

# Caring TOGETHER

SHARING LIFE STORIES OF COMPASSION, HOPE, & HELP

OCTOBER 2019

CARE-NET.ORG

CARE NET



Gospel Transformation  
Page 2



Truth and Grace  
Triumphs  
Page 3



Sharing the Gospel  
with Women and Men  
Considering Abortion eBook  
Page 4

## Amber's Transformation!

God used your support to transform Amber to choose not just life, but ABUNDANT Life in Christ!

Amber\* and her boyfriend had already talked about her pregnancy. She thought they were going to have their baby and be a family. She thought he'd be there for her. But then, she discovered that he'd been lying to her all along. **Suddenly, Amber went from facing an unplanned pregnancy with the support of the father of her baby, to facing it alone.**

All her plans went out the window, leaving abortion as the only "realistic" option in her mind. But there was one big problem: Amber was already five months pregnant. Second trimester abortions are expensive and fewer abortion providers offer them, so she went online to research her options.

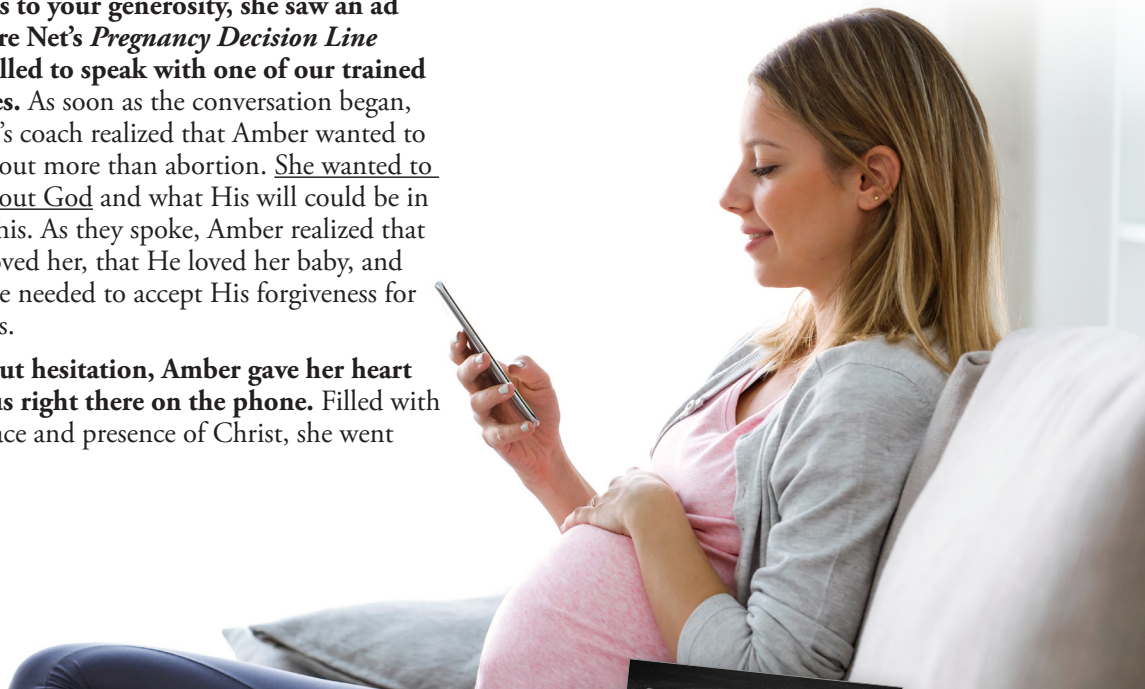
**Thanks to your generosity, she saw an ad for Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line and called to speak with one of our trained coaches.** As soon as the conversation began, Amber's coach realized that Amber wanted to talk about more than abortion. She wanted to talk about God and what His will could be in all of this. As they spoke, Amber realized that God loved her, that He loved her baby, and that she needed to accept His forgiveness for her sins.

**Without hesitation, Amber gave her heart to Jesus right there on the phone.** Filled with the peace and presence of Christ, she went

from talking about abortion with her coach to making an adoption plan. Because of your faithful support of our national hotline, she knew that was not *alone*. She understood that she would never be alone again, and because of God's work in Amber and your support, two lives were saved—one from abortion and the other for eternity.

