



“If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”

-C.S. Lewis

LEARNING TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY

“A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.”
Proverbs 18:1 NKJV

We are an independent culture. Somewhere, somehow, someone has told us or modeled for us that we will be fine all by ourselves, and that if we are to be successful, we must work harder, smarter and wiser.

There is partial truth in that statement. The remaining truths radiate all throughout Scripture. In John 17:20-25, Jesus prays for all people that

we may be one, in Him and with Him. That passage can get confusing with the we, us, Him, Father, they, Me, etc. What is it exactly that He wants from us?

Ultimately, He doesn't want something from us. He simply wants us...together and with Him! The King of Kings wants to “be” with us and in us. He is the perfect model of community. This adventure with Him and with others is a life long exploration to discover. However, the beautiful thing is, is that He is not in a hurry to fix, change or

condemn us. He is always good, always waiting, always loving and always near.

Community can be hard, humiliating, slow, annoying, or painful at times. But we are called to it! If and when we forget or lose our way, the community around us can: help us hear His voice; bring strength and wisdom; create a safe place and connection; be gracious and encouraging; clothe us in humility; provide a covering.

That is what our teams work toward each day as we serve our clients – that we may be with Him, in Him, as one.

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WALK FOR LIFE MAY 4, 2013

Our annual Walk for Life was held on Saturday, May 4. This event is one of Care Net's largest fundraisers and perhaps the most fun! It is a family affair and our participants ranged from babes in arms to octogenarians.

The Walk for Life was hosted in two locations this year. The Redding Center hosted their event at the Sundial Bridge and the Red Bluff Center hosted their Walk downtown in front of the Tehama County Courthouse. Despite the high north winds each location saw a good turnout of walkers. This was our second walk in a 12 month period due to our decision to switch it from Fall to Spring.

Each event enjoyed live music, free food/drinks from local sponsors and other family activities which were all facilitated by our wonderful team of volunteers and support from some of our local businesses. Thank you to all who donated your time and goods to make our Walk for Life successful!

We shout a big "HOORAY!" for our walkers who went out and got sponsors. You brought in over \$12,000.00 in cash and pledges for each center! Thank you for showering us with love this season.

Our next walk will be on Saturday, **May 3, 2014 @ 10:00 am**. Be sure to mark your calendars and recruit family and friends as we plan ahead to raise funds and awareness for saving lives in Shasta and Tehama Counties!



Celebrating Our Clients!

Candace, age 25, found the Redding Care Net in her sixth month of her third pregnancy. She had heard of some of the services that we offer through a local agency.

As more of Candace's story began to unfold, our team could not help but respond with deep love and compassion. Candace had been a client at a local drug rehab program and had been clean for over 14 months, but was currently homeless, had small amounts of time with her two older boys and was feeling a bit overwhelmed with her third son on the way.

Candace fervently dove into our Learning for Life Program to help equip her as a mother while earning points to spend in our stores for much needed items. However, Candace still did not have a place to live. Both Candace and our team took things to a whole other level. Through endless efforts on her part and rallying of the troops, Candace was able to get into a fully furnished 2 bedroom apartment just weeks before her son was born.

Candace shared, "I couldn't have

done it without Care Net's help. Everything that I had needed and had been dreaming of actually happened. I never expected to get so much help and to be so loved. I have never met people like this. I am full of hope!" She shared that she wished she could've filmed her boys' faces when they came home, stating that they have never had their own room or their own beds.

Zaiden Lonnie Moore was born on May 10, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center at 5:20 a.m. He was 8 lbs 11.5 oz and 21" long. Candace shared that he is a "perfect baby". The four of them are adjusting well. Candace will continue on our program and will be sharing more of her story at our Fall banquet!



2013: Ongoing Baby Bottle Drive and Diaper Drive

Thank you to all of you who have participated in our ongoing baby bottle drives! The funds that are raised go directly to the operating costs of our centers. We are seeking organizations to also host diaper drives as well. Thank you!

If your church, business or school has not yet participated, please contact our center directors for more information. This is great way to raise funds, provide diapers for our clients and help develop community awareness of Care Net's ministry in our counties!

ADOPT-A-CENTER: Redding or Red Bluff

Volunteer: client advocates, receptionist, data entry, board member, fundraising committee, prayer team, nurses, host a baby shower for Care Net, etc.

Donate: funds, diapers, baby clothes (up to 4T), baby furniture/items/blankets



Quarterly Volunteer Training:

July 25-26; Oct 24-25; Jan 30-31

Open House: Redding Center

Throughout this year, our Redding Center will be hosting Open House from 12-1 pm on site for our donors and community members who are interested in finding out more about our ministry, view our facilities, meet our staff/volunteers, etc. FREE lunch, mini presentation and a short tour. R.S.V.P. is highly recommended.

Upcoming Redding Dates: Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21 (There is no Open House in July or December.)

Fall Banquet - NEW DATE:

October 5, 2013

This banquet is for BOTH centers in BOTH counties at ONE location!

Please mark your calendars and plan for a beautiful evening of live music, silent auction, fantastic cuisine, client testimonies and fellowship!

WHERE: Redding Civic Center

TIME: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Doors will open at 5:15 pm

Costs: \$250 for table of 8 OR \$35 per person. Tickets can be purchased at either center. FMI: Call 246-7075

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I have had the honor of serving Care Net as the Executive Director for almost a year now. I am in awe of how fast time has flown. I have absolutely loved meeting many of you, sharing about this ministry and testimonies in your congregations, celebrating life and helping to raise awareness and funds in both counties.

I look forward to many more seasons full of joy, cloaked in love and dripping with provision and abundance! Thank you for partnering with us as we help transform our communities for His glory.

Wishing you buckets of wonder!

Shelly Gibbs, Executive Director

[The Gibbs Girls: Kendra, 19; Elise 9]

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