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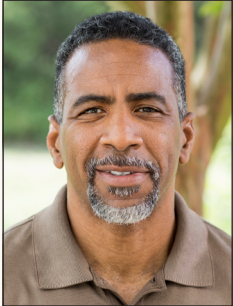
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Celia's Choice!

How you helped Celia choose life for her baby now and for eternity!



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If you met Celia*, she'd probably be the *last person* you'd expect to consider abortion. She's a Christian, actively attends her local church, and believes that God has a plan for her life.

Yet, that's exactly what happened when Celia found out she was pregnant. She loved the child growing inside her but couldn't see bringing a baby into the world at that time or in that way. As she looked at her circumstances, she believed that abortion would be the kindest and most merciful decision for her child.

So, she went online looking for more information about abortion procedures. Thanks to your support, she saw an ad for Care Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line*, the only national hotline that provides real-time information and

life-saving support to women and men facing difficult pregnancy decisions. **Because of you, a compassionate coach was waiting for her call.**

Celia's coach shared with her the medical risks of abortion, risks that include abortion regret. **As Celia considered the information, she decided that abortion *wasn't what was best for her baby.*** She chose life and said that she would seek support from her church and her local pregnancy center.

Celia's story is all too familiar. Care Net's research into abortion found that two out of five women who have abortions were attending church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion. ***Roe v. Wade isn't just a***

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Making Life Disciples™ Now Available as an interactive, online course!

Making Life Disciples™