Every day, the staff and volunteers of Care Net's network of affiliated pregnancy centers, the coaches on our national hotline, and our trained church partners seek opportunities to share the transformative hope of the Gospel with clients. **We do this because we want more than just heartbeats. We want hearts that are heaven-bound.**

Continued on next page ▶



## Activate Your Free Course and Learn to Defend Your Pro-Life Beliefs!

Have you ever struggled to come up with a good response to an abortion argument online? *Defending Your Pro-Life Beliefs* will equip you to effectively respond to the most common pro-abortion arguments you encounter online or in-person.  
[www.care-net.org/defending-your-pro-life-beliefs](http://www.care-net.org/defending-your-pro-life-beliefs)



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

# Gospel Transformation

Over the last few years, you've probably heard me say that Care Net is *not* a pro-life organization... we are a **Pro Abundant Life** organization.

There's another distinction that I like to make about Care Net that is just as important. We are not just a Pro Abundant Life organization... **we are a gospel-centered ministry.**

If you've read our vision statement, you'll notice that it says "Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ..." In other words, the driver, motivator, and goal of what we do is to help people come into saving relationships with Jesus Christ. Indeed, that is what any good ministry should be focused on.

But why is this so important for a pro-life (or Pro Abundant Life) organization?

**The key is in one critical word: transformation.**

Care Net is not a transactional organization that merely aspires to help women and men choose life for their babies and then "sends them on their way" into the lifestyles and circumstances that led to their unplanned pregnancies. **Rather, we desire to save their babies from abortion, but also transform their hearts and minds.**

Only through the transformation of their hearts and minds can mothers and fathers become disciples of Jesus Christ instead of disciples of the culture that contributed to their need for our help in the first place. **Only as transformed disciples of Jesus Christ can the cycle of abortion be broken in their lives.** Transformation ensures that they should never need to return to a pregnancy center again as a client. Instead they can return as someone ready to serve others. Transformation can ensure that their children will grow up in an environment in which the Gospel is lived out, rather than one where they see firsthand the destructive messages from our culture that lead to unplanned pregnancies.

And of course, this kind of transformation can only happen through the gospel of Jesus Christ. That's why our affiliated pregnancy centers and our *Pregnancy Decision Line* coaches are trained to tactfully and effectively share the gospel with those we serve. As you'll see from the stories we've shared with you in this edition of *Caring Together*, gospel transformation was key in not only saving babies from abortion, but in turning the lives of their mothers towards Christ... so that lives can be saved for now and for eternity.

**Thank you for partnering with us in making these "life stories" come true!**



Blessings to You,

Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO



Hear more from Roland on Twitter! @RolandCWarren

## 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.



## Amber's Transformation!

**Continued from page 1**

If our response to abortion is primarily transactional, just baby bottles and diapers, then it's more likely that the same woman will be back again in 1-2 years with a new boyfriend and a new unexpected pregnancy. According to Planned Parenthood's own numbers, most of the women who come to them for abortions have already had a prior abortion. Through your support, Care Net clients are introduced to the hope and help of Christ. We don't offer them merely a transaction, but also the kind of transformation that only Christ can bring.

Every gift you give to Care Net does more than provide immediate material support to parents considering abortion; it ensures that lives are saved now and for eternity. Thank you!

**BRING THE SPIRITUAL & MATERIAL SUPPORT PARENTS NEED!**



**HELP SAVE TWICE AS MANY BABIES!**

Right now your gift can make TWICE the impact and save TWICE as many lives through our calendar year end Matching Challenge! A friend of Care Net has challenged you to match his \$200,000 gift.

Please help us reach TWICE as many women and men faced with pregnancy decisions and save TWICE as many babies' lives through your support of our national hotline, 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers, and churches we've equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry!

**Thank you for your support!**

# OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES 365 DAYS A YEAR!

Every single day, parents considering abortion find Care Net's national hotline, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a church equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry through our church curriculum. You can help ensure they are able to find compassion, hope, and help 365 days a year by donating monthly to become a *Caring Partner*!

