

Champion Update

Winter 2021



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Your support and prayers are saving lives

Your involvement, prayers and donations to this ministry are saving babies, serving families, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! We are so thankful for each of you as Champions for Care Net!



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Dads To Be

When people think of Care Net providing free ultrasounds, they likely picture a young woman coming to see the baby's beating heart and to find out how far along she is. But what makes our Center different is that we schedule the ultrasound exam when the father of the baby can be there, too!

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*Donate \$300
for an ultrasound*



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Babies are Born!

Clients receive a special gift from Care Net once their baby is born: a layette carefully prepared by our volunteers containing essential items: diapers, clothes, baby lotion, blanket, toy, hat, socks, book, and a beautifully written poem! Contact Care Net if you would like to donate items or sponsor a layette for a newborn baby.

*Donate \$50
for diapers or layettes*



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Gov. Huckabee

Thank you to everyone who attended Care Net's 37th annual fundraiser! God blessed us with the largest gathering of like-minded people who raised the most money for this ministry in its 37-years. Through this event, we acquired new Champions for Care Net.

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*We appreciate
the recent donations*

Gov. Huckabee (continued)

BY BONNIE MARTINELLI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

People who have never heard of Care Net before now want to support this ministry and help save babies lives and support moms and dad, praise God! Governor Huckabee could not have given a better message than what he shared that night with 500 people in attendance. During the Meet and Greet time he chatted with each person making them feel so welcome as they had their picture taken with him. It was evident by his speech it was his pro-life passion which led him into politics. He shared stories and facts with the audience and one particular story that ended with “why didn’t they do something?” asked by a little girl. If you missed the evening or would like to hear his speech again - look at the information on the back page. Please go to the website www.carenetchampions.org to view all the pictures from that evening. Join us at our Sanctity of Human Life event on Jan. 21st, 2022 at 7 pm at Oceans Unite... Invite a friend!



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YOU MAY ASK

How Can I Help?

- Retired/Part-Time Nurse with current license
- Help with Data Entry
- Translate from Creole, Spanish, etc to English
- Volunteer weekly as a Client Advocate, Receptionist, or in the Baby Boutique
- Volunteer Driver with truck/SUV
- Volunteer Handyman to set up cribs
- Shop Amazon Baby Registry - scan QR code:

Contact Care Net for details



Baby Items Needed

With the increase of clients coming to Care Net, the need for baby and toddler items like car seats, wipes, and diapers size newborn, 4, 5, and 6 has increased! Clients earn these items as they learn how to more effectively parent. Would you consider buying items or making a donation? Shop on Care Net’s Amazon Baby Registry by scanning the QR code below or give other ways. Clients truly appreciate it!

Contact Care Net for details

Fiscal Year Statistics

SEPTEMBER 2020 - AUGUST 2021

- Distinct Clients: **302**
- Client Visits: **1,671**
- Positive Pregnancy Tests: **173**
- Ultrasounds: **117**
- Confirmed Saved Babies Born: **32**
- Material Services: **1,069**
- Fatherhood Visits: **138**
- Spiritual Discussions: **659**

Special Thanks

Thank you for providing Christmas presents to Care Net kids:

- Sebastian Christian Church
- Vero Christian Church
- Cornerstone Christian Church
- Grace Baptist Church

This year over 100 of our Care Net kids will be blessed this Christmas!

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Merry Christmas!



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BABIES WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT!

Most Memorable Unplanned Pregnancy

BY BONNIE MARTINELLI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we get older and wiser, we see Christmas is all about giving and not receiving. In the hustle and bustle of life, we take this time to reflect on the greatest gift ever given, Jesus! Jesus is and always has been part of the most memorable unplanned pregnancy that ever happened. His life on this earth started with uncertainty when his earthly mother, Mary, found out she was pregnant. Most likely, she experienced many of the emotions that moms at Care Net experience every week when they come in and find out they are pregnant. Those emotions include shock, fear, shame, and confusion. Like God brought peace to Mary, He uses all of us - and that includes you, to bring peace, help, and hope to these precious mamas. This past year Care Net has seen many, many lives transformed! Here are a few examples:

“ Because Care Net offers an ultrasound 24/7, my baby was saved from getting aborted that day! ”

“ You are all awesome and many, many thanks!! ”

“ If it weren't for Care Net and the availability of having an ultrasound, I would've aborted my baby. ”

“ I met God at Care Net and am being discipled by my Client Advocate. ”

“ Calling Care Net was the best phone call I've ever made. ”

“ Because of Care Net, I could get back on my feet and become the mom I'm meant to be. ”

“ Because of Care Net's Baby Boutique, I could concentrate on housing and shelter because my baby had all the diapers and clothing she needed. ”

All of this couldn't have happened without you because you are a part of each of our moms, dads, and baby's lives when you support Care Net with your finances, resources, time, and prayers! As you think about year-end giving, we greatly appreciate your continued support. Please know that every dollar is considered and used in the best way possible. It's a blessing to partner with so many amazing people as TOGETHER we save babies, serve families, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ!



