

LIFE Lines



News & Information for We Care Pregnancy Clinic Ministry Partners

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Multiple Gifts from God

Ultrasound technology has given us a wonderful opportunity to give each woman hope for her and her pre-born baby. The God who has created and bestowed such a miraculous gift upon her is also the God of promises and love.

Twins! Can you imagine the surprise and excitement of seeing not one, but two babies on the ultrasound monitor?

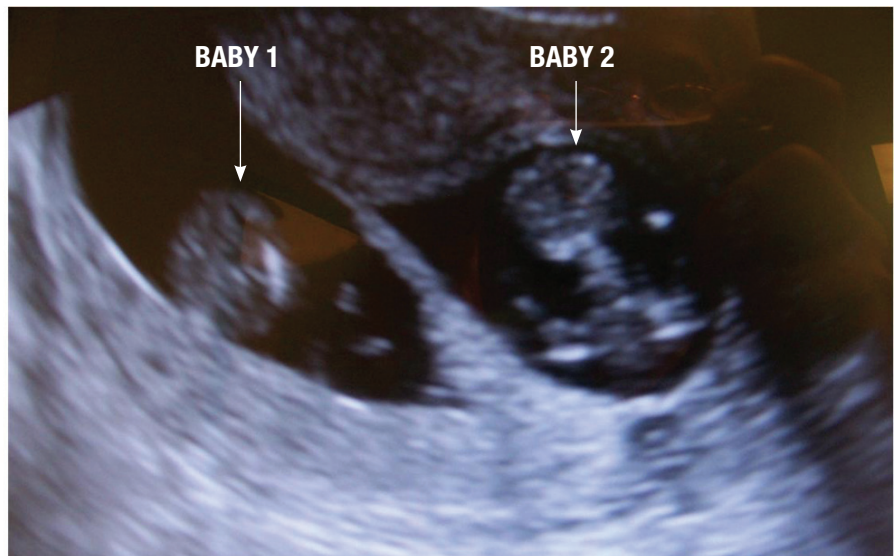
On this day, everyone in the room was stunned into silence. Betsy* held back tears as she marveled at the two tiny beating hearts.

Only a few days before Betsy had come to We Care for a pregnancy test and abortion information. Abortion was to be her choice for this very unintended pregnancy, she said.

We see many 'Divine Appointments' here at We Care. God arranges for just the right Client Advocate to be available to meet with each woman. Betsy and Helen*, her Client Advocate, connected immediately as they talked through Betsy's situation. Betsy felt free to share many details of her life. As with so many we see, the father of the baby could only be described as "a friend."

After talking about abortion, Helen gently offered another choice—adoption. Betsy brightened and asked for more information. Helen told her about the adoption process and offered several referrals to adoption agencies. Helen was also able to share

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"The ultrasound and the written Word of God combine to expose not only the child in her womb but also the reality and involvement of the Creator with the child. We can clearly see through the ultrasound that God is a God of beauty, goodness, love, grace, mercy, and sovereignty. He is surely a God of life and good news!"

The ultrasound demonstrates God's creativity (the baby) as well as His love and care of the child in the womb. Such a situation also points to the special calling of the mother to love, protect, nurture, and care for her unborn child. God's involvement with both the mother and the child evidences that both are taking part in a sacred relationship and event.

A child is a special gift. God has given her the gift of life! The ultrasound demonstrates the sacredness and preciousness of life as well as giving to the mother a further bonding experience that only she and God can experience."

(Two Windows of the Ultrasound, David Dundas, www.hopenational.net)

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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

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from her own experience of placing a child, a gift from God, into the waiting arms of an adoptive family.

How loving is God to have a woman who had made that courageous and tender choice meeting with a young woman facing the same decision?

During her ultrasound, with a quivering voice Betsy said "And God has given me two gifts." The ultrasound gave Betsy hope for herself as well as for her pre-born babies. And she left We Care knowing that God, who has created and bestowed such a miraculous gift upon her, is also the God of promises and love. Betsy choose life for these precious gifts.

Thank you for helping young women make positive choices.

* Names have been changed for confidentiality



Created
in His
image.

Thank you!

We Care received \$42,100 in donations and pledges at the annual Circle of Care Banquet on November 5. That is a great step toward our annual \$160,000 budget

As you know, it is because of the generosity of our community that young women and men have a safe, compassionate and free place to go to receive support as they make some very difficult decisions.

We love getting together with you and celebrating all that the Lord is doing in and through We Care. Weren't those babies just too precious?

