

WINTER, 2013

From the Director's Desk
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They shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God. . . . For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. —Isaiah 35:1-6

YESTERDAY WAS ONE OF THOSE DAYS when from start to finish, I was aware of my need for the mind of Christ. My own thoughts were not sufficient for the situations before me. At prayer we were all focused on the tragedy in Connecticut where 27 lives were taken by a young man, mostly children in kindergarten. The sadness was visceral as we prayed. How can this happen? And similar massacres have happened since Columbine (1999) . . . 30 shootings at schools where children play and learn in apparent safety. Horror turns into grief.

Then the phone rings and a woman needs to talk to someone, she is alone, there is no one to comfort her. She has miscarried twins, and her grief is choking her. It's more than the loss of the twins, its many losses in her life; a marriage, a job, a home, and her emotional stability seem lost also. Her grief is compounded because she considered one of her choices . . . to abort, and is feeling guilty that she even considered it. Now she cries for her babies.

Later I get an email, a forwarded article from Fox News about a baby that was only allowed to receive life measures because its birth weight was at the threshold of one pound on its early birth date at 23 weeks.

Later it was discovered that because a pair of scissors accidentally left on the scale, this little one's weight was enough to let her live! So they fought for her life, and she is thriving now—expected to live a healthy normal life. How wonderful and yet how tragic that her "value" depended on her age and weight. They called her lucky.

MOST DAYS ARE NOT LIKE THIS, but they almost always are touched with the grief and regret that comes when life is handled with the world's ideas, and our culture's remedies for "mistakes." After 40 years of legalized abortion, one in three women has experienced this grief. More than 50 million little

ones are lost to this world and with them the hope of God's purpose for them. And it is scary that there is such a prevalent lack of value for human life . . . on all levels.

This year at our Christmas party all received a devotional: *Streams in the Desert*, by L.B. Cowman. It occurred to me that in the harsh and barren times we live, the men and women who frequent Care Net are desert dwellers. They have built their lives on the sand . . . and when the storms come, and the winds blow, they

become aware of their vulnerability—desperate even. The gift this year was meant to comfort and strengthen us in our own deserts, so that His stream would flow to us and through us. Desert life is all around us, and hopelessness abounds. The ideas of this culture have made a desert in many hearts, but there is a stream, a Life-giving stream available. That is our call, to bring streams of life to people. To give them a Drink so they will thirst no more. To provide wise counsel, so they can build on solid ground. To comfort those who mourn. We uphold the sanctity of human life even as death is all around us . . .

Pray for us, join us.



<http://injesus.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/river-in-desert-land.jpg>

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BATTLE WITH A BOTTLE!

Are you looking for a way to participate in making a difference for Life? Here's your opportunity to join us in the battle for the Sanctity of Human Life!

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2012 BANQUET & FUNDRAISER

The Power of Love

“BEST SPEAKER EVER!” “The video said it all.” “Very well put together.” “No time wasted.” “Your message was clear and built through the night.” “Great way to introduce people to Care Net!” “Loved it all!” “Can’t wait till next year!”—These were some of the comments we received after the banquet this year. Thanks to everyone who helped to make “The Power of Love” a great evening.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGE WAS PRESENTED BY JEANNEANE MAXON, VP of External Affairs and Corporate Counsel for

Americans United for Life, and previously General Counsel for Care Net National. Her extensive knowledge, together with the personal experience of growing up as the child of a Care



Net Center Director, translated into a powerful and inspiring message. Jeanneane began with the moving story of Hagar—the first crisis pregnancy recorded in the Bible. Genesis 16 tells the story of a pregnant Hagar, who runs away to the desert after being abused by her mistress, Sarai. She is alone, desolate, and with no apparent plan for the future when “the angel of the Lord” approaches her and reveals to her that He has a special plan for her and her baby. Hagar gives God a name: “the God who sees me.” That same God sees each woman experiencing an unplanned pregnancy today and reaches out to her (often through the pregnancy center) with the message, “I have heard you and I have a plan for you and your baby.”

As Jeanneane’s message concluded, the banquet guests were asked to ponder what the world would look



like if there were no pregnancy centers, and challenged to consider, “What can I do?” For some, this means volunteering, some will pray, and many will be financial partners, providing the support to allow Care Net to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those walking in the desert of despair.



EVERY EYE WAS ON THE SCREEN when we presented an original video featuring four Care Net clients who came to the centers in crisis and have



found practical help and hope through the power of the love they experienced. Our clients tell the story in a way that we never could! This video has been edited and will be available to view and download for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (January 20th) at our donor website:

www.TheFriendsOfLife.org.

ORIGINAL SONG BY ANDY LOCKE:

An interesting thing happens when you ask a musician to choose a song to enhance the theme of the evening. Sometimes a song comes immediately to mind, sometimes it’s found after a search, and occasionally, the task inspires a new creation. This year, Andrew Locke was so inspired and he wrote and performed (accompanied by Ron Wojtaszek) an original piece, *The Power of Your Love*.



MICHAEL DANIS, chairman of the board, served as MC for the evening. Michael has a very hands-on approach to leadership and is an integral part of the Care Net Team.

2012 BANQUET UNDERWRITERS

We are grateful for the faith these businesses and individuals demonstrated as they gave upfront gifts to underwrite our banquet.

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BE PART OF OUR THREE-YEAR PLAN

Because ours is a cutting-edge ministry, it's important that we plan wisely. We dream at times; balancing that with sound stewardship and effective goal-setting.

Yet we remember that every plan must touch people. The key focus of any three-year plan then, is that moms who come in today with positive pregnancy tests will have two-year-old boys or girls tomorrow, who are dreaming of a great future.

If you want a great future for the children of tomorrow, join us as a financial partner, prayer supporter, church liaison, or join our staff of volunteer peer counselors. **Volunteer training will be starting soon, so call today.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday: January 20, 2013

Walk for Life: May 4 in Manchester

May 11 in Nashua

Annual Fundraising Banquet: October 18, 2013

Post Abortion Recovery Bible Study: Call either Center for details.

Volunteer Training: Late January in both Nashua & Manchester. Call for next date.

Baby Bottle Benefit: Can be done anytime. Call Centers.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Maternity clothes: newer, fashionable, all sizes

Diapers: size newborn to 4, and wipes

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

PLEASE NOTE: due to liability issues, we are no longer able to accept used car seats or cribs.

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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 20, 2013

*Together
for
Life*



*You'll be amazed what God can do
when we come **Together for Life!***

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623-5534 or 883-9355**

**YOU can celebrate the
Sanctity of Human Life!
HOW?**

- * 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.
- * Pray for your local Care Net Pregnancy Center.
- * Take a stand for LIFE!