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Tax and Estate Reminders

BY KRISS MORRIS, BOARD PRESIDENT

Did You Know? Certain Tax Savings Are Expiring!

A key stimulus package is set to expire on Dec. 31. Here are a few last-minute ways you can make a difference at Care Net.

1. The universal charitable deduction is temporarily upgraded. The new deduction is \$300 for single filers and \$600 for married couples filing jointly. This is available to taxpayers who take the standard deduction. This tax incentive is available for cash gifts to qualified charities (but not to supporting organizations or donor advised funds).
2. The cap on annual contributions for those who itemize increased from 60% to 100% of adjusted gross income for 2021. Any excess contributions available can be carried over to the next five years. (For corporations, the law raised the annual limit from 10% to 25% of taxable income.)

End the Year on a High Note by Checking Your Estate

The following tips will give you a head start on end-of-year organizing (at least where your estate plan is concerned).

- Review your current will and trusts. Your will and trusts may need to be updated because your family situation or goals changed. Frequent tax law changes, like we saw in 2021, could also impact your opportunities.
- Take inventory of the contents of any safe-deposit box. Make a written record of what is inside and provide a copy to a trusted family member. Take special note of items you are holding for someone else.
- Review and update beneficiaries of your life insurance policies and retirement plan assets. Have life changes impacted these beneficiary decisions? Take time to review contingent (backup) designations and provisions.
- Make sure your durable power of attorney for health care and living will are current. Ensure these medical documents are updated and on file with family members and health care providers. Spend time discussing these important decisions with your family.
- Finish charitable contributions by Dec. 31. As you think about your goals for the year, remember that making year-end gifts to Care Net can be a heartwarming experience that also offers you tax benefits.

Client Testimony

MIYA AND BABY

"Discovering Care Net in Vero was a blessing for me and my baby in many ways. They have shown me a lot of love since I started coming. My mom always comments, 'Miya, they just love you.' I like how the people at Care Net want the best for me and my baby. They try to help me always see the best option and never judge me when I talk about things I've done. Care Net is a really warm entity in my life." -Miya

More Client Pictures



Dads To Be (continued)

BY KERRY JOHNSON, RDMS, LEAD SONOGRAPHER

Surveys have shown the number one reason a woman chooses life is if "he wants the baby". Furthermore, when the father of the baby watches the live ultrasound, he is 97% more likely to choose life. This is key because the mom is only 86% likely to choose life for her baby when seeing the ultrasound by herself. I've seen this to be true time and time again.

Arranging the exam around the father's schedule means booking it after his shift ends or on his day off.

Most of our fathers-to-be work hourly jobs, so we don't want them to miss work and have a short paycheck.

We choose to be inconvenienced on a weekday night or a Saturday morning so dad can be there because that baby's life is worth it. We inform the mom and dad-to-be that one of 250 million sperm on average released during their sexual

encounter fertilized the egg. At conception, the 46 chromosomes, half from the egg and half from the sperm, line up to form the DNA to grow into their baby. As a result of conception, gender, hair color, eye color, nose shape, height, foot size and so on is all

there in the baby's DNA. They learn how 21 days after conception, the baby's heart started beating and it can be seen via ultrasound when the baby is 5 weeks 5 days (when the baby is only 2 millimeters in size!). Take a minute to look at your pinky's nail. Two millimeters is smaller than half the width of your pinky's nail! Imagine seeing a flickering heart on something that small!

As the baby's world unfolds, our dads-to-be embrace

this new life! Check out these comments on their appointment surveys:

- "It changed my life forever."
- "Today I realized I'll be a DAD!"
- "It made me realize how precious life is!"
- "It made me tear up. I am very excited and can't wait to meet the baby!"

Would you help Care Net continue to provide free ultrasound exams? \$300 will

show a mom and dad-to-be their baby's beating heart. Every dad should have the opportunity to experience what our fathers do at their baby's ultrasound exam.

*"Today
I realized
I'll be a dad"*

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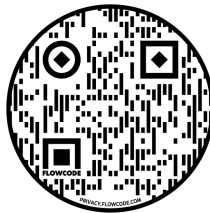
Mark your calendar for Fri., Jan 21st at 7 pm at Oceans Unite Christian Center in the Mall. For anyone that was not able to hear Gov. Mike Huckabee speak at the recent Fall Fundraiser, the recording will be played here. Anyone is welcome to attend this free event; it is open to the community.

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- Facebook for Clients @carenetirc
- Website Donors carenetchampions.org
- Website for Clients carenetirc.org
- Instagram for Clients @carenetirc

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Meals for Momma

When clients give birth, Care Net offers a postpartum program for the mother to receive 3 meals for 2 weeks. If you would like to donate a gift card, cook a warm meal, or deliver food to a client, contact Care Net.

Services

- Pregnancy Testing • Limited OB Ultrasounds • Pregnancy Options Consultations • Embrace Grace Adoption Consultations and Referrals • Abortion Recovery • Fatherhood Mentoring • Meals for Momma Parenting and Breastfeeding Classes • Mom Support and Empowerment • Maternity, Baby and Toddler Items



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