

LIFE Lines



News & Information for We Care Pregnancy Clinic Ministry Partners

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Changing Times

Some things have remained consistent over the last almost twenty years at We Care Pregnancy Clinic. The women we serve are single; students at NIU or Kishwaukee College; between the ages 18 and 24; and describe themselves as feeling scared, confused, alone.

You know that our world has changed pretty dramatically over the years. The staff and volunteers at We Care continually evaluate and have added and expanded programs and services in order to meet the changing needs of our community. Many of you have been with us as we have added material assistance, prevention programs, post abortion recovery support groups, pregnancy and parenting education, partners program, campus outreach and medical services.

We are seeing two new trends that are both concerning and are expanding our opportunities.

I. So far this year, there has been a 25% increase in number of pregnancy tests performed at the clinic. The expanded opportunity God has given us is that there has been a corresponding 72% increase in number of women who,

when they first come to We Care, are planning to abort.

While abortion is definitely one of the options women have always considered, this year we have seen a startling increase in the number who tell their Client Advocate that abortion is their plan.

II. Additionally, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of women who have taken the "Morning After Pill" (see article about MAP inside). One month this spring, 80% of the women we saw had taken MAP at least once and 50% of those had taken it three or more times in the last several years. One 20

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**"For God is working in you,
giving you the desire and the
power to do what pleases him."**

PHIL 2:13 NLT

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"Your eyes saw my substance being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me when as yet there were none of them." Psalm 139:1



MAPS

"So, you had unprotected sex, and thoughts are racing through your head..."

What if I'm pregnant?

What if he has an STD and gave it to me? What if...?

Most women have heard of the Morning After Pill. Some call it "emergency contraception."



This is the introduction to the "the morning after pill" (MAP) brochure from Focus on the Family. Those "what if" questions are indeed scary. But it is even more troublesome that so many young women are taking this drug without knowing what it is, how it works, or the possible side effects.



We have seen a significant increase in the use of MAP. One month recently, 80% of the women we saw had taken MAP at least once. 50% of those had taken it three or more times—even up to six times. Few of these precious ladies knew what they were taking or any of the possible side effects. They do now.

What is MAP? It is a large dose of the drug progesterone taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy. The possible side effects include nausea and vomiting, irregular menstrual periods, headache, dizziness and others. The use of MAP may mask the symptoms of an ectopic pregnancy which is life threatening for the woman. MAP does not protect from STDs and also is not a guarantee that she will not become pregnant. In Illinois this pill may be purchased without a prescription.

To learn more, call Debbi, Client Services Director or Tracey, Nurse Manager at 815-748-4242.

year old had taken it six times in three years. She does not know what she is doing to her body. However, God does and He has provided We Care for her.

Why are these increases happening? There are probably many factors: society has moved even further away from the sanctity of life and for many, abortion has become the expected choice for an unplanned pregnancy. MAP and chemical abortions are becoming highly publicized and seen as the "easier" way out of the situation.

Even as we research and develop new ways of presenting truth about these choices and Truth, we are praising God, that more than 90% of the women who come to We Care still choose life for their baby. And all leave knowing that they are loved and cherished by their creator.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers as we begin the next twenty years empowering women to make life-affirming choices.

■ Katie Mehne, Executive Director

Through Her Eyes

quotes from women served at We Care

Non-judgemental, caring, remembered little details that made me feel like I was being understood. Thank you so much.

I loved it! They treated me like family. It was an amazing experience.

A Burden Lifted



The National Memorial for the Unborn, located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is dedicated to healing a generation of pain associated with the loss of aborted children.

"On this site where 35,000 babies died, the memory of unborn children is honored."



For more information go to <http://memorialfortheunborn.org/>



Thanks for your votes!

We Care Pregnancy Clinic's

WALK FOR LIFE 2011



We raised almost \$32,000 toward We Care's annual budget of \$160,000. Cool, breezy day and God's people came out in large numbers to raise the most ever raised at a We Care Walk for Life. Thank you!



NEEDS:

- Wash Cloths
- Baby lotion
- Sleepers (larger sizes)
- Crib/Porta-crib sheets
- Diapers (sizes 3-5)



Pray with us that this vision would be realized.

"Can you imagine what our nation might look like if every pro-life individual applied the full weight of his or her passion to reaching out with support and care to women facing unplanned pregnancies?"

Melinda Delahoyde,
Care Net President

CARE CALENDAR

October
Respect Month Change for Life

November 4
Circle of Care Banquet

2012
January 22
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January-February
Change for Life Campaign

February 2
20th Anniversary!

February (TBA)
Spring Volunteer Training begins

May 5
Walk for Life 2012

MONTHLY:
WeCare4NIU information table on campus



Celebrating LIFE

Marcia Boyd, former Administrative Assistant at We Care, suddenly went home to be with the Lord in June. Her family honored We Care as the recipient of memorial gifts. Marcia's greatest joy was her family. Because of this memorial, many more women will realize the blessing of being a mother and young men will be prepared to be fathers.

We thank all of those who have made a lasting gift to the memory of your loved ones.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That what women and men hear at We Care will touch their hearts and impact their lives for eternity.
- Families will support and love women who have made the courageous choice for life.
- For women and men who have experienced abortion: that they will seek hope and healing
- For God's blessing and protection on the families of We Care's board, staff and volunteers.

JOIN WITH US! Believing our vision and work is compelling, we invite you to learn more about We Care and to support us as we seek to restore hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies and ensure a future for their unborn.

On Friday, November 4, we will be starting of a year-long celebration of 20 years of ministry for We Care! Please join us for the 2011 Circle of Care Banquet. We will be celebrating what God has done through We Care for the last 20 years as well as looking forward to what He is calling us to do in the future. The learn more, go to www.WeCarePartners.org or call 815-748-4242 or email 20Years@wecarepregnancyclinic.org.



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 - answer your questions
 - discuss your options
 - support you

All services are free and confidential

Our Greatest Need

He knew we longed for peace,
but He did not come as a general.
He knew we longed for unity,
but He did not come as a politician.
He knew we longed for wealth,
but He did not come as an economist.
He knew we longed for knowledge,
but He did not come as a scientist.
He knew we longed for laughter,
but He did not come as an entertainer.
He could have blessed us in any of these ways,
but He did not.
For He knew that our greatest need was for forgiveness,
and so He came to be our Savior.

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- Please send me _____ complimentary tickets to the Circle of Care Banquet "He Knows My Name" Nov 4.
- I would like confidential information about the abortion healing support group. (Woman's and a men's groups are beginning soon.)
- I commit to pray for We Care each week on Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
(please print your email address above clearly)
- Enclosed is \$ _____ to support the life-saving work of We Care.

"...I would not forget you!
See, I have written your
name on the palms of
my hands."

IS 49:16