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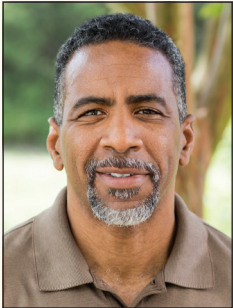
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Your Generosity Saved a Life

Realistic alternatives and material support changed a mother's mind.



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Staring down at the positive pregnancy test in her hands, Mariana felt torn. She had always dreamed of being a mom one day, once she had a good job and was married. But Mariana was young and just wasn't ready to have a baby. She didn't know if her boyfriend was father material, but she suspected he wouldn't be there when she needed him.

The idea of providing for herself and her baby on her own seemed impossible.

Unsure of what to do or who to turn to, Mariana began researching online about her abortion options at 18 weeks. **While searching, she came across the phone number for Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL).**

Mariana called, hoping to find someone who would care and give her some advice. The coach who answered her call was gentle and professional. Mariana immediately felt more at ease. "I have nothing to offer a child" she confided in the coach, "and my boyfriend just isn't ready to be a dad."

The coach took the time to listen to Mariana voice her fears. She explained the many options Mariana had available to her and shed light on the various ways a local pregnancy center could help Mariana prepare for motherhood. Her local center could provide a free ultrasound, parenting classes, and baby items

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Learn how to help someone considering abortion choose life!

The experts at Care Net have carefully put together *Choosing Life: A Free Online Course*. This nine-week course will teach you how to understand the mindset of a woman or man considering abortion so you can communicate truth to them with grace and compassion

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

Unborn or Preborn?

As someone in the pro-life movement, you've probably seen the terms "unborn" and "preborn" used to describe children in the womb. As you've supported Care Net, you've probably also noticed that we use the term "unborn."

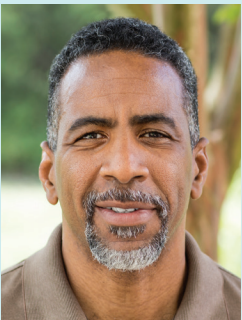
We use "unborn" for a few reasons. The most straightforward reason is that it appears in dictionaries, including medical dictionaries, while "preborn" generally doesn't. "Unborn" is a word that carries the weight of legitimacy and medical accuracy, while "preborn" is a word more recently created by the pro-life movement.

Secondly, because preborn is a "new" word, it doesn't carry the same history and tradition as the ancient word "unborn," which first appeared in the 12th century. Throughout the history of the pro-life movement, the word "unborn" has been used to describe babies in the womb, and thus carries with it the heritage of the pro-life heroes who have toiled for years to defend precious unborn lives.

And this leads to the most important reason Care Net uses the word "unborn." Care Net seeks to engage in productive, God-honoring dialogue with both pro-life and pro-choice people. Our aim is to educate, inspire, and hopefully transform hearts and minds to love and care for the unborn and their parents. But nothing shuts down this kind of dialogue more quickly than coming across as "biased" or having an "agenda." Because "preborn" is a word that was created by the pro-life movement, it carries with it the danger that only an "activist" would use it, not a "regular person."

Whether this accusation is true or not, we want to stick to the traditional "unborn," so we don't end conversations before they even get started. Think about it this way – if someone called you anti-choice (which is a word that was made up by the pro-choice movement to disparage pro-life people), would you think they were looking for a productive conversation with you? Words matter, and we want to choose our words wisely (Proverbs 18:21).

We understand why some people may want to use the word "preborn," but I wanted to make sure you understood why we still say "unborn."



In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roland C. Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



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Your Generosity Saved a Life!

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such as clothes and diapers.

The PDL coach understood that Mariana was struggling to find support for herself and her baby. She recognized Mariana's very real fear, and sought to help her find connections in her community that could stand by her and her baby. Mariana was amazed that so many people she didn't know would be willing to help her without expecting anything in return!

While on the phone with the PDL coach, Mariana felt a change happening in her heart. She decided that she wanted to exhaust every available means of help.

"I am going to invite my boyfriend to come to parenting classes with me," she told the PDL coach. Mariana wasn't sure if he would be interested, but it was worth a try. "Even if it means becoming a single mom, I want to have my baby," Mariana said with hope in her voice.

