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## **Two Care Net North Carolina Pregnancy Resource Centers Intervene for Women's Right to Know Act**

Take Action to Support Law and Better Serve Women in State

**RALEIGH, N.C., Nov. 9, 2011** – Today, Asheville Pregnancy Support Services and Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte, both Care Net affiliates, are filing a motion to intervene in the current lawsuit regarding the North Carolina Women's Right to Know Act.

In order to support and better serve the women of North Carolina, the centers are interceding in the suit, which is currently in the United States Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

"We are proud to stand with pregnancy centers, doctors and women who have previously had abortions that are ardent supporters of this law for the benefit of the women of North Carolina," said Jeanneane Maxon, Vice President and General Counsel for Care Net. "The Women's Right to Know Act was a big step in the right direction in making sure women have real support and a real choice when it comes to how they handle a pregnancy."

The North Carolina Women's Right to Know Act requires a woman to speak with a physician or qualified professional either in person or over the phone 24 hours before having an elective abortion. If the physician believes the woman is being coerced into having an abortion, then the physician must refer her to several agencies, including a "pregnancy care center."

The law also requires that a woman must receive an ultrasound and other educational information from a qualified medical professional before having an elective abortion.

Care Net is a network of pregnancy resource centers across the country. They currently are associated with nearly 60 centers in North Carolina. Please visit Care Net's website at <http://www.care-net.org> for more information.

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