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Her Fiancé's "No" to their Baby Became "Yes"!

How your support of the Pro ABUNDANT Life movement saved a family!

Maria* was excited about her future. She was engaged to a wonderful guy, and was part of a great church.

Her excitement turned to turmoil when she took a pregnancy test ... POSITIVE.

With her wedding months away, Maria didn't feel ready for a baby.

Ben*, her fiancé, wanted her to get an abortion. "It will be easier than having a baby right now. We have plenty of time to start our family later." He was adamant that he didn't want her to have their baby. Maria was conflicted. She wanted to keep her baby, but she also didn't want to lose Ben. She didn't want him to leave her and she was afraid of raising a baby alone.

Unsure of what to do, Maria began to research her options online. Ben was with her when she found the number for our national hotline, *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL). She decided to go ahead and call. She really just needed a listening ear.

The coach who answered on the other end was warm and welcoming. Maria felt more comfortable than she thought she would. Ben stayed by her side during the entire call. Maria explained their dilemma, telling her coach that her fiancé was pressuring her to have an abortion. She also told the coach that she was a Christian, but she was still unsure whether having her baby was the right thing to do.

God's Love Makes the Difference

The coach talked her through her options, carefully answering all of Maria's questions and waiting for the right opportunity to share a greater Source of Hope. Hearing someone talk positively about her pregnancy was a welcome change. Eventually the conversation turned

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Care Net's latest devotional will focus your heart and direct your prayers during this wonderful season when we reflect on Christ's birth and the abundant life it brings to the world.

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*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.

The Nativity Narrative

Every time you encounter someone facing a difficult pregnancy decision, you have the opportunity to retell the Greatest Story ever told!

Think about it — our Christian faith started with what, from a human perspective, was an unplanned pregnancy. But in order to prevent Mary's "unplanned" pregnancy from becoming a crisis pregnancy, God did two things — he sent an angel to Mary, and then he sent an angel to Joseph. Mary and Joseph both obeyed God's call to be mother and father to Jesus and wife and husband to each other. Thus we have the first Christmas... Christ's life, death, and resurrection... and our salvation!

But have you thought about how that story, that "Nativity Narrative," applies to the work of Care Net's pregnancy centers? The work of our growing network of partner churches? In your own life ministering to women and men caught in one of life's hard places?

We all have the opportunity to inspire a mother to be brave like Mary and choose life for her unborn child. The opportunity to encourage a father to be a bold protector like Joseph and choose life for his unborn child. **The opportunity to share God's message of hope so that both of them become followers of Jesus Christ and choose Abundant Life for their family.**

Through your partnership with Care Net, you are part of this Pro Abundant Life movement, too — whether you contribute financially to our work, pray for us, volunteer at one of our centers, lead a *Making Life Disciples™* group at your church, or engage another way. You are helping reach so many with the life saving, life-changing message of the Gospel.

And all we have to do is look at the story of the first Christmas, right there in the first chapter of the first book of the New Testament, to find the model we need to follow and share with others.

I don't know about you, but that thought makes Christmas even more special for me. I hope it does for you, too. May you and yours have a

blessed Christmas!

Blessings to you,



Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



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to spiritual matters. Maria felt a stirring in her heart, and began to feel confident that God had a plan. She knew she had a life inside of her, and began to see that her situation wasn't as bad as she thought. **While on the phone with the coach, she turned to her fiancé and said, "This baby will be a blessing. I think it's a girl."**

To her surprise, the call with the PDL coach was influencing Ben as well. He listened thoughtfully to the conversation and his attitude changed before Maria's eyes. **By the end of the call, he was in agreement that they should not abort their child!** Maria felt immense relief. Knowing that Ben would be with her to support her decision flooded her with hope for the future.

Thanks to your support of *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Maria and Ben were empowered to choose life for their unborn child. Even though they had a Christian background and knew abortion wasn't what God would want for them or their baby, their real fears made them susceptible to the lies of the abortion industry that abortion would be the best thing for all of them. **Thank you for helping this family and others like it to find ABUNDANT life through your support of *Pregnancy Decision Line!***



Just a few days left to make
DOUBLE the Impact!

Join in the work of Care Net by supporting our Year End matching challenge!

