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Director's Perspective

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Executive Director

"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful [asteios] child; and they were not afraid of the king’s edict." Hebrews 11:23

The Greek word asteios means ‘of the city’ as in urbane and polished. By faith, Moses’ parents knew that their handsome little son was special unto a larger people and so they didn’t fear. This Greek word appears only one other time in Scripture, also of Moses, when Stephen says the baby was ‘lovely [asteios] in the sight of God.” Acts 7:20

Your defense for preborn children in jeopardy of their lives is God for His larger purposes, lovely in His sight. We don’t fear any edicts of the land as we act on behalf of these children. This newsletter shows how your advocacy for sons and daughters in wombs ripples through our cities. It is beautiful to behold! Asteios!

This is my last newsletter as Director. A year after the Lord called my dear husband Home, I have perceived God inviting me into a new season, which remains a bit veiled. By faith, this next step is asteios and without fear. I am excited for you to meet our energetic and impressive new Executive Director! Stay tuned for details and stay the course for Life, dear friends!

2018 Impact

Families exist because of you!

456 pregnancy tests
388 ultrasounds
133 births (verified)
67 faith professions
21,425 diapers distributed

It takes a lot to operate a medical clinic serving about 600 women a year! We keep overhead expenses low so your gift most directly supports the women and children we serve.

Training Doctors in Residence

A Regional Medical Center on the Peninsula now uses our pregnancy medical clinic to satisfy rotation requirements for its Medical Doctors in Residence. We hosted five MD Residents this winter. This is a model of connected community: medical professionals learn from each other and doctors understand how services provided by Care Net Peninsula complement their care to pregnant patients in need.

GuideStar Endorsement

GuideStar offers a "good housekeeping seal" for non-profit organizations. Less than half of 1% of all non-profits earn a Gold rating, but Care Net Peninsula received GuideStar's highest Platinum rating as a result of our fiscal transparency and excellence! We steward your gifts well.

Your Support Influences Our Community Non-Profit of the Year

Our nomination by the City of Newport News Human Rights Commission, alongside other highly respected nominees, surprised us. In the largest social media response we have ever seen, YOU voted us as the winner and voiced that pre-born humans in wombs have rights, too. Way to go!

Pennies Add Up!

All Generation Church $303
American Heritage Girls $774
Bethel Baptist Church Yorktown - MOPS $303
Bethel Baptist Church Yorktown $4,161
Bethel Temple Senior Adults $170
Breakthrough Worship Center $404
By Grace Community Church $402
Calvary Reformed Presbyterian Church $1,426
Coastal Community Church $7,647
Greater Discipleship Center $202
Deer Park Baptist Church $1,069
Denbyhgh Baptist Church - Joy Club $74
Demshgh Baptist Church $1,018
First United Methodist Church of Fox Hill $296
Glorcester Point Baptist Church $1,537
God’s Girls $150
Grace Baptist Chapel $445
Grace Church $982
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church $888
Grace Family Fellowship $535
Hilltop Gospel Church $401
Hilton Baptist Church $392
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church $2,788
Liberty Baptist Church $935
Life Church and Christian Life Center $1,359
Lighthouse Church $2,031
Manna Church $176
New Bethel Baptist Church $413
Newington Baptist Church $2,299
Northside Christian Church $4,286
Occult Baptist Church $1,651
Peninsula Community Chapel $5,118
Poquoson Baptist Church $2,071
Poquoson Kiwanis $286
Reformation Christian Fellowship $1,500
Resurrection Lutheran Church $790
Young Family $1,580
Seaford Baptist Church $3,177
Severn Church $2,800
Singleton United Methodist Church $305
Smith Memorial Baptist Church $699
St. Jerome's Catholic Church $2,440
St. John’s Episcopal Church $1,050
Warwick Assembly of God $2,429
Water of Life Fellowship $65
Williamsburg Community Chapel $46
Yorktown Baptist Church $342

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Pictured: Kimberly Logsdon and Mark Lee

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