

# Creating a Culture of Abundant Life

Spring 2020



We are a Christ-centered ministry that builds upon the Biblical principles of sanctity of human life, sexual purity and adoption.

We are committed to providing compassionate help and practical support for those facing unplanned pregnancies and post-abortion stress.



## Care Net Champions

support, promote and advocate



### Pray

Sign up for email or mail updates



### Donate

Diapers, wipes, cribs, car seats, etc.



### Invest

Online, by mail, give a legacy



### Volunteer

for weekly shifts or one time



### Advocate

at your church or elsewhere

## Latest Update from Care Net

It is our privilege to serve at Care Net. God is at work and we are excited to share some of these statistics that are a reflection of what He is doing. Each of these numbers are because God has brought volunteers, churches, and supporters together to minister to those who are scared, hurting, and are in need of help and healing.

### 2019 Statistics

- **228 clients**
- **1,407 client appointments**
- **113 pregnancy tests**
  - **21 abortion minded (their first choice was abortion)**
- **85 positive pregnancy tests**
- **1,263 times clients received prayer**
- **823 times clients received spiritual counsel**
- **16 confirmed babies saved (moms chose life)**

At Care Net, we are not just pro-life, but also pro-abundant life and pro-eternal life.

From our launch of Earn While You Learn (EWYL) to the end of 2019, we had 315 EWYL visits. As women

complete these lessons they earn baby bucks to shop in our baby boutique. This included nearly 2,500 minutes of EWYL videos watched. Women can complete Bible studies for baby bucks as well.

One of the benefits of EWYL is that the lessons provide a bridge to the Gospel. The majority of the lessons include a devotion for the clients, which helps show them that God cares about all areas of their life. These spiritual applications include Scriptures, prayer, and encouragement from other moms. Prayer is a key part of our ministry, both behind the scenes and with our clients.

Thank you for your support. We are excited for what God has in store for 2020!

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# Banquet Fundraiser - "Faith to Move Mountains"

On a chilly November, more than 300 guests attended Care Net's 35th Annual Fundraising Banquet at First Presbyterian Church. Three powerful speakers shared their stories of the impact Care Net has had on their lives. Attendees learned of the vital role our non-profit plays when working with women (and men) trying to decide whether or not to terminate their baby in an unplanned pregnancy.

Every day 3,000 women in the U.S. choose not to walk through the doors of pregnancy resource centers, but walk into an abortion clinic to end the life of their baby.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Anthony's Levatino, is a former abortionist who participated in over 1,200 abortions as an OBGYN in New York. Dr. Levatino shared his story of redemption and how God opened his eyes and heart to the long-lasting damage abortion has on the soul.

"In 1983 a new patient completely blew me away when she said to me that I have been sent here to share with you that Jesus loves

you. This is not what He had intended your life to be - an abortionist, please stop."

Little by little, God revealed to Dr. Levatino what a fragile and precious gift life is. Dr. Levatino's outlook changed; he went from performing abortions to being one of the most active members in the pro-life movement. Dr. Levatino has presented medically accurate pro-life information in front of Congress, colleges, and events. He even played an abortionist in the movie *Unplanned*, drawing attention to the true horrors of abortion.

Additional stories were shared at our Banquet by clients Ludjine and Amy. Amy is a client who participated in Surrender the Secret (STS), our post-abortion healing program. When Amy became pregnant as a teenager, she and her boyfriend chose abortion.

Amy held her abortion story buried deep inside of her for years. Though her life seemed like the perfect Christian on the outside, Amy

carried a deep shame and pain. She began "Surrender the Secret" (STS) and through that program, God brought her freedom and joy in Christ! She finally found the hope and forgiveness she had been looking for! Today Amy boldly shares her testimony about the dangerous realities following an abortion, and how to overcome them. Ludjine also shared her testimony of facing an unplanned pregnancy and how Care Net was able to support her as she chose life.

We believe that stories such as those of Amy, Ludjine, and Dr. Levatino are just the beginning of the work God has planned for His kingdom. The ministry is expanding and we look forward to seeing Him continue to move mountains in the days to come.



Dr. Anthony & Ceil Levatino at last year's "Faith to Move Mountains" Banquet

## Banquet 2020

### \$ Underwrite

Invest towards next Banquet

### ♥ Volunteer

Host a Table  
Join the Banquet Committee  
Transport/lift materials  
Assist with set up or clean up

### ✓ Attend

October 8th or 9th, 2020 and financially give to Care Net

## Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Event

Oceans Unite offered their church as our venue for Care Net's first Annual SOHL event January 17, 2020. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion in all 50 states. Eleven years later, President Ronald Reagan named January 22nd as the day to commemorate the lives lost to abortion. Today churches across the nation honor life as sacred by God on Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Sunday. Last November, we recorded Dr. Anthony and Ceil Levatino's presentation at our Fundraising Banquet, so that we could show their video at our SOHL "Defend the Unborn" event. This event was based on Psalm 82:3, "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless, maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed." After going through our post-abortive program, Surrender the Secret, Amy Post, shared her testimony beautifully that evening.