A generous friend of Care Net has given \$150,000 and challenged YOU to help match it with your generous gift before our December 31st year end deadline! Your gift today will make TWICE the impact to reach TWICE as many parents considering abortion with the transforming message of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose LIFE for their unborn children and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

Fatherhood Rejected

You stood in the gap for one mother and child.

Colleen was married, and her children were past the difficult toddler stage. Things should have been going great. But instead, everything was falling apart.

Her marriage was in pieces and she was in the middle of a tough divorce. To make matters worse, she discovered that she was pregnant, and the father of her baby was not her soon to be ex-husband.

When Colleen tearfully told the father of her baby the news, he immediately demanded that she get an abortion. He would not help her raise this baby, and he was adamant about it.

Colleen didn't know what to do. She was a Christian and knew abortion was wrong, but she couldn't see a way through her situation. So she called *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL), Care Net's national hotline providing women and men facing difficult pregnancy decisions real-time, pro-life coaching and support.

Colleen's coach listened as she tearfully shared her regret, shame, and fear. As the conversation progressed, her coach reminded her of God's love and that God would never leave her.

Colleen told her coach that, despite the many difficulties that remained, she would keep her baby!

Through your support, you intervene for the fatherless.

Colleen's story is not unique. Care Net's research into abortion found that the father of the child is the most influential voice in a woman's pregnancy decision. Far more influential than her parents or an abortion provider.

In the Nativity Story, the angel Gabriel didn't stop after sharing a message of hope with Mary; he visited Joseph as well. You see, God knew that His Son needed an earthly mother *and* a father. And God knew that Mary would need the support and encouragement of Joseph in the days ahead.

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Tell everyone you meet,
"I'm not just pro-life..."

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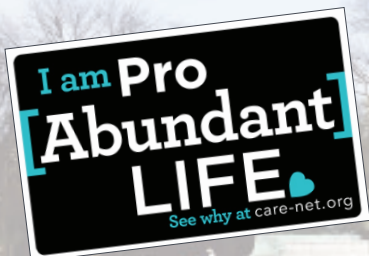
Wear your 100% Cotton, Care Net T-shirt to the **March for Life January 19, 2019** or anytime!

The sale of every T-shirt raises **\$10.00** to support the ongoing work of Care Net to save lives both now and for eternity.



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Please join Care Net
for the March for Life in
Washington, D.C.!



Care Net will be handing out signs at the March for Life and will have booths at the March for Life and Evangelicals for Life Conferences. We hope you'll join us!

EVENTS

March for Life:

Friday, Jan. 18th • 11:30-3:00
National Mall

March for Life Conference:

Thursday, Jan. 17th • 9:00-12:00
Renaissance Washington D.C.
Downtown Hotel

Evangelicals for Life Conference:

Thursday, Jan. 17th • McLean Bible Church

More information at:

<http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2019/>
<http://www.evangelicals.life/>

Benefits of an IRA Charitable Rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Care Net
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts
- And most importantly, save unborn lives through the on-going work of Care Net!

Please visit our website at care-net.org/IRA

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Because of you, Care Net can — through Care Net affiliated pregnancy centers, PDL, and our growing network of life-affirming churches — stir the hearts of countless “Josephs;” men who choose to embrace fatherhood and empower their partner to choose life. And we are also able to step in and serve women like Colleen, whose partners have rejected God’s plan for fatherhood and the family by seeking a life-ending choice.

Thanks to you, there are over 670,000 children who are able to celebrate Christ’s birth this Christmas season. So thank you for your generous support of Care Net!



OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES EVERY MONTH!



Every month, parents considering abortion find Care Net’s *Pregnancy Decision Line*, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a life-affirming church equipped with MLD. You can help ensure that they continue to find compassion, hope, and help as one of our *Caring Partners*!

As a *Caring Partner*, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- Invitations to special partner events

3 EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AS A *CARING PARTNER*:

1. Select “Make My Gift Monthly” on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift. (Make sure to fill out the back!)
2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/donate-cp
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

QUESTIONS? Email us at caringpartners@care-net.org

Do you believe churches should help people choose life?

Every minute, three babies lose their lives to abortion. Four out of ten of those babies are aborted by parents who attended church at least once a month at the time of their abortion.

If you stand with other believers who say that churches should empower their congregations to choose life by providing them with the help they need, please sign our pledge at care-net.org/churchesforlife!



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Vision Statement:

Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.