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

### 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.
2. Visit us online at: [care-net.org/donate-cp](http://care-net.org/donate-cp)
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions?

EMAIL US AT [CARINGPARTNERS@CARE-NET.ORG](mailto:CARINGPARTNERS@CARE-NET.ORG)



## Truth and Grace Triumphs

**You gave Natalie hope and helped save a life for eternity!**

When the pregnancy test read "positive," Natalie\* felt the tears spring to her eyes. She and her boyfriend Jake\* already had two kids and barely made ends meet. Could they support another baby?

Jake agreed with her doubts. "Babe, we just don't make enough money as it is," he said to her sorrowfully. Together they concluded that an abortion was their only choice.

Researching abortion the next day, Natalie found *Pregnancy Decision Line* and called, hoping they could help her understand her options. Despair welled up in her throat as she spoke, but she wasn't sure why. "**We just can't afford another baby right now,**" she said numbly.

As the coach carefully explained the factual details of various abortion procedures, Natalie's distress grew and her stomach churned. *She didn't feel at peace about any of it.* The coach told Natalie about the support available through pregnancy centers, and that there was one local to Natalie—just a few miles away—that could provide support and help with her very real needs. The coach gave Natalie the contact information of the pregnancy center praying she would change her mind about pursuing an abortion.

Continued on next page ▶

You never know when you can point someone to hope, to life, and to Christ! Pregnancy Decision Line is saving and transforming lives, and with these two cards you can connect a parent facing

an unexpected or complicated pregnancy with the compassion, help, and hope they need to choose LIFE for their unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

### Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision



877-791-5475

[pregnancydecisionline.org](http://pregnancydecisionline.org)

CARE NET

**PREGNANCY DECISION LINE** (PDL) is the nation's only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or [pregnancydecisionline.org](http://pregnancydecisionline.org)

# How to Be Persuasive, Not Pushy

Learn how to share the Gospel with someone considering abortion!



Every day, more than 5,000 women and men choose abortion. These expectant parents often feel like their world is spinning out of control and no one is there for them. What these parents need is the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the help of one of His disciples.

But sharing the Gospel can be hard to do. How do you share God's love without being "pushy" or offensive? That's why Care Net distilled over 40 years of experience sharing the Gospel with those considering abortion into one easy-to-read eBook.

Get your free copy today!  
<http://www.care-net.org/SharingTheGospel>



## Truth and Grace Triumphs

Continued from page 3

When the coach began to gently switch gears and share the gospel, Natalie felt something break open inside of her. The simple truth of the gospel pricked at her in a way she never thought it could. Receptive to the words of truth and grace, Natalie opened her heart to the Lord and prayed with the coach to accept Him as her Lord and Savior! Relief flooded over her almost immediately and she felt something else she hadn't had in a long time: **hope**.

Life transforming moments like this are only possible because of your support of the *Pregnancy Decision Line*. Every day our team of dedicated coaches shares the hope of the gospel with women and men who are at their wit's end and facing tough pregnancy decisions. Please pray for Natalie and women like her that they will make connections with Pro Abundant Life Christians in their community who can empower them to choose life and help them mature in their faith.

## ARE YOU A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE?

Care Net is participating in the Combined Federal Campaign



CFC # 10983 Combined Federal Campaign

CARE NET 44180 Riverside Parkway, Suite 200  
Lansdowne, Virginia 20176  
1.800.518.7909

[www.care-net.org](http://www.care-net.org)

### Mission:

Acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, Care Net offers compassion, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support through our life-affirming network of pregnancy centers, churches, organizations, and individuals.

Follow us on Twitter! @inspirelifenow Like us on Facebook! facebook.com/carenet



pdl pregnancy DECISION LINE ANSWERS. BEFORE YOU DECIDE.

877-791-5475

[pregnancydecisionline.org](http://pregnancydecisionline.org) CARE NET

**PREGNANCY DECISION LINE** (PDL) is the nation's only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or [pregnancydecisionline.org](http://pregnancydecisionline.org)

### Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision