# Champion Update Fall 202



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# Overturning of Roe v. Wade by Bonnie Martinelli, executive director

The overturning of Roe v. Wade brought many emotions from all over the nation. Each of us may remember where we were when the news came of the monumental decision from SCOTUS. On June 24th, I was standing outside the Care Net building talking to a volunteer who was an expert in security while a handful of men were replacing our roof. I knew something was happening because my phone kept buzzing in my pocket. When I looked at it and read all the texts from friends, I was in awe and couldn't believe this had finally happened. The first response was, "Praise You, God!"

Our work has just begun and, if you can believe it, this has gotten harder! Those who are angered by this decision have been vandalizing pregnancy centers, speaking falsely about what PRCs do, misleading and misinforming the public on numerous topics, like when the baby's heart starts beating, and even saying pregnancy centers are torturing women! Lord help us, and He is! As culture gets increasingly angry and outspoken about this decision, it will cause the scales to fall off the eyes of some who have been misled. As Scripture says in Genesis 50:20, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Through all of this, lives are being saved and changed.

The Board of Directors knew it was imperative to bring a powerful speaker for our Fall Fundraiser. To follow up last year's speaker, Governor Huckabee, and to speak of the recent SCOTUS decision, Kayleigh McEnany will be this year's keynote speaker! Governor Huckabee was Kayleigh's first boss, and she has been on the Huckabee show twice. Our theme for the evening and the title of Kayleigh's newest book, "For Such a Time as This," couldn't be more appropriate for times like these. EACH of us was made for such a time as this to be God's spokesperson and share that life begins at conception.

"For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" - Esther 4:14 ESV

The event is on November 12th at the IG Center - Doors open at 6 pm, and the Program begins at 7 pm. Preferred and General Admission Seating is available. For more information or to register, call 772-569-7939 or go to carenetchampions.org.

38th Annual Fall Fundraiser featuring speaker Kayleigh McEnany

For Fuch a Time as This Saturday, November 12th, 2022

\*Kayleigh McEnany is appearing at this event only as a featured speaker and is not asking for funds or donations

### For Such a Time as This

#### THANK YOU TO OUR FALL FUNDRAISER SPONSORS!





















Jennifer Elmore









MATTHEWS

Dave and Carol Pearson, James and Judy Schorner, Marcia and Bill Blackburn, Marty Fite, Anne and John Martinelli, Kriss and Tammie Morris, Christine and Bruce Pitcher, Dr. Tom and Joanne Balshi, Bob and Sandy Brackett, Ray and Ann Darling, Dan and Joan DeCambra, Marene Graham, Cyndy Hazlewood, Bil and Bonnie Martinelli, George and Teresa Pastor, Charles and Jill Searcy, Robert and Carmen Stork, Shirley Becker, Cleta Hunt and Carol Edlin with Gold Fever Inc., Ernie and Judy Miller, The Honorable David Morgan, his wife Nikki Morgan, and Anonymous Sponsors

#### YOU MAY ASK

## How Can I Help?

- Retired/Part-Time Nurse with current license
- Translate from Creole, Spanish, etc to English
- Help with Data Entry
- Volunteer weekly as a Client Advocate, Receptionist, or in the Baby Boutique
- Occasionally Volunteer on a Fundraising Committee or help in Community Outreach
- Donate funds to save lives
- Donate via Amazon Baby Registry QR code below

Contact Care Net

Fiscal Year Statistics

SEPT. 2021 - AUG. 2022

Distinct Clients: 428 Client Visits: 2,144

Pos. Pregnancy Tests: 188

Ultrasounds: 143

Material Service Visits: 1,475

Fatherhood Visits: 27

Spiritual Discussions: 1.059

# New Counseling Room!

Staff condensed their workspace so this office could be turned into a counseling room. This change meets the increasing needs in our community for women and families facing unplanned pregnancies.



#### Babies Saved from Abortion



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This is an early morning, eerie picture of the abortion clinic in Fort Pierce. In the last two years four women have left the clinic and came to Care Net for a free ultrasound. Three of these babies have been born and one more is on its way! Thank you for your prayers and thank you to all the Sidewalk Advocates that tirelessly stand out there in the wee hours of the morning!

