

## Boutique Needs

Each Care Net Center offers clients participating in our Parenting Program the opportunity to earn "Care Net Cash," which they can use to shop in the boutique for baby and maternity supplies.

### Federal Way

Small/collapsible changing table; floor lamp; solid shelf dividers for donated clothing; Target or Walmart gift cards for big items; children's Bibles

### Gig Harbor

Foldable crib for small space; non-car seat baby carrier with handle

### Kenmore

Children's Bibles; stroller; bassinet

### Lakewood

New bottles; eating utensils (new infant/toddler spoons); Pac 'n Play; high chair; infant swing (wall plug-in); new electric breast pump; diaper bag; girl bath tub; diapers sizes Newborn, 5 & 6

### Mobile Units

Onesies boy/girl 9-24M; PJs boy/girl 24-36m; Neutral Pack 'n Play; toddler mittens

### Puyallup

2 neutral color Pack 'n Play; wipes; veggie baby food; Bibles for moms & dads; 1st Bible for toddlers; Johnny Jump Up; high chair; crib; video monitor; compression gate

### Tacoma

Target or Walmart gift cards; volunteer help in the boutique

Clip and share these cards when you see a need.



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# HEARTbeat OF THE MINISTRY

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Offering hope by providing compassionate practical care, accurate information, Biblical truth, and life-affirming resources for pregnancy, sexual health & integrity, and abortion recovery.

## The God Who Sees

*Reminding Women That They Are Not Alone*

*"Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the LORD, who had spoken to her. She said, 'You are the God who sees me.'"*  
Genesis 16:13a

The lives and experiences of the expectant mothers that make their way into Care Net centers are as varied as the people reading this message. There is no one-size-fits-all prototype of a Care Net client; we serve young, old, Christians, atheists, rich, and poor.

But there is one startlingly frequent common denominator among the women who enter Care Net for pregnancy testing: more than half of them know they'll be walking the road ahead of them alone. Over 53% of our clients are single.

Not surprisingly, the most recent study published by the Guttmacher Institute listed "desire to avoid being a single mom" as one of the primary reasons 48% of the post-abortive women they surveyed chose to terminate their pregnancies.

Parenthood is difficult enough in a two-parent family, and national statistics about the trends associated with fatherlessness are downright daunting. The women we serve have largely been spoon fed the same insidious lie abortion activists have been peddling since the 70s: "You aren't strong enough to do this. You must choose between your pregnancy and your future."

Just last month, the Sanilac County Health Department in Michigan drew national outrage with a billboard they had prominently displayed in Sandusky. The billboard depicted two young women, the first—distracted and preg-

nant with her face in her hands, the second—a beautiful college student smiling radiantly in her cap and gown. The caption read, "You can choose.... this... or this... Take Control of Your Future. Call Now." The inferred subtext: "Schedule your abortion today."

The billboard's language was shockingly anti-woman, perpetuating an insultingly false dichotomy and insisting that women aren't capable of being stronger than their circumstances.

Virtually no one would argue that single parenthood is the ideal; we know it's not. The journey is often a frightening one. Single moms face a litany of difficult circumstances all at once, ranging from stigma and shame to social rejection, relational abandonment, financial difficulty, identity adjustment, and the basic x's and o's of learning how to be a mom. Add some debilitating morning

sickness and a calendar full of prenatal appointments that disrupt a 9-5 work schedule, and it can be a lot to manage. The pressure and isolation can feel almost paralyzing.

But it's our distinct privilege at Care Net of Puget Sound to move into the gap and remind the women we serve that they don't have to do it alone.

In the Biblical account of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, we see, in Hagar, a similar desperation and loneliness that is often present in our clients. The circumstances leading to Hagar's pregnancy are less than ideal. She's at odds with her support system, wandering blindly in life's desert, alone. To the world, Hagar is little more than a worthless object to be used and discarded. To put it bluntly, she's a nobody.

**More than half of our clients know they'll be walking the road ahead of them alone.**

For more information, address correction, to receive our newsletter, or to be taken off the mailing list, please contact us by phone at (253) 383-6033 or e-mail: [administration@carenetps.org](mailto:administration@carenetps.org). Thank you!

