

Kyla's STORY



When I found out I was pregnant I was not in the best situation mentally or physically. I had been unemployed for 4 months and my boyfriend had just tragically lost his mother unexpectedly. I was at a very low point. Before she was shot and killed we had become spiritual accountability partners. When she died it hit me very hard. The morning of her funeral, I found out I was pregnant. At this point I was completely stressed out and feeling defeated. When I finally accepted that I was pregnant, I freaked out. I didn't know how I was going to pay for anything and I didn't have support from family or friends.

I came to Care Net Peninsula because

my boyfriend and I were emotionally unstable to make a sound decision about whether we should keep the baby or not. I [was] in hopes of some resources and counseling so that I could make a decision. Although I have been a believer in Christ, with all these things happening at once I [felt like] I had lost my connection with God. I couldn't seem to get out of the state of depression I was in. When I came to Care Net, they welcomed me with open arms. They prayed over me and offered support with the loss of my boyfriend's mom. The most comforting thing I received was a new Bible.

I walked out of the Care Net office in tears, but tears of joy. [They were]

tears of hope for the future and an overwhelming feeling that someone really cared for the health and well-being of me and my unborn child. I received phone calls periodically from the staff just checking on me, which means worlds to me. Since coming to Care Net, I have gained a whole new perspective on life. I am very excited to meet my little one. I am so thankful that I found this center. Care Net has definitely left an impression on my life and I will always remember what was done for me at one of the darkest times of my life.

Kyla welcomed baby Jace in late February.

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Our Mission

We're a non-profit on a mission to bring practical help and hope in Jesus to women facing pregnancy decisions on the Peninsula.

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Director's Perspective



Kimberly Logsdon
Executive Director

*“Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.”
Genesis 13:17*

The words preceding this verse recount quarreling among close relatives, discussion about people going left and people going right, and ultimate parting of company as the land was not deemed big enough to accommodate everyone. Sound familiar? A reread of my first sentence could summarize responses to some recent Facebook posts! In fact, it outlines the testing times of father of the faith, Abraham.

How do we respond in these contentious times? Some protest in the streets. Some offend. Others walk on eggshells to avoid offending. We express opinions on social

media. Or we pull the shades and turn off the TV. Or we may do some of both.

In Genesis 13, the land of the wicked looks like a shimmering oasis in the dust and some of the close relatives do choose to settle there. But Abram's response was to hear God tell him to look around the land of his faithfulness where he was standing and receive the promise of a future of numerous offspring. He trusted for a land brimming with children not yet born because God knew in full the full of the redemptive story in Christ... something we still can only now imagine.

So this is our response: Arise. Walk it out. Receive the length and breadth of the promises of God.

*See you at the
Walk 4 LIFE!
Kimberly*



why Walk 4 Life?

- We receive no government funds & all our services are at no charge
 - 20% more women came through our doors last year & demand continues to grow
- Pre-born babies depend on someone to speak up for them
 - Your friends need to hear about this place where women get information on options, without judgment

Meet Shantelle: Director, Client Services

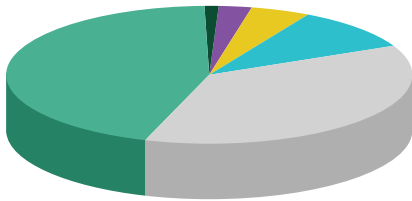
If you come to our center, chances are you will see Shantelle Giles! As Director of Client Services, she ensures the quality of our program services; trains and oversees employees and volunteers who deliver those services; and implements the tools and resources that empower women to build support networks tailored to their specific needs. Shantelle builds relationships with partner organizations in our cities as confidently as she makes women in our consultations feel heard. Shantelle is passionate to help women who have had abortions find their full healing in Jesus; she leads our recovery groups and mentors other leaders in this hope.

When you pray for Care Net Peninsula, please remember this strong leader who bears much responsibility.



Fun Facts

- Born and raised in the seaside town of Felixstowe, England
- Married to Troy and learns a lot from their 9 year old daughter
- Retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving 20 years
- Willing to slip an occasional corn dog into her health-conscious diet



Abortion Snapshot

ABORTIONS	CITY/COUNTY
747	Newport News City
601	Hampton City
166	Williamsburg City
77	York County
42	Gloucester County
16	Poquoson City
1649 TOTAL	

Source: Virginia Department of Health, 2014

Bountiful Sower Award: Jean Whitt



“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” 2 Cor 9:12

We annually recognize an individual or organization who exceptionally models the bountiful sower described in 2 Corinthians 9:6–15. The first recipient (2015) was Crisis Pregnancy Centers of Tidewater, who has given much, mentored us, and strengthened our ministry to more excellence.

Care Net Peninsula’s Bountiful Sower Award recipient for 2016 is Jean Whitt.

When Jean returned from the China mission field, she moved into Section 8 senior living apartments and asked God ‘What next?’. Learning of our ministry, she committed to pray daily



Above: Jean Whitt and Kimberly Logsdon

for every staff member by name and for those we serve. Soon this white-haired dynamo was rallying her senior community and her local church to

hold baby item drives to ‘shower’ our mothers, pray for us, gather loose coins in bottles, and raise up Walk 4 Life teams for multiple years. This woman without worldly wealth gives abundantly out of her own pockets and treasure for the vulnerable and defenseless.

Jean challenges anyone who will listen to care for unborn children and their parents. She has brought many new friends alongside us.

We are deeply grateful to know and learn from this beautiful sower of Christ’s love.



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69%

of women
who have
abortions are
economically
disadvantaged

59%

of women
obtaining
abortions
are already
mothers

73%

report a
religious
affiliation

38

states require parental involvement before a minor
obtains an abortion (Virginia is one of them)

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**Source: www.guttmacher.org/united-states/abortion*