us earlier this year. We are so grateful for the baby items they donated to our clients.



Central Assembly's Come Alive Easter Experience was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that participated, donated & supported us during this powerful Gospel event!

## Capital Campaign

We are excited to announce we are in the process of looking to expand Care Net! Our needs are changing and we now require a building that will allow us to grow for the future needs of the ministry. The Lord has shown us the need to provide rudimentary medical services in conjunction with our Christ-centered counseling that cannot be done in our current location. We are asking for folks to partner with us as our Capital Campaign begins. Please contact Bonnie or one of the Board Members to see how you can help us achieve this mission that God has revealed for our ministry. God is on the move, and we are excited to answer his call!

Thank you for partnering in this cause!

## Baby Bottle Campaign

Over 1,700 baby bottles were distributed to 42 participating churches and daycares in our community. This typically runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, and allows church members and preschoolers to support Care Net by collecting coins, cash or checks in our fundraising bottles.

Thank you for participating!



## Ultrasound Machine

Local OBGYN Dr. Presley & his staff have graciously given our clients a free ultrasound appointment at his office for many years. However, having an ultrasound machine in our office will be more effective for walk-in clients or those feeling pressured to make a quick pregnancy decision. Studies show clients are more likely to keep their baby after seeing an ultrasound image\*. Thank you Sharon & Lloyd Woods for donating \$10,000 towards our ultrasound package!

\*Focus on the Family. (2011). *Focus on the Family Clarifies Option Ultrasound Numbers*. [online] Available at: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/about/newsroom/news-releases/20111018-focus-on-the-family-clarifies-option-ultrasound-numbers> [Accessed 24 Jun. 2019].

## Fresh New Look



Thank you to *H Brothers Painting, Inc* for painting, *Sherwin Williams of Sebastian* for a huge paint discount, and *Operation Love Your Neighbor* from FUMC for donating yardwork.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Indian River County is a Christ-centered ministry that builds upon the Biblical principles of sanctity of human life, sexual purity and adoption. Care Net is committed to providing compassionate help and practical support for those facing unplanned pregnancies and post abortion stress.

# From the Client Services Director

One of the things I love about working at Care Net is each morning we lift up our staff, volunteers, and clients in prayer. Our vision for Care Net is to create, promote, and protect a culture change for life in Vero Beach and beyond. This means being known by our love for life and broken people; not by hating abortion. We do this by meeting each woman and man who enters our door with compassion, support, and love.

**Why our ministry matters:** At Care Net, we care about the women and men we see holistically. Defending the voiceless is truly a valiant cause, but if that is all we do, we only delay the cycle of children having children into a world that hates life. We believe that lives change from the inside out, through Gospel-redeeming grace. Through working to create cultural change, we not only save lives, but can make abortion unthinkable.

**How we execute our mission:** As God has expanded our vision, we re-evaluated our approach in showing this radical, transformational, and freeing love. We saw a deep need within families of our community for education, which provides a picture of what a family looks like. We have recently launched a new program called Earn While You Learn. EWYL provides clients with over 200 interactive video lessons on pregnancy, parenting, marriage, finances, fatherhood, and more. EWYL empowers clients to make life-affirming choices and live abundantly.

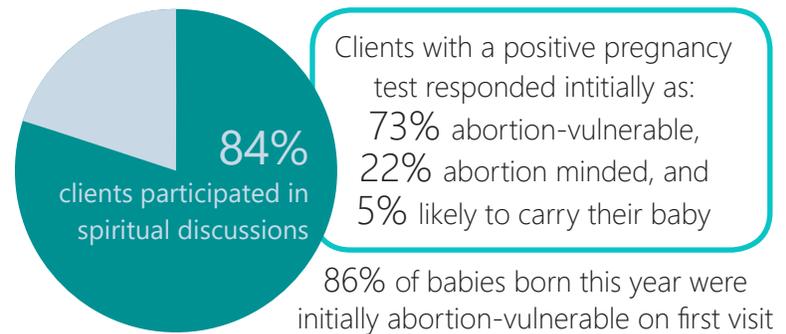
**How we measure success:** In pursuing a culture that promotes life, we see success as equipping people, through education and the Gospel, to change their worldview of the value of human life. This includes transformation for the whole family, equipping them to be cycle-breakers and inviting them into abundant life (and eternal life!), saving not only this generation's lives, but future generations.

