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From the Director's Desk

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God's Kingdom

I have been thinking about the word **culture** lately. The word keeps popping up. Culture wars, culture of life, culture watchers, etc. As a ministry that is driven by the culture of life, there is no illusion that our culture is quite foreign to those we serve. Sometimes we are troubled by the culture around us, and the bird's eye view we get in the counseling room can be shocking. As a pro-life ministry, we celebrate all life, those we serve and those not yet born. But there is more to this culture at Care Net.

The culture here is a reflection of the Kingdom of God. Jesus spoke often of this Kingdom. In Mark 4, He said, "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade."

Our intention is to reflect His Kingdom here at the center. His culture is one of love that rejoices in the truth, is kind, and does not rejoice in iniquity. How important it is for our clients that God's Kingdom shows us and them what real love is. Sometimes we "hope all things" for each client when no one else is doing that, and we endure to see her through (1 Corinthians 13). In this culture we aim to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, with humility and gentleness bearing with one another, using the gifts that have been given to us (Ephesians 4). We sow seeds all day in so many ways and pray for their

growth in the lives of our clients. We are seeing plantings of the Lord grow in our midst. Some are choosing to take *Exploring Christianity*. Some are investigating a chaste lifestyle through *Love Derailed*. Some are just experiencing God's love.

All united together, we put on display a culture that is not only attractive to the hurting but one that can change them, heal them, set them free. With God's help we can cultivate the seeds of love, truth, hope, and kindness, encouraging change in the culture of our clients. We are committed to *really seeing* the people God sends to us, so often frozen in their pain and hurt. Even a seed of **encouragement** can launch a person into change. Encouragement literally means **place courage inside** someone. We are choosing to invest courage and God's caring into the lives of our clients . . . to bless them and give them courage to forgive or change . . . or just open their hearts. Thank you for helping us sow seeds of the kingdom, and be blessed, for yours is the Kingdom of God!

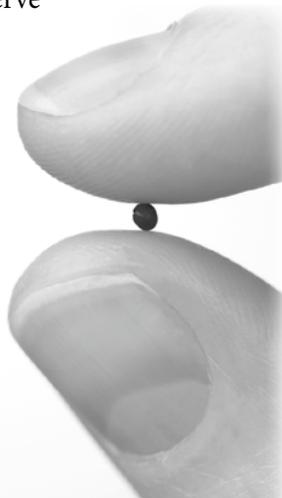


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Love . . . does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

—1 Corinthians 13:5-8

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WHAT'S SO PRACTICAL ABOUT FATHERHOOD?

by Carolyn Pellerin

CARE NET ISN'T JUST FOR OUR MOMS ANYMORE! We have expanded our services to reaching our dads too. In fact, this year we have added 15 dads and dads-to-be to our client list . . . and this is just the beginning. For 30 years we've been giving our female clients the tools to raise their children, but all too often our new moms go home to partners who lack parenting skills due to poor or no positive role modeling.

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (I Corinthians 16:13). If we want our dads to act like men and be a strong presence in their child's life, then it's time we show them how. Our newest curriculum, *Practical Fatherhood*, outlines how critically significant a dad's role is. The 10-part lesson plan discusses setting priorities, the importance of respecting the child's mother, being a leader in the home, role modeling that makes a difference, and effective discipline strategies that teach—not punish, intimidate, or ridicule.

How is our new clientele responding to this fatherhood course? They are LOVING it! One client commented that through the program he learned that being a worthy dad requires more than just the title of father; it demands sacrifice, consistency, patience, respect, and support. In fact, he asked permission to come back for a repeat course if needed. Now how practical is that?



The following businesses provided items that helped to make our Walk more fun. Please support them whenever possible.

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| A&A Balloon Rides | Life is Good |
| All Together Hair | Liquid Planet Water Park |
| Aloha Restaurant | Lui Lui Restaurant |
| Andre's Sunoco | Margarita's Mexican Restaurant |
| Apotheca | Michael Timothy's Restaurant |
| Applebee's | Mill City Roasting |
| Best Foods (Friehofer's) | Mom's Garage |
| Blake's Creamery | Morning Star Book Store |
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| Brick House Drive Inn | Nashua Symphony Orchestra |
| British Beer Co. | Nelson's Candies |
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| Fratello's Italian | Renew 90.5 FM Radio |
| Frito-Lay, Inc. | Shaw's Supermarket |
| Funway Park | Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse |
| Goedecke Design Center | Stop & Shop |
| Goodale's Bike Shop | Studio 61 Em Street |
| Gurney's Automotive | T-Bones |
| Hampton Inn, Nashua | The Event Company (Gloucester, MA) |
| Hannaford Supermarkets | Trader Joe's |
| Hollis Pharmacy | Walmart |
| Jacque's Floral | Weathervane |
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BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT



This fund-raiser can be done any time of the year. So far, \$42,000 has been received in 2013—your change really DOES make a difference!

