



2019 ANNUAL UPDATE

YEAR IN REVIEW

RESULTS OF OUR NAME CHANGES

Our name changes, adding the program name Avenue Women's Center and changing the overall ministry name to Caring Network, have resulted in improving our reach to those who most need help with an unplanned pregnancy. *We have seen more women who are considering abortion than ever in recent months.*

EXPANDING OUR REACH: INTERNET

Internet continues to be the number one way that Avenue Women's Center reaches women who need help. This year, we plan to grow our internet outreach, especially through social media, so that we have a wider reach. *Winning trust is important, and we intend to do that.*

EXPANDING OUR ACCESS: DARIEN CENTER

Our new center is opening next month, at 2849 83rd Street in Darien! Please join us for an Open House on Sunday, September 8th, between 12pm and 2pm. *We would love for you to join us, and help to pray for the impact of this important new center.*

RELOCATION OF OUR ELMHURST CENTER

Our Elmhurst office has moved further north, along with Pathway Community Church, to a location in reach of more women in Bensenville and northeast Cook County. *We are excited to see what God will do with this location over the coming year!*

PREVENTION: ABSTINENCE EDUCATION

Teen Decision continues to reach thousands who would not otherwise hear a healthy message of abstinence until marriage. Caring Network continues to partner with Teen Decision, ensuring that in the past year, more than 8,000 area students received an impactful message about abstinence and healthy relationships. *A recent survey showed significant positive outcomes in students' changed attitudes, increased knowledge, and intent to choose abstinence until marriage.*

CARING NETWORK EVENTS

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Caring Network Banquet is still our number one fundraiser. We appreciate your support of this event—and will continue to share important information about how and whom we serve. *The next Banquet will be held on October 24, 2019 with author Lee Strobel as our guest speaker.* More information can be found at CaringNetwork.com/annual-banquet.

SPRING FLING AUCTION

This new event has been critical for Caring Network, as we make improvements to our centers to stay ahead of the curve. Over the last two years, we have raised funds toward the new Darien center, and also benefitted the new Elmhurst location and improvements at our Wood Dale center. *Next year, we will hold the event at Elements at Water Street in Naperville, on April 16, 2020.* Funds from this event will benefit improving our Naperville Center.

WALK FOR CARING NETWORK

Our Walk for Caring Network is still going, after all these years. Every event is different, and this one has been key for those who want to make a public statement about their abortion views. *We are thankful for the opportunity to continue the Walk, and plan to do so again on June 20, 2020.*

A NOTE FROM

OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I have some exciting updates to share with you. For almost 40 years, our mission has remained focused: serving women in unplanned pregnancies with compassion and truth, so they are empowered to choose life. *In nearly four decades, we have gained ground in reaching those who most need help.*

In 1981, our hotline rang in a local business and was forwarded in shifts to volunteer counselors. Today, **over 80% of women in need find us through the internet.** We serve them in five professional centers, using tools and skills that encourage even abortion-determined women to reconsider. In short, through God-centered growth and improvement, our impact has grown *exponentially.*

One year ago, God led us to improve by further developing our name. Our help centers became known as **Avenue Women's Center** and at the same time our overall ministry name changed to **Caring Network**. God has called us to serve women most at risk of choosing abortion, and through these changes, we have continued to make progress toward that goal. In recent months, *we have seen more abortion-minded women than in any previous month.*

We have also made several important changes to our centers. Our "southeast DuPage" center is going to be open in the next month, at **2849 83rd Street in Darien.** We invite you to join us at an open house on **Sunday, September 8th from 12pm-2pm.** We are very excited about this center, since we will be reaching into new areas—including **Lemont and Bolingbrook!** At the same time, we have moved our Elmhurst center further north, to an area that will reach more women who need help in **Bensenville and into Cook County.** Lastly, our Wood Dale center is in the process of improvements. Details on all three of these centers will be provided at our Banquet dinner, on October 24, with Lee Strobel as our guest speaker.

These steps have been critical for us to continue to take new ground on the abortion front. I hope you will join us in praying that these improvements will position us to serve more women at risk than ever before. God remains our guide, and we trust in Him as we follow His lead. If you have questions, I encourage you to contact me. I would be happy to discuss these developments or any of the steps in our strategic vision with you.

Serving Christ together,
Beth Rockouski
President



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FINANCIAL UPDATE

For another year, Caring Network has been taken care of. Thanks to the commitment and generosity of all those who partner financially in Caring Network's ministry, we met our annual income budget in the 2018-19 fiscal year. As we trust God for the resources to pursue this critical mission, we are grateful that He provided exactly what we needed!



And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19

PARTNER WITH US



Whether you are an individual or an organization, you can make a powerful difference by sharing your time and other resources with Caring Network. Caring Network partners with many churches to provide the spiritual support and practical help that make a lasting difference in

the lives of families. As an individual, you can volunteer in one of Caring Network's local centers. Together we are building God's kingdom! Visit CaringNetwork.com/get-involved.

STORIES OF LIVES CHANGED

TIFFANY

Tiffany recently got out of an abusive relationship with the father of her baby. She came to our center for an ultrasound when she was in her third trimester. She already has a child—and was unsure of how she would juggle a second child without the support of the baby's father. Due to her Christian beliefs and being further along in her pregnancy, she really wanted to make an adoption plan for her baby. She kept in touch with her pregnancy counselor during the remainder of her pregnancy—and also connected with an adoption agency. Through the agency, she chose a loving family for her child. With the support of Avenue Women's Center and others in Tiffany's life, she was able to make the bold, brave move to form an adoption plan for her baby. Praise God for rescuing Tiffany from abuse and giving her the strength and love she needed at just the right time! God is always there when the time is right. What a powerful difference He can make.

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

KRISTEN

Kristen came to our center strongly leaning toward abortion. Her family knew of her pregnancy and were far from supportive. She was overwhelmed and afraid she would be disowned, if she kept the baby. Knowing this, Kristen was not sure what options she had left. During her session with her pregnancy counselor, she cried and shared all of her fears. Kristen shared about her faith in God, and her counselor was able to assure her of God's strong and mighty love. That made all the difference! After much talking, Kristen was encouraged to approach her parents again with her desire to continue the pregnancy and a plan to make it all work. Just days later, Kristen reached out to her counselor, letting her know about her miraculous conversation with her parents. Remarkably, they were now supportive, and Kristen knew she should become a parent with their help. Amazing—she was so thankful that she came to Avenue Women's Center. God does not think like people do!

Isaiah 40:29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.



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