



Sanctity of Human Life in Action

THE DAY WAS WINDY and our Nurse Manager and I were standing in the high school courtyard taking turns keeping our banner from flying away from our display table. The high school students were hosting a local service organization fair, and we had been invited to attend. Our display table contained information about pregnancy related services, but the main focus was on our relationship curriculum and resources. We had a number of students stopping by and there was quite a bit of conversation about what makes a good relationship . . . and lots of interest in our candy bowl.

Then I noticed her. She was standing across the courtyard and had fixed her glare on our display. She began her approach, and I braced myself for her barrage of questions. “Do they know that you aren’t going to talk about *all* of their options?” “Aren’t you one of those Christian places?” “Do you tell every person right up front that you are Christians?” This adult was clearly irritated that we had been invited to the student sponsored service fair, and she had been waiting for the opportunity to have her say. I answered each of her many questions, and she seemed surprised as I explained that we really don’t have any agenda other than to treat each person with compassion, respect and dignity—to provide accurate, sourced information—and to be honest with them. I’m not sure I won her over, but she loved hearing that we work with dads as well as moms, and she was impressed with our relationship resources.

This exchange is fairly typical of what we encounter on a regular basis with people who have a distorted idea of what goes on at a pregnancy center. Those who believe the media stories that basically say we are in the business of coercing women to choose

life . . . and then dropping them like a hot potato would be very surprised to visit one of our centers and discover what actually goes on.

The reality is that each person involved in pregnancy center ministry shares a strong belief in the Sanctity of Human Life. That means that each woman or man who walks through our doors is viewed as a unique, valuable human being who is created in the image of God. This belief causes us to look beyond their rough edges and see the beauty beneath. To be created in the image of God means you are worthy of respect. It also means that you are worth the investment of time and energy.

During an especially difficult time in a person’s life—such as facing an unplanned pregnancy, where could you get better care than from someone who truly believes that you are made in the image of God?

More Good News!

IN OUR LAST NEWSLETTER, we reported on *NIFLA v. Becerra*, a major victory as the Supreme Court overturned California’s 2015 law that forced pro-life medical clinics to promote abortion in their signage and advertising.

This decision continues to positively impact American culture and legal outcomes, and we are thrilled to announce that recently, a federal district court struck down the Hawaii law forcing pregnancy centers and pro-life doctors to advertise for the abortion industry. Hawaii’s law was particularly egregious. Not only did it force pro-life pregnancy centers to promote abortion, it also compelled a church to promote abortion inside its building. This ruling constitutes a major win for free speech and freedom of religion!

*So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

—Genesis 1:27 NIV

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Becca's Story



Becca at 16

OUR BANQUET GUESTS this year were treated to a powerful video presentation as Karyn, one of our dedicated Client Advocates shared the story of Becca, a young woman she worked with over a period of five years. Becca first came to Care Net when she was 16 and had just discovered that she was pregnant. Many people in her life were telling her that she could not be a mother and that she should consider other choices, and Becca craved someone who would tell her, “You can do this.” With the positive reinforcement she received at Care Net, she did do this. She graduated from high school and went on to earn her license as a nursing assistant. Her son Brayden was born and after she completed Care Net’s parenting education program, Becca and Karyn continued to stay in touch.

Several years later, Becca was back at Care Net with Steven, a new man in her life who was devoted to both her and her son. The rest of the story includes Steven attending Practical Fatherhood sessions at Care Net, the birth of their twin daughters and their recent marriage. Karyn comments, “I can’t believe the transformation in Becca from a scared 16-year-old to the strong, successful, wonderful mother she is today.”

We have edited this story to a three-minute version, appropriate for a church to show as they recognize Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. If your church would like to show the video, be on the lookout for more information in a mailing that will arrive at the church by January 1ST. In addition to the video, Care Net also has free bulletin inserts available. For more information contact Linda@carenetnh.org, or call either center.