Call either Center for information or to arrange to get bottles.

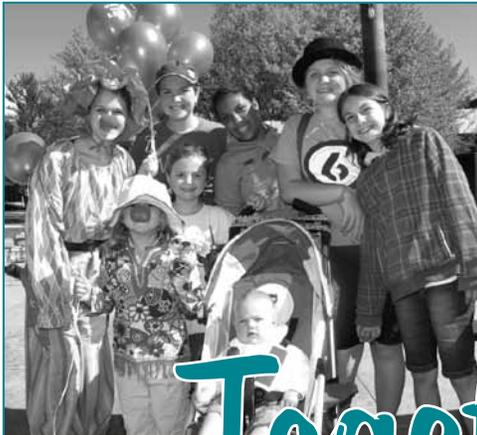
MINISTRY NEEDS

Maternity clothes: newer, fashionable, all sizes

Diapers: size newborn to 4, and wipes

New infant car seats

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



Lots of kids for life!



Annie, new board member passes out T-shirts



Youth Group leads the walkers

Together for Life!

MANCHESTER AND NASHUA 2013 WALK FOR LIFE events were held on two consecutive Saturdays this year, which made it possible to choose the date that was most convenient, or for some, to attend both. The energy at each location was incredible, and amazingly for May in New England, both Saturdays were warm and dry. I was among those who attended both events and here is what I experienced:

- People of all ages - literally hundreds
- Walkers from 60 different churches
- Many young people (One youth group raised sponsors and attended with 60 members)
- Lots of smiles
- Uplifting worship music
- balloons
- face painting
- great food
- Fun door prizes

It was a treat to spend a morning in the park, celebrating with other Christians the Sanctity of Human Life. And besides having a great time, together we raised over \$64,000 in pledges and donations to fund the important work of Care Net Pregnancy Center.

Sincere thanks to each of you who participated by asking friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you, donating items, or by helping with the many tasks on the day of the Walk. We appreciate you!

TOP 10 MANCHESTER CHURCHES

Ste. Marie Parish	\$4,845
Granite State Church of Christ	3,810
Manchester Vineyard Comm. Church	2,766
Safe Harbor Christian Fellowship	2,105
New Testament Christian Fellowship	2,070
Chestnut Hill Chapel	1,579
Calvary Bible Church	1,500
Goffstown Congregational Church	1,260
Epping Bible Baptist Church	1,049
Church of the King	1,020

TOP 10 NASHUA CHURCHES

Grace Fellowship Church	\$10,889
Grace Lutheran Church	2,570
Calvary Chapel of Nashua	2,155
Riverside Christian Church	1,635
Immaculate Conception Parish	1,543
St. John Neuman Parish	1,425
New Life Christian Church	1,385
Merrimack Valley Baptist Church	1,377
Good News Bible Church	1,330
Trinity Baptist Church	1,230

TOP 10 MANCHESTER WALKERS

Hollie Kraatz	\$3,800
Jennifer Packard	2,000
Veronica Wargo	1,579
Marlene Aboshar & Nanette Neveu	1,500
Peter Costa	1,225
Mary Butow	1,020
Annie Campbell	1,020
June Fuhrer	1,020
Stephen Jenkins	1,005
Pati Costa	847

TOP 10 NASHUA WALKERS

L.L.	\$9,294
Kathy Edelblut	1,330
Loreen Daniels	1,225
Samantha Danis	1,075
Celia Morse	980
Keith & Lisa Wallin	960
Katherine Fugikawa	890
Victoria Goedecke	845
Kate & Kathy Laine	830
Pam Erickson	820
Heritage Baptist Youth Group	820



High-5 from Chick-Fil-A cow



A great day!



Chairman of the Board rocks out at Manchester Walk



Special moments



Local pastors pray for our cities

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Friday

October 18, 2013

**CARE NET
ANNUAL BANQUET
&
FUNDRAISER**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:

January 19, 2014

**Mended Hearts Abortion Recovery
Bible Study:**

Fall, 2013; call either Center

Volunteer Training:

Call for dates

**Care Net Pregnancy Center
Annual Banquet & Fundraiser**

*Together for
Life*



Guest Speaker Kirk Walden

Founder & owner of Life Trends, which provides pregnancy care ministries with cutting-edge development tools, and a former pregnancy center director, Kirk is the creator and publisher of *The Life Trends Connection*, and has just released his new book, *The Wall*.

Friday, October 18, 2013

Alpine Grove Banquet Facility

19 South Depot Road
Route 111A, Hollis, NH

Would you like to be a Table Host or a Sponsor (Underwriter)? Call either Center as tables are limited.

Be on the lookout for more information right after Labor Day!