



MAKING BIRTHDAYS HAPPEN FOR
40
YEARS
1981-2021

 **Caring**
NETWORK Illinois
Annual Update 2021



A Note from Our President

Dear Ministry Partner,

As the COVID restrictions lessened, we saw an increase in the number of abortion-minded women coming to us in-person for guidance, with many choosing life for their babies and hearing the good news of God's saving grace.

Additionally, thanks to the continued generosity of our partners, we exceeded our budgeted income while keeping expenses below budget for the fiscal year: 2020-2021 (ending 6/30/2021). Thank you to all who stood with us during a challenging year!

Highlights of the past fiscal year:

- **New Role as President:** On May 1st, I officially started full-time as the President of Caring Network. It was an honor to serve as the part-time, interim president for 17 months, but now God has called me to devote all my efforts to lead Caring Network to reach abortion minded women and equip them to choose life – both physical and spiritual. To hear more about the goals and future plans for the ministry, watch my recent sit-down interview with Mark Elfstrand: <https://www.caringnetwork.com/meet-our-president>
- **Reaching More & Saving More:** In both Q3 and Q4, we witnessed an increase in the overall number of women being served at our Women's Centers, as well as an increase in the percentage of these women who are "abortion-minded" (defined as those who arrive with an intent to abort/are most at risk of choosing abortion). God is providing by sending us more to serve and save!
- **Church News:** We are planning now to host our first-ever *Choose Life Church Summit* next March 5th at Wheaton College. The purpose is to bring area churches together to encourage and equip them to advocate for life. The keynote speaker will be John Ensor, President of PassionLife. See more details in our Church Summit section on the following page.
- **Celebrate:** The excitement is building, as we look forward to celebrating our 40th Anniversary of *Making Birthdays Happen* at our annual banquet on October 21st at Drury Lane, featuring Mike Huckabee as our guest speaker. I hope you'll celebrate with us either in-person or online. To hear a personal invitation from Mike, and to register, visit: <https://www.caringnetwork.com/annual-banquet>

We all learned a great deal about adapting to challenges over this last year. At Caring Network we learned that we have generous, faithful partners and a dedicated staff that in the face of adversity, worked together as one to bring the compassion of Jesus to women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy. I am thankful he has entrusted us with this important work - may we continue to be good stewards of these resources in the year ahead!

Together for Life,
Kirt Wiggins

Growth • Results • Sustainability

We are grateful for the many individuals and churches who partner with us in changing and saving lives in our community. Caring Network is a registered 501©(3) organization incorporated in the State of Illinois.

July 2020-June 2021 Fiscal Year

	<u>20-21 Total</u>	<u>19-20 Total</u>
Revenue	\$2,798,293	\$1,843,604
Less Paycheck Protection Plan	212,865	0
Less Net Assets Released from Restrictions	314,364	0
Normalized Revenue	2,271,064	1,641,551
Expenses	1,846,339	1,661,117

**The additional revenue will be used as seed money to start 25 new affiliate clinics.*

Church Summit

Equipping the church to advocate for physical & spiritual life.

3/5/2022 · Billy Graham Center, Wheaton College · Barrows Auditorium

We look forward to hosting our inaugural Church Summit on the morning of Saturday, March 5th, 2022 from 9am-12pm to bring area churches together, encouraging them in making disciples and reaching and serving the most vulnerable children and families in their communities. The keynote speaker will be John Ensor, President of PassionLife, where he trains Christian leaders in biblical bioethics and pregnancy crisis intervention.

The summit will equip Chicagoland churches to advocate for the life of the unborn child and include simple steps churches can take to disciple their congregation and impact their community. We will also hear ways that churches are working together, like the forging of partnerships between Chicago and suburban churches to rescue children and save moms and families in the city. More details to follow. Contact Scott Polender at Scott@caringnetwork.com for more information or to get involved.

Lives Changed & Saved

Michelle

Michelle came to Caring Network feeling overwhelmed. She was already a young mom and couldn't face another pregnancy. She didn't have a support system or resources to help. So, she was looking into having an abortion. During her appointment at Caring Network, her pregnancy consultant asked Michelle if she would feel differently if she had the parenting resources she needed. Her consultant talked through the available Caring Network programs that could help – including the Connections program that would pair her with a group of women at a local church to come alongside her during her pregnancy. She signed up right away! She began to feel hope for the future. She received a free ultrasound where she saw her baby move around on the screen. She told her pregnancy consultant she couldn't see herself moving forward with an abortion anymore.

Praise God for helping Michelle see a path forward for her and her baby!

Angela

Angela recently completed a Restore post-abortion study. She is a Christian and was able to experience God's healing through the process of the Restore group. She said she feels stronger emotionally and has become closer to God. She said she knows the healing process will continue and that God is with her. During her last session with Restore, she described her transformation like an artist and mural: "When a painter throws all sorts of colors onto a mural, at first, it's hard to see what picture is being created. Then, at the very end, the masterpiece is revealed!" God used the Restore program to help Angela see the beauty He is bringing out through her pain.

Praise Him for His redemptive work!



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