Becca • high school graduation



Becca's wedding



Dale Tack, Manchester, with Linda Barry

Winners of Ian Campbell Volunteer of the Year Award Announced

THE WINNERS of the Ian Campbell Volunteer of the Year Award were recently announced at a Staff & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner hosted by Care Net’s Board of Directors. **For 2018, the Manchester winner is Dale Tack.** Dale has been a volunteer at Care Net since 2010 where she serves as a Client Advocate. One of her favorite memories is of the Buddhist mom who placed her faith in Jesus after meeting with Dale for months. **The 2018 Nashua award was presented to Helen Magee,** a faithful Client Advocate since 2014.



Helen Magee, Nashua

Helen has a true servant’s heart, and when she is not meeting with clients at the center, she is willing to do anything that is needed—including labeling thousands of bottles for the baby bottle fundraiser.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Diapers: CRITICAL NEED! sizes NB, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Baby wipes

Maternity clothes: newer, fashionable, all sizes

New infant car seats always needed (Clients can’t take baby home from the hospital without one.)

PLEASE NOTE: due to liability issues, we will no longer be able to accept used large baby equipment and furniture. New items are always welcome.



A Full House at Alpine Grove

ON OCTOBER 26TH, 350 individuals representing more than 40 churches from the greater Manchester and Nashua area gathered for an evening of relaxation, fellowship, and

inspiration at Alpine Grove in Hollis, NH.

Executive Director Linda Barry explained to the audience the need for rebranding the ministry in 2019. The case was made that as potential clients look for information and services using search engines such as Google or responding to ads on Social Media, the current name has become problematic. Distancing from the name “Care Net” does not mean that the pregnancy center will in any way disassociate with the national umbrella organization. They will continue to be an affiliate of Care Net and are grateful for the training and support that affiliation provides for our local centers. The Center Directors and Executive Director have been working with a marketing consultant and will be announcing the new name soon, with the intent of rolling out the rebrand in the first quarter of 2019.

Following a powerful client video (see article on page 2), our keynote speaker Melinda Delahoyde shared a message of good news in troubling times. Melinda reminded us all of the rich history of the pregnancy center movement, which she was involved in from the very beginning. Her grasp of the big picture and ability to clearly communicate with the audience resulted in the following comments:

“She was the best speaker you have ever had!”

“I am blown away. I had never realized that the abortion issue is part of a war of world views.”



Keynote Speaker Melinda Delahoyde



Executive Director Linda Barry

“As a long-time supporter—I never really understood the importance of this ministry like I do now.”

“She is absolutely right—men need to step up for the women in our lives and communities.”

“She knocked it out of the park!”

The evening concluded with the opportunity for banquet guests to support the local pregnancy center ministry and the result was more than \$100,000 in gifts and pledges. This is a record amount and will result in the ministry leaders being able to make bold decisions to follow God as He leads in 2019.

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who underwrote Care Net’s Fundraising Banquet:

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Mark Your Calendar:

- **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:** January 20, 2019
- **2019 Walk for Life:** May 4 (Manchester) and May 11 (Nashua)
- **Post Abortion Recovery Bible Study:** January/February, 2019
Call either Center for details.
- **Annual Banquet:** October 18 or 25, 2019 (tentatively)
- **Baby Bottle Benefit:** Can be done anytime. Call Centers.

Thank you for raising \$79,000 in baby bottles in 2018!

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

January 20, 2019

How YOU can help celebrate LIFE:

- ♥ Pray for your local Care Net Pregnancy Center.
- ♥ Encourage your pastor to talk about the sanctity of human life.
- ♥ Participate in our Baby Bottle Benefit.
- ♥ Have a Baby Shower to bless Care Net Pregnancy Center's clients.
- ♥ Volunteer! Invite a Speaker! Give an offering!
- ♥ Talk with your family, friends, and neighbors about the issues.

Call either Center for more information:

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