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**From the Director's Desk**  
Braunda Butt, Executive Director, Manchester Center



## What Might the Next Thirty Years Look Like?

**A**S WE CELEBRATE THREE DECADES OF MINISTRY to women and men experiencing crisis pregnancies, we are also looking to the future. We cannot know the future, but we can see the trajectory of the culture as it is today, and looking back allows us to see the direction we are going.

Thirty years ago a typical home was built upon a mother and father who parented and provided for their children. The health and strength of this cornerstone unit made for a strong society. We have seen its demise first-hand and the destruction it has wrought on women, men, and children and their decisions. This landscape of new definitions of love, sex, parenting, partnering, life and death are making for new and deeper confusion in our clients as they are “conformed to this world.”

Care Net is already wrestling to address these issues in order to reach the coming generation. What reached our clients thirty years ago does not touch those of today. So as Care Net has “become all things” to win them, we shall continue to adjust.

Thirty years ago we rarely saw a man in our office, and if we did, he had little desire to interact with us. Today we see lots of men. They seem poised to engage . . . but do not know how. Our *Curriculum for Fathers* will be more and more important as this generation is stepping up. We see a willingness to learn about what they did not have . . . how to be a good father. We know that an engaged father makes a huge difference in a woman's choices and we will continue to strengthen our relationships with the other half of the parenting team. In Luke 1:17 it is promised that “He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Oh let it be so!

In that vein, we will have to be bolder with the Gospel, as that is the only solution to our client's needs. The level of brokenness that we see each day is so deep and broad, that there is no advice, agency, or professional who can touch the need. People are open; they are desperate for hope. At Care Net we have the words of life to share. Abortion has become a sort of false gospel. It is thought to make you free; to save you from yourself and your mistake. And in a sense it erases the evidence of “sin.” It promises you a clean start, a second chance. As women run to the salvation of abortion they find out it's a lie. So going forward, many will know from experience (1 in 3 women will have an abortion) that it is not true and the pain begins. Care Net will become a place of healing through post-abortion ministry.

The next thirty years will have to include education that extends past the pregnancy decision. The pervasive brokenness of the family necessitates that we show our clients how to live, how to love, how to receive love and how to nurture a child. Partnering with the church may become the best way to do this.

Practically, we may need to look different in the future. Just as we changed our name and wall colors in the 90s, and added technology in the 2000s, we may have to update our look and name in order to be attractive and safe to the women of the future.

But one thing is certain; our message will remain one of truth and one of God's grace. We will continue to love them, and serve them no matter their situation. We will aim to show them Jesus with our actions and our words. And we will depend on the Holy Spirit to change hearts.

*Braunda*

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I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

—1 Corinthians 9:22-23

# MINISTRY UPDATES



Face painting creates smiles.

Walking for Life... praying for our cities.



YUM!

## EVERYDAY HEROES WALK FOR LIFE

**A**FTER A REALLY LONG WINTER, many of us wondered if the snow would even be gone by May 9th—the date our two Walk for Life events would happen simultaneously in the cities of Manchester and Nashua. But not only did our gracious God melt the snow, He gave us a lovely, rain-free day and more than 500 came out to celebrate Life and support the mission of Care Net. To all of our Walkers, from those who have been with us since the beginning to those for whom this was their first Walk, we are grateful. As you reached out to family, friends and co-workers, you raised \$57,990 in donations and pledges. Your support makes it possible for us to make a real difference in the lives of women, men and families in our communities.

There are many details that go into planning and running an

event of this size in our two cities and so many individuals for whom we are thankful: pastors and church liaisons who promoted the Walk, those who donated prizes and other items that helped to make the day so much fun, and those who gave of their time and service to work at the Walks.

*You all are Everyday Heroes!*

### WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE BUSINESSES WHO HAVE MADE THIS DAY MORE FUN!

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| Agave Azul Restaurant        | Central Paper Products Co.    | Gerry St Jean            | Madeline Turner                | Ninety-Nine                   | Soil Away Cleaning & Restoration   |
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Smooth Registration Process



Clowns for Life



This is Fun!