Photos from the Banquet and information about We Care can be found at www.WeCarePartners.org





Birth Control?

We Care does not take an official position on birth control within marriage. We do, in all situations, advocate abstinence as a healthy and empowering decision for those who are unmarried.

Abstinence until marriage is the only 100% effective way to prevent pregnancy and STDs. We Care also believes that abstinence best protects the emotional and mental health of those we serve, particularly young women. We care too much for the young women and men we serve to tell them any less.

“I liked how informative you were about everything. I felt like there was no question you did not know the answer to. I felt at ease coming here.”

90% OF THOSE WHO COME TO WE CARE CHOOSE LIFE.

During 2010, the number of women coming to We Care for pregnancy tests increased by 29%. And 90% of the time she chose life. We Care’s message is fairly simple: “We care.” The slightly longer version “When it’s just not clear, We Care is here for you.” Communicating that to a generation of worldly, technology savvy, bright young folks is our challenge.

We Care advertises broadly and consistently so that when she needs us, she knows she can go to the Northern Star classified ads, Facebook, look for a bus or flyer to get our number. Many tell us that they are so familiar with our name, that when they need us, they simply Google “We Care.”

“OUT OF THE BOX” IDEA!

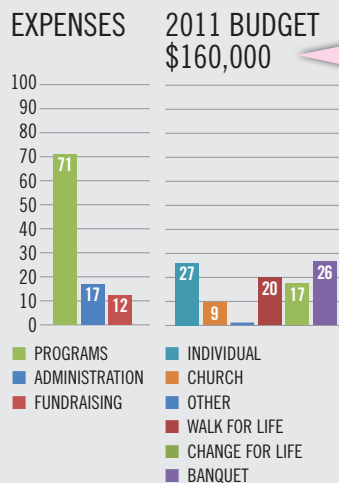
We try every opportunity we can find, and can afford, to communicate that We Care truly is here for her. Modeling after a successful awareness campaign on another campus, this semester students from WeCare4NIU and We Care staff will hand out free pregnancy tests on campus. Yes, there will be a table with a small display, the standard bowl of candy for hungry students and a bowl of pregnancy test kits. Each kit will contain a pregnancy test, the manufacturer’s directions, and a card inviting her to come to We Care for a free ultrasound to confirm the test—or for another free test in a week if the test was negative. Look to future issues of LifeLines where we will share how God uses this on campus.



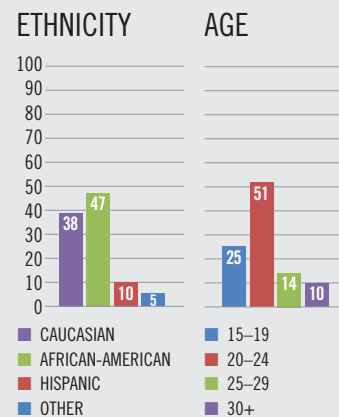
Thank you for your prayers and support for this new idea that she may know that “When it’s just not clear—We Care is here for you.”



HOW DOES WE CARE RAISE FUNDS?



WHO IS IT THAT WE SERVE?



MANY HANDS, ONE MISSION.

God is faithful and our supporters are generous! You have made it possible for WeCare to reach our community and make a difference! Your support has been essential for WeCare to be a voice for life in our community, and we thank you!

Unfortunately, we also are feeling the financial strains of the times — in 2010 we fell short of \$5,000.00 needed to meet our total expenses.

Would you consider an extra gift to help us erase this deficit? Your assistance will make it possible for us to reach pregnant mothers with the message of LIFE!

CARE CALENDAR

February 10
Introduction to Volunteering Training Seminar begins

February 20
Change for Life Bottle return

April 30
Walk for Life 2011

September 20
Fall Training begins

November 4
Circle of Care Banquet

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.



NEEDS:

- Wipes
- Large size diapers
- Sox
- Baby wash cloths and towels

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- listen to you
- answer your questions
- discuss your options
- support you

All services are free and
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"With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

Thank you for supporting We Care. As an evangelical ministry, We Care recognizes that prayer support is essential.

Won't you partner with us in **prayer**, as together we seek the Lord's will and protection for our ministry?

Please pick a day each week when you will pray specifically for this life-saving ministry. Let us know on the enclosed response form that you are committing at least **5 minutes** of your week to pray for We Care and those we serve.

If you would like, include your email and we'll send you specific prayer requests as well as praises for the blessings.