Care Net Clients

## Adoption - Giving the Gift of Love by angela simmers, media marketing coordinator

"It was 1969, and I discovered I was pregnant. I was only 16 years old." - Tilara placed her baby up for adoption, but she didn't know what the gender was for 29 years - until they connected for the first time. "We have been together ever since. I love her, and she's my daughter." This was the experience for Tilara Yawn. Today, Tilara volunteers as an adoption advocate, meeting with clients who are considering the option of adoption.

Tilara shared, "This is where Care Net comes in - to love on these girls facing an unplanned pregnancy." Care Net offers free pregnancy testing, limited OB ultrasounds and education on all their pregnancy options. Care Net is not an adoption agency, but does connect women to adoption agencies if they want to explore that route. There are funds available to cover all bills (housing, utilities, etc.) during the client's pregnancy and two months after delivery.

Adoption can be a positive experience, even from the child's perspective of being placed into an adopted family. Christi Wade, an active resident in Indian River County, was adopted at three days old. She said, "I like to bring light into the adoption process, since it's not a shameful experience, but a positive one. I always grew up knowing I was adopted before I knew what the word meant." Now Christi is 55 years old with two children. She owns SPENGA Vero Beach with her husband Steve, and volunteers as a client advocate at Care Net. "I've always felt adoption was a gift."

### Teamwork Makes Dream Work! By KERRY JOHNSON, RDMS, LEAD SONOGRAPHER

The Women's Refuge, Care Net, and Wild Thyme Catering teamed up in July to put on a tasty fundraiser, "Dinner for Four"! Wild Thyme cooked and our local community purchased 80 delicious ready-to-warm meals while funding the mission of Women's Refuge and Care Net! We are honored The Women's Refuge invited us to partner in



their annual event. They make a huge difference in our community: providing a live-in Christian women's program for healing, offering Biblical Counseling, & training people to make disciples! Care Net also is committed to providing counseling, support and resources to teens & women facing unplanned pregnancies, and support for moms & dads. We also connect clients to churches. Thank you for all your support, Champions for Care Net!

## New Director of Client Services

We are thrilled Teri Myers joined Care Net's team as Director of Client Services in June 2022. Teri is a Michigan-native who moved to Sebastian five years ago. In Michigan, Teri founded and operated a specialized assisted living facility to ensure special needs adults received quality senior care. Her skill-set and Christ-like heart enable her to serve our clients and oversee our volunteers with the love of God. She and her husband Phillip have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and an adorable yellow lab named Maddie. Welcome to the team, Teri!



New Roof! After 22 years, our roof was replaced! Here's the before and after pictures:





Thanks to 28 generous Champions for Care Net who contributed to this important project! You are changing lives!!





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### Bottle Campaign

Special thanks to the 46 churches, small groups, and businesses that participated in our annual Baby Bottle Campaign this past Mother's Day to Father's Day. Your donations of cash, check and change adds up! Thank you for saves lives!

#### Bonds, Stocks & Securities!

In lieu of cash donations, we accept donations of bond, stock, marketable securities and Exchange Traded Funds. If you have highly appreciated assets or prefer to donate securities to the ministry, please request that your broker attach a trailer to the transaction stating your name and ask them to notify our Investment Advisor, Mark Parsons, at 772.234.0111 or rebecca@parsonsfinancialgrp.com of your stock transfer. We appreciate your generosity!



#### Get Involved to Save Lives

- Donate baby, toddler or maternity items
- Donate funds scan QR code on the left
- Volunteer weekly or at special events
- Pray for urgent needs of the ministry
- Advocate at your church or other groups
- Other ways contact Care Net to discuss

#### Free Services for Women, Men, and Families

Pregnancy Testing • Limited OB Ultrasounds • Pregnancy Options Consultations

Adoption Consultations & Referrals • Abortion Emotional Recovery\* • Fatherhood Mentoring

Classes on Birth, Parenting, Breastfeeding & Baby Safety • Mom Support & Empowerment

Embrace Grace & Embrace Life • Meals for Momma • Baby, Toddler and Maternity Items

\*We don't perform nor refer for abortions, but we do offer a healing Bible Study called Surrendering the Secret.

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