



Gineen Bonita, Caris Counselor

Gineen lives in Chicago and completed her undergrad work at University of Illinois at Chicago, with a Bachelor's in Psychology. She received her Master's degree in Counseling Psychology at Trinity International University. Gineen said she came to work at Caris because, "I was encouraged that Caris wanted to offer clinical counseling and free services to women in crisis. It was an opportunity to be a part of unconditional grace; working in ministry in my chosen occupation. I love being able to witness the A-HA! moments, when clients feel their strength again and stand up under previously overwhelming circumstances."



Phyllis Ferguson –Collum, Near West (Oak Park) Counseling Director

Phyllis lives in Evanston with her husband of 31 years. She has 3 sons that have made her a proud Nanna! She received her Bachelor's in Behavioral Science from National-Louis University and her Master's in Social Work at Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Phyllis is passionate for the mission of Caris. She says, "What I love about my work is that it allows me to pour into the lives of women at a time when they are broken in spirit. I then get to encourage them by welcoming them without judgment into the counseling setting where by God's grace they may see they have other options."



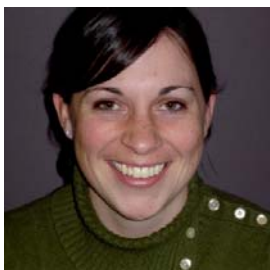
Carey Eash, Support Group Coordinator

Carey lives in Park Ridge with her husband of eight years, Ben, and their two children, Madison, 5 and Luke, 3. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology from Mount Vernon Nazarene University and a Master's of Social Work from the University of California Los Angeles. Carey feels strongly about the mission of Caris to "provide hope and support" to women. She states, "I am passionate about the work that God is doing to connect young women together through support groups. I have the privilege of leading groups in both the schools and the Caris sites. My favorite part of my job is watching young women find support and belonging from women going through similar life circumstances."



Ruth Feldmann, Ultrasonographer

Ruth has been an ultrasonographer for Caris since 2002. She exchanged the sand dunes of the Middle East for the snow dunes of the mid-west and now lives in Wheaton. Ruth says, "I love watching the bonding that takes place during an ultrasound and I hope that bonding replaces the fear and anxiety that so many women come to Caris with. God chose Caris for me. I wasn't looking to work in Cook County, but now all these years later, I love my work. It hasn't become 'routine' for me. Every client is different. I love being part of the 'miracle'!"



Katie Leibman, Woodfield Counseling Director

Katie currently lives in Carol Stream with her husband and one year old daughter, Ellery. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her Master's in Counseling Psychology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Katie says that she chose to work at Caris because, "I knew I would be working somewhere that could make a significant difference in the lives of those who sought out Caris' services." When asked what she loved about her work, Katie says, "I love it when clients leave Caris in a better place than when they walked in the door. Sometimes you can tell in the way they carry themselves, in their emotions, in what they say (regardless of how they communicate it). It's a very rewarding part of being a counselor at Caris."



Cori Moschberger, Northside Counseling Director – Grant Project Director

Cori currently lives in Chicago and enjoys adventure sports. She received her Bachelor's in Sociology and Family Therapy from Anderson University and her Master's in Social Work from University of Illinois in Chicago. Cori joined Caris over 12 years ago with a desire to teach and counsel. Over the years she has flourished in a variety of roles at Caris. Cori is passionate about teaching abstinence to youth. When asked what she loved about her work at Caris, Cori states, "I love impacting women in support groups and I enjoy the team I work with as well as the leadership of Caris."



Sadie Nazarczuk, Support Group Facilitator

Sadie is a graduate of Illinois State University with a Master's in Clinical-Counseling Psychology. She recently moved to Chicago from Bloomington, IL and is engaged to be married in June 2010. Sadie says, "I have always had a heart for adolescents and young adults who are at risk of being in or are in crisis situations. I was drawn to Caris' mission to reach out to both the young women and children who are involved in unplanned pregnancies. My desire is to work for a Christian organization where Christ is central to the mission, employees' lives, and the driving force. I have found all of these at Caris. What I love the most about my work is the opportunity to love and offer support to scared and often broken women each day in an attempt to share Christ's love and honor God's gift of life."



Amy Pederson, Caris Counselor

Amy received her Bachelor's in Family Studies from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN and her Master's in Social Work at Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois in Chicago. She currently lives on the northwest side of the city with her two cats. Amy says, "I love the vision of Caris and I share the passion for helping women AND children and the counseling approach. I wanted to be a part of Caris because of their commitment to being fully surrendered to God and His vision for the ministry. I love being used by God to walk alongside women in challenging situations and offer them hope, encouragement, and a listening ear. I learn so much from the clients I serve. I'm humbled at their willingness to be vulnerable with someone they don't even know; it is a privilege."



Denise Stein, Director of Client Services

Denise has a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Wheaton College and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Denise lives in Crystal Lake with her husband and three daughters, ages 17, 14 and 9. She has a passion for women and children in the context of Christian ministry. Her previous role at another non-profit had been as a Program Director for a transitional housing program for single moms and their children. Denise shares that, "When I saw that Caris was an organization that serves women and children, I was immediately drawn to it. I love the mission and vision of Caris. I love that we are seeking to serve women facing unplanned pregnancies the way Jesus would and that we are rallying the Christian community to care for the woman, as well. I love my staff immensely and look forward to coming to work everyday."



Kim Stevenson, Caris Counselor

Kim has a Bachelor's Degree from Drake University in Des Moines, IA with a major in Business and a Minor in Psychology and a Master's in Counseling Psychology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She has been married for 29 years to Jeff and they have three sons, Ryan 22, Sean 19 and Kyle 15 and an adorable little dog, Pippin, who is the only other female in her home. Kim and her family have been partnering with Caris for over 12 years before she came on staff in 2009. She says, "I admire the mission and work that is done here, the dynamic leadership as well as the opportunity to work with an awesome group of Christian ladies. What I love most about the work I do is the opportunity to hopefully make a difference in the lives of the women that come to Caris and to provide hope, encouragement and a listening ear."