One in 4 women have had an abortion.

Source: <https://www.gutmacher.org/fact-sheet/induced-abortion-united-states>

If you know of someone with heartache from abortion, please reach out to Care Net.

## SURRENDERING THE SECRET

HEALING THE HEARTBREAK OF ABORTION

STS is a compassionate program for women who have had an abortion. This free Bible study is provided at Care Net and participating churches. Contact us if you (or your church) want to participate in healing souls.

## Grants

Thank you to Vero Beach Christian Business Association (VBCBA) and Christ Church for the grants they've given that help keep Care Net operating! It is a blessing to partner with them as we help families in our community.

Thank you, Regal Carpet Cleaners, for doing a great job cleaning our carpet at both locations for FREE!

We greatly appreciate you!

Thank you to Matthew's Plumbing for a FREE hot water heater replacement last summer, after ours stopped working!

## Special Thanks

All the churches, clubs, organizations that allowed us to share about Care Net in 2019:

- Christ Church
- Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship
- First Baptist Church
- First United Methodist Church
- GraceSpring Church
- Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Master's Academy
- Oceans Unite Christian Centre
- Pathway Church
- Respect Life
- Republicans for Life IRC
- Sebastian Christian Church
- We Are Vero
- Vero Christian Church

Thank you, First United Methodist Church, for all they did for Care Net during their Operation Love Your Neighbor (OLYN) project!

Sebastian Christian Church (SCC) blessed many of our clients with beautiful wrapped children's Christmas gifts. Our clients' faces lit up, knowing how happy it would make their children! Thank you, SCC, for making their Christmas in 2019 more special!



## Earn While You Learn - Baby Boutique

To help our clients have abundant life, we launched the Earn While You Learn (EWYL) program in October of 2019. EWYL is a curriculum, started by Christians working at pregnancy centers, designed to break the cycle of abortion, abuse, poverty, and neglect. EWYL is designed to empower, equip, and support women and men who are facing unplanned pregnancies, or who already have children and need a source of support. EWYL is composed of over 200 video lessons on pregnancy, prenatal care, labor, 1st and 2nd year expectations and care, relationships and marriage, fatherhood, parenting skills, and financial health, and more.

We knew God was doing more great things when He led us to call about renting a space that opened up across the street for our Baby Boutique. As we were working out the details, Sebastian Christian Church's congregation was taking up a special offering for Care Net. In December they presented Care Net with a check for over \$12,000 which is completely paying for our new Baby Boutique's rent, electric, phone/internet, and insurance for an entire year! This is a huge blessing to our clients, volunteers and staff. As our clients earn "baby bucks" from our Earn While You Learn educational program, they then get to go "shopping". We have had an increase in men coming in to learn how to be better daddy's and they like shopping for their families too! They don't have the opportunity to shop for their babies and this helps provide a way to meet their needs.

Everything in the Baby Boutique has been donated by churches and individuals.

We are thankful when churches host baby showers to keep our Baby Boutique stocked for clients. Again this year, Central Assembly is collecting baby items at their Easter production for us! First Baptist Church is also excited to host a baby shower for our Baby Boutique.



Thank you, Sebastian Christian Church, for the funds for rent, electricity, internet and insurance for a year!

## Baby Shower

If your church or community would like to have a baby shower for Care Net, we will be happy to help in any way we can! Contact us about making flyers, coming to represent Care Net, and more.





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## Exciting News!

In 2020, we will start providing free ultrasounds on site to our clients! Thank you to our donors that gave with joy to help fund the ultrasound project. Statistics show that 80% of mothers that see an ultrasound image of their baby choose life. Statistics increase to 90% when the father sees the ultrasound image.

Our New Champion Website launched: [www.carenetchampions.org](http://www.carenetchampions.org)

Stay updated on events and other things pertaining to Care Net. Soon you will see articles as resources to help you understand the pro-life movement and defend it. Thank you for checking in to see what is new!

## I pledge my support for Abundant Life

**Step 1** Register online today or fill out this form below

Sat March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**VIRTUAL EVENT**

at 8 AM go to

[www.carenetwalk.com](http://www.carenetwalk.com)

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**Step 2** Detach form and put in enclosed envelope

**Step 3** Mail to our office

**Step 4** Tune in to [carenetwalk.com](http://carenetwalk.com) to our virtual Youtube event March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM

Raise funds to win Grand Prizes or Raffle Prizes



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