Pregnancy Decision Line is such an invaluable resource for Mariana and so many other women who feel they have nowhere else to turn. Talking to a qualified and compassionate coach gave Mariana the hope and help she needed to take the next step. Many women just like Mariana see abortion as their only option because they have no support from their families or their significant others.

Thanks to your generous support of *Pregnancy Decision Line*, our 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers, and our growing network of churches equipped with *Making Life Disciples™*, those facing tough pregnancy decisions can be heard, helped, and offered the support they need to choose life.



Make Twice the Impact to Save Lives!

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

Join a generous friend of Care Net who has given \$150,000 and challenged YOU to help match it with your generous gift! That means that 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!

Supporting a Life Choice!

You helped a mother stand strong in her choice for life.

While her pregnancy had not come at the best time, Kayla* was excited about having a baby. Sadly, when the baby's father found out that she was pregnant he wasn't pleased and he immediately began pressuring Kayla to abort their child.

Research shows that the father of her baby is the most important influencer on a mother's decision to choose life for her baby or have an abortion.

Kayla was distraught, but what could she do? She felt she had nowhere else to turn. Her family wasn't in a position to support her, which left her feeling all alone with no foreseeable help. She reluctantly made an appointment at an abortion clinic.

But, just a few days before the appointment, Kayla called Care Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL). She grew excited when the PDL coach on the other end of the line told her about the compassionate support available at her local pregnancy center. By the end of the call, Kayla couldn't wait to visit her local center to receive a free ultrasound. While Kayla was still worried about her boyfriend's reaction, her PDL coach could hear her smile through the phone. Their conversation had filled her with renewed strength to stand up and save the life of her child.

Because of generous donors like you supporting the life-saving work of PDL, young women, who might otherwise give in to the pressure to have an abortion against their wishes, are able to make another choice.

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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:**

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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

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: DAVID BISHOP

Every day, over 5,000 women and men consider abortion. When one of these expectant parents calls Care Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL) or walks into a Care Net affiliated pregnancy center, they encounter the transformational power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and experience His love and compassion first hand.

But none of that happens without committed pro ABUNDANT life people who daily pray, serve, and give on behalf of the babies at risk for abortion.

People like David Bishop. David's passion to save unborn lives led him to support his local Care Net affiliate, *Skylark Pregnancy Center*. When his Knights of Columbus chapter found out *Skylark* needed an ultrasound machine so that clients could see their babies for the first time, they acted.

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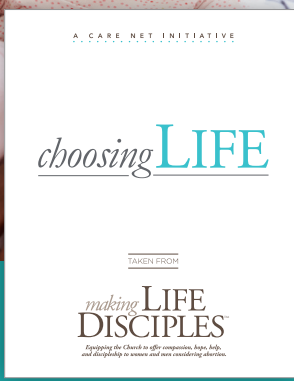
David Bishop, Patrick Eades, and Adrienne Prescott with Skylark's new ultrasound

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Even though Kayla had originally chosen life, it is likely that if she hadn't learned from her PDL coach about the local resources available to her through a pregnancy center, she would have followed through with the abortion instead.

Thank God that Kayla had the chance to talk to a coach who gave her realistic alternatives and shared the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ with her so that she could stand firm in her decision to choose life for her baby!



God's Work Through a Care Net Donor

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Columbus chapter to donate the proceeds of their annual dinner towards the purchase of the machine. Together, these efforts raised the \$25,000 needed to empower women with the freedom to see their baby before making a life or death decision. His church is so passionate now about what God is doing through *Skylark*, that they are working to start a *Making Life Disciples*™ ministry to train life disciples to partner with the *Skylark*.

But David didn't stop there. His generous donation to Care Net helps support our *Pregnancy Decision Line*; brings resources to our 1,100 affiliate pregnancy centers; and helps us to grow the network of churches equipped with our *Making Life Disciples*™ curriculum so that we can continue to offer compassion, hope, and help to women and men considering abortion.

Through Care Net, David transforms his passion into life-saving action and saves lives every day through his support of both his local pregnancy center and Care Net's national network.

Thank you for having a heart like David's. For your passion to save lives in your community and across the country. **Together, we are making abortion unthinkable.**

We want to hear what you're doing in your community. Email us at donors@care-net.org.



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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.