## COMING SOON

**May 12 - June 16  
Spring Baby Bottle Campaign**

Register Your Church!  
[www.carenetps.org/events/bbc](http://www.carenetps.org/events/bbc)



**Thursday, June 27, 2019  
Meridian Valley Country Club**

[www.carenetps.org/event/golf](http://www.carenetps.org/event/golf)  
Registration Deadline: June 20



### Care Net 101

Register at  
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or call 253-383-6033

#### King County

Saturday, September 14  
10am - 1pm  
Crossroads Bible Church  
Bellevue

#### Pierce County

Saturday, September 21  
10am - 1pm  
Evangelical Reformed Church  
Tacoma

**Client Services:**  
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## The God Who Sees (cont. from page 1)

So when an angel of God disrupts her misery and calls her by name, he imputes to her a dignity, value, and identity she's been too long denied.

The angel asks Hagar two questions: "Where have you come from?" and "Where are you going?" Hagar only answers the first question. She's well acquainted with her sordid past, but she has no idea where she's going. She can't see a promising future through the bleakness of her circumstances. There's a direct parallel between Hagar's situation and the one so familiar to so many of our clients. All they can see in front of them is struggle and uncertainty.

At Care Net, it's our job to follow the angel's lead: He doesn't leave Hagar alone in the wilderness. He calls her by name, points her in the right direction, and promises her a future and a legacy. It won't be perfect or free of struggle, but the bottom line is that Hagar leaves the situation knowing that she matters; God's promises are for her, too. The profundity of this awareness almost leaps off the page as we see her marvel, "God sees me!"

God sees our clients as well.

It's not an accident when a single person finds his or her way into our centers; it's an opportunity for us to counter the world's narrative by offering hope and seeing value and purpose through even the bleakest of circumstances. The God we serve is a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, and He's faithful to turn even our biggest crises into our greatest blessings when we place them in His sovereign hands.

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This dynamic group of students from Cascade Christian High School in Puyallup worked diligently to help us set up and tear down at our recent Light & Life Celebration Dinner. They were such a blessing to us, dramatically lightening our load and working selflessly to make sure the event went off without a hitch. Thank you, Cascade Christian students!



March of Diapers blessed us this spring with 10,901 diapers and 5,784 wipes. Cheryl Cole-Hurst (above) facilitated the collection and distribution of over 148,000 diapers to a variety of charitable organizations around the Puget Sound. Thank you, Cheryl!



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*"I felt very respected. I've never felt so comfortable during any visits at any clinics as I did here. I'm glad I came."*  
- Care Net client



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Cally Leighton



Each year at our Light & Life Celebration Dinner, we present the *Dr. Michael Jackson Servant Leader Award* to honor individuals whose volunteer service at Care Net goes above and beyond what could ever be expected of them. In the life of this ministry, there are people who serve tirelessly behind the scenes to clear the way for the next generation. Their humble service and passionate commitment to the work is truly radiant and inspirational.

We were pleased to present this year's award to Cally Leighton. Cally began serving with Care Net's Smart Program in 1992. In 2018 alone, she delivered 81 Smart Presentations to over 2,000 students. Here are some of the things a few of these students had to say about her:

*"She helped me understand the meaning of 'no,' and that I shouldn't let someone pressure me."* — 8th grade girl

*"She made me realize you should be respected and not pressured. She made me think more and to make better decisions."* — 8th grade boy

*"Cally's presentation strengthened my choice and reminded me that it's good to wait for marriage and save sex for the person you truly love."* — high school girl

Job well done, Cally! What a poignant reminder of the tremendous impact one passionate person can make!

Join us for the **6th Annual Swing for Life Golf Tournament** as we raise funds to provide life-affirming pregnancy support services to families in need.

Win a car at our hole-in-one contest. Other contests include: putting, chipping, longest drive, closest to the pin, and team awards. Individual or foursome tickets are now available.

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**

11:00 am Check-in

1:00 pm Shotgun start

Lunch and dinner are provided.

Pre-registration is required.

**Scramble Format**

\$175/player

\$700/foursome



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## PRAYER & PRAISE

Pray for success over our upcoming Swing for Life Golf Tournament.

Praise God for at least three new client professions of faith in Christ in the last month and a half.

Pray for strategic vision for our Smart Programs leadership team as they work to increase their presence in our local schools.

Praise the Lord for a recent increase in male mentors to serve in our centers.

Pray for more Spanish-speaking client advocate volunteers. The harvest is plenty, but the workers are few!

Praise Him for a successful annual Light & Life Celebration Dinner with a large number of new attendees.

Pray for financial provision as we did not meet our fundraising goal at the annual dinner. Pray specifically for robust King County church participation in our Spring Baby Bottle Campaign.

Praise God for our partnership with Jubilee REACH in Bellevue who is working with us to launch the grand opening of our new medical mobile unit.

Pray for increased favor and impact in the communities we serve.



You don't have to face your unplanned pregnancy alone.

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