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CARE NET UPDATE

CREATING A CULTURE OF ABUNDANT LIFE

PARTICIPATE IN THE

Walk for Life

March 27, 2021

RIVERSIDE PARK OR REMOTELY

CHECK-IN 8AM • KICK-OFF 8:45 AM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUNDRAISER



ALL FUNDS
RAISED...

provide for local
women, families,
and students served
by Care Net of IRC

- 1 Register today at carenetwalk.com
- 2 Raise funds (\$150 for T-shirt and 4 raffle tickets)
- 3 Compete to win a Grand Prize
- 4 Walk on March 27th
- 5 Stand up for LIFE

Use Hashtag
#WalkForLifeIRC
to post on
social media

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NEW PROGRAM Local Lactation Consultant, Mary Becker, teaches a breastfeeding group class once a month at Care Net. Mary also meets one-on-one with clients! She is an Internationally Board Certified Lactation Consultant with 25 years of experience. She is a God-send, educating our clients and equipping our volunteers. Any pregnant or breastfeeding mom can call Care Net for free information, resources and support.

“ Seeing Mary, the Lactation Consultant, made a HUGE difference and empowered me to feel confident in feeding my baby... ” -Client

Mary L. Becker,
MHS, PA, IBCLC



UPDATE

BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BONNIE MARTINELLI



It has been a great beginning to 2021. Even though COVID-19 is still here, everyday we are getting to serve women in a variety of ways and saving babies! This year we are perfecting and sustaining our current programs. Our desire is to have a smooth flowing “Center of Excellence” for all who walk through our doors.

ADOPTION

When a mom comes to Care Net and is not sure about parenting, our Client Advocate will share pregnancy options with her. Many times she is surprised at the possibilities with adoption, like “open adoption” where she will have ongoing contact with the parents who are adopting. Another possibility is “semi-open adoption”, which allows limited communication between the two parents (i.e. sending and receiving photos and letters with the agency being the liaison). Lastly, “closed adoption” allows no contact between the birth parents and the adopting parents.

“ We are the conduit between the birth mother and the adoption agency. ”

Care Net partners with three great Christian adoption agencies: Hope for Families, Nitelite and Bethany. The birth mother chooses which agency she wishes to work with. Many times it is arranged for the representative from the adoption agency to meet with the birth mom at Care Net to form a relationship. Care Net continues to see and support the birth mom through delivery and after. Recently, we had two clients choose adoption and one other client is near her due date; soon she will be placing her baby with the new family. This can be an emotionally hard time for these ladies. Even though they have chosen life for their baby and are giving another family the greatest gift of their life, there is still a grieving process for the birth mothers. Please pray for peace, comfort and healing for our clients going through the adoption process!

THANK YOU

We thank the wonderful people at First United Methodist and their Operation Love Your Neighbor program! In mid February, they changed locks, painted, moved things, weeded, mulched, performed electrical work and more!



We are excited about launching our Embrace Grace program where area churches partner with Care Net to bring a 12-week Bible Study to single women who have an unplanned pregnancy. After 12 weeks, the ladies of the church throw her a baby shower! Vero Christian Church & Pillar Community Church will be starting a group on March 24th with other churches following.

COMMUNITY

Thank you for hosting baby showers for clients:

- Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Westminster UMC
- First Baptist Church
- Christ the King Presbyterian
- Our Savior Lutheran
- First Christian Church
- Living Water Fellowship
- Crossroads Christian Fellowship
- First United Methodist
- Vero Christian Church
- Christ by the Sea UMC
- St Helen’s RC Church

Thank you for letting us share about Care Net:

- Oceans Unite Christian Centre
- Vero Bible Fellowship
- Pathway Church
- Vero Beach Women’s Network
- Vero Christian Church
- Exchange Club of VB
- GraceSpring Church

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