Kendi Lambert, *Director of Client Services*



## Client Statistics

January - June 2019



“Care Net is a place where any mother can feel safe and secure because they will always be there to help women through some of the hardest decisions in life.” -Ashley, Adoption client

## Become a Champion

### Ways to Volunteer (Female, Male or Teen)

- Client Advocate, Receptionist or Mommy Mentor (4 hr/week)
- Office Assistant • Outreach Volunteer • Church Liaison Volunteer • Handyman • Annual Fundraisers: Fall Banquet, Spring Walk for Life and Summer Baby Bottle Campaign
- Other (let us know your ideas)



### Ways to Donate (Securely)

- Online at [www.carenetirc.org](http://www.carenetirc.org)
- Mail to P.O. Box 836, Vero Beach, FL 32961 (Payable to: Care Net)
- Shop AmazonSmile <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2344840>
- Legacy giving ~ Consider planned giving as part of your overall financial or estate planning. Consult your attorney, CPA or financial advisor for more information.
- Sponsor Earn While You Learn (EWYL) for \$118 a month

### Items to Donate

- Client Needs: Diapers, wipes, strollers, cribs/mattresses, new car seats, baby food and baby & maternity clothing. (After receiving these donations from our local community, our clients earn these items through our education programs.)
- Office Needs: 1 laptop

Contact Kendi at [clientservices@carenetirc.org](mailto:clientservices@carenetirc.org) or 772.569.7939 for more information

**FREE SERVICES:** Pregnancy Tests • Client Advocate Counseling • Limited Ultrasound Referral • Adoption-Option Care Program • Earn While You Learn Program • STI Education • Parenting Classes • Maternity & Baby Clothing • Abortion Recovery • Men's Mentorship • Referrals



We have a New Champion Website for our  
Volunteers, Donors, Church, and Investors like you.  
[www.carenetchampions.org](http://www.carenetchampions.org)

## “Faith to Move Mountains” Banquet 2019



Care Net announces our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet, Thursday, November 7th, with keynote speakers Dr. Anthony & Ceil Levatino. Dr. Tony Levatino is a former abortionist that played the abortionist in the recent movie “Unplanned”. The story of his journey in becoming pro-life has educated and motivated audiences worldwide by his simple, yet hard truth presentation on abortion. Ceil, Dr. Levatino’s wife, will share her story of being a pro-life nurse married to a pro-choice doctor and how the transformation took place. This event provides an opportunity for you to partner with us in saving lives.

Dr Tony & Ceil Levatino’s presentation will be recorded. The video presentation will be shown in January 2020 at a special event open to the community. Contact Care Net for more details.



## “Together We Overcome” Walk 2019

“Walk humbly with your God” -Micah 6:8

Many individuals, churches and businesses of Indian River County came together for life by participating in our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life at Riverside Park. Rev. John Miller and Tami Featherston raised the most funds and each won a \$200 Amazon gift card and donated them back to our mission! Thank you to the underwriters, and those who gave raffle items, donated, participated and volunteered. Together, the community helped us exceed our increased goal of \$40,000!

**Top Three Church Teams:** Christ Church • Christ the King Presbyterian Church  
• Vero Christian Church • **Church with Most Participants:** Central Assembly

Wall designers: Erik Hjalmeby, Pam Tummond, & volunteers.  
Together we overcome the fear & struggles women face in unplanned pregnancies!

31 churches & 200+ individuals participated

\$40,000 was raised to save lives, spare hearts & share the Gospel



Save the Date! Walk 2020 is March 28<sup>th</sup> @ Riverside Park

### Surrendering the Secret

STS is a compassionate program for women who have had an abortion. This free Bible study is provided at our office and participating churches. If you or your church would like to participate, please contact us.



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Items like diapers, wipes, cribs, car seats, or funds

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Sign up for email or mail updates

**❤️ Volunteer**  
Sign up for weekly or special event shifts

**✓ Commit**  
Host a table or underwrite at the Fall Fundraising Banquet

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