

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Albuquerque Brief history of the organization

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Albuquerque was started in 1983 under the name Albuquerque Pregnancy Center. Grace Church, at that time located off of Central and Girard, and their pastor, Edwin Shepperdson, were called to put a pregnancy center in place as an alternative to the Planned Parenthood clinic just established down the street. They did their homework, put together an infrastructure to build on and started recruiting volunteers in whose hearts God had already been working. With limited space and knowledge, and an assurance that they were in God's will, they began to collect and provide information to young men and women surrounding their choices for the unborn child. Evangelism has always been a focus and a driving center of our ministry. The Center offered yet another door to reach those who are in need, but who would never enter a church building. Combined with the help and resources they found from other pregnancy centers in the Southwest, they built the foundation we still reside in today.

After several years the need to provide more space, more counselors, and more assistance for material, as well as spiritual needs, the Center was moved out of the church and in 2001 joined the national affiliation of Care Net Pregnancy Centers. This affiliation gave the ministry an opportunity to be trained with current information, access to more resources, i.e. policies and procedures, budget guidelines, publications, and prayer partners with a common goal.

In 2003 we celebrated 20 years of service in the community and have continued to grow with God's protection and blessings. It was at this time that the Board was encouraged to evaluate their effectiveness in reaching those in rural or adjacent communities near Albuquerque. The results of that evaluation led them to pray about how God wanted them to reach out to these areas. Many of the pregnancy centers around the world were reporting success with satellite offices, and so we set about learning from their efforts. In August of 2003, we opened our first satellite office in Edgewood. In 2004 we were blessed with satellites in Belen and the South Valley. On January 22, 2005, Rio Rancho joined us with a satellite office on Southern Blvd.

This growth has stretched us, grown us spiritually and helped us to focus on the work that God has for us in each of these areas. Our goal for 2005-2006 is to provide an ultra sound machine for each location, effectively reaching and helping mothers to see and choose life for their babies. As we seek and find ways to expand our existing donor base, we will continue to pray about how God can be glorified and made real to all of those who do not know Him in New Mexico.