CONFERENCE LEADER

Rev. Malcolm Marler, D.Min. founded The Care Team Network in 1994. The Care Team Network is sponsored by The 1917 Clinic at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), a respected HIV/AIDS research and treatment center where Rev. Marler is a chaplain.

The mission of the Care Team Network (CTN) is to be a training and resource center for the development of volunteer Care Teams for persons with health concerns or other special needs.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participants may register by phone, fax, e-mail, or postal mail. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

By Phone: Call 406-728-1613
By Fax: 406-543-7769
By E-mail: caringcircles@lifes-end.org
By Mail: Or send your registration form to:

Caring Circles
320 East Main Street
Missoula, MT 59802

Please enclose a check for $25 if you are a nurse and would like Continuing Education Credit. Make your check payable to “CTN.”

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Congregation or Organization Representing (if any)
WHAT IS A CARING CIRCLE?

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WHAT DOES A CARING CIRCLE DO?

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Some people enjoy running errands, preparing meals, or providing social outings. Others prefer to visit, make phone calls, or provide a break for caregivers.

Team members simply do what they enjoy doing for others, when they are able, in an organized way with a built-in support system.

WHY ARE CARING CIRCLES NEEDED?

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CONFERENCE DETAILS

AUDIENCE

Anyone who is interested in starting a Caring Circle program in their community, or who is interested in being a volunteer coordinator (for many circles) or a team leader (for individual circles) in an existing Caring Circles program is invited.

DATES AND TIME

The two-day conference will be on Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The second day builds on the material from the first day. Check-in is from 8:00-8:30 each day.

LOCATION

St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, The Broadway Conference Center, 500 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT. Free parking is available in the underground parking lot.

COST

There is no charge to participants for this conference (normally $150 per person). However, registration is required for everyone and there will be a suggested donation to offset the cost of the meals for both days.

This conference is made possible through a Rallying Points certificate (www.rallyingpoints.org), which assists community-based coalitions in improving care and caring for those nearing the end of life.

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Please see the back panel of this brochure for registration information.

CONFERENCE CONTENT

Wednesday, April 9, 2003, 8:30-4:30 p.m.
Fundamentals of Caring Circle Development

provides an overview of the key components to the successful development of Circles of Care. During the day we will learn how to:

• Identify the needs of someone, determine if a Circle is wanted and needed,
• Introduce the Team Approach to others so that they understand how a team is different than the traditional one-one-one way of caring,
• Train a Caring Circle in your congregation, organization, or start a team for someone you know or someone in your community,
• Connect a Circle with a Friend (recipient of care) and clarify expectations of everyone involved, and
• Equip the team with on-going support to keep it healthy and growing.

Thursday, April 10, 2003, 8:30-4:30 p.m.
Applications of Caring Circle Development

provides experiential training for participants from the previous day and helps apply the model to each person’s unique setting.

Participants will:

• Explore strengths and challenges of developing Circles in their setting,
• Learn how to integrate Caring Circles with existing ministries or programs,
• Practice introducing the team approach to others and training Caring Circle Team Members,
• Learn how to develop a Leadership Team to help participants have the local support they need following the conference.