# HAPPENINGS

## TOP 20 CHURCHES (BOTH CITIES)

Gate City Church	\$8,820.00
Granite State Church of Christ	3,690.00
New Testament Christian Fellowship	3,290.00
Ste. Marie Parish	2,980.00
New Life Community Church (Groton)	2,722.00
Merrimack Valley Baptist	2,576.00
Safe Harbor Christian Fellowship	2,546.00
Bethany Covenant Church	2,362.50
Living Hope Church	2,350.00
Grace Lutheran Church	2,330.00
New Life Christian Hudson	1,875.00
Calvary Chapel (Nashua)	1,841.30
Manchester Vineyard	1,635.50
Chestnut Hill Chapel	1,530.00
Cross Way Christian	1,350.00
First Baptist Amherst	1,225.00
Covenant Christian Church	1,220.00
St. John Neumann Catholic Church	1,116.00
St. Patrick's Nashua	1,100.00
Church of the King, Londonderry	910.00

## TOP 10 MANCHESTER WALKERS

Hollie Kraatz	\$3,690
Peter Costa	3,290
Marlene Aboshar	2,011
Jennifer & Jonathan Packard	2,000
Veronica Wargo	1530
Stephen Jenkins	1,220
Lindsay Hyvonen	1,000
Joan Silvernail	980
Mary Butow	910
Nicole Danis	840

## TOP 10 NASHUA WALKERS

L.L.	\$8,015.00
Celia Morse	1,318.30
Elfi Murch	1,230.00
Debbie Hurley	1,225.00
Wallis Family	1,200.00
Loreen Daniels	1,116.00
Ron DiStasio	1,100.00
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Carolee Churchill	810.00

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Mended Hearts Post Abortion Recovery Bible Study:** This Fall—call either Center

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

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:** January 17, 2016

## 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.

## THROUGH THE YEARS . . . FROM COUNSELOR TO BOARD MEMBER

### HOW I LOVE THE MINISTRY OF THE CPC

and feel the deepest gratitude toward all the staff, volunteers, and supporters, both past, present, and future.

It is so exciting to see how far we've come from that first divine appointment in the Tunney's living room, with only three of us representing the face of the bare bones "Crisis Pregnancy Center" to the modern day buzzing ministries of the Manchester and Nashua "Care Net Pregnancy Centers"!

Who could even begin to number the precious clients, the beautiful newborns, the praying sisters and brothers, the supporting pastors and churches, the joy-filled moments, the tear filled counseling appointments, the trainings, the time invested and the sacrifices made as the call of God has been answered with a resounding "YES" from the responding members of the Body of Christ in our area?

Moving forward of this 30 year landmark, we see more and more opportunities for men to be an integral hands-on personal part of this ministry as they reach out to the fathers of the unborn. We see these young fathers stepping up to the plate and owning responsibility by participating in parenting classes and supporting their mates in many ways previously unattended. We see God bringing people of all races, all languages, and all ages who share the common bond of unplanned pregnancy, seeking and receiving help and healing. We see God's great provision in all aspects of this ministry as His personal blessing.

On behalf of the board of the Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Manchester and Nashua, I would like to extend the sincerest gratitude for your ongoing support spanning the decades.

In His Love,  
Annie Campbell-St Jean



Annie has been a part of Care Net from the beginning. She has served in many roles and currently is a member of the Board of Directors.

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**BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT**

This fund-raiser can be done any time of the year. In 2014, \$64,000 was raised by our local churches. Your change really DOES make a difference.

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

2015  
your change making a difference!

\$60,000
\$41,000 as of June, 2015!
\$40,000
\$30,000
\$10,000

*Everyday Heroes*  
Three Decades of Answering the Call

Alpine Grove Banquet Facility  
19 South Depot Road  
Route 111A, Hollis, NH  
Seating begins at 6 PM  
Dinner promptly at 6:30 PM  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Manchester and Nashua  
Annual Fundraising Banquet  
Friday, October 16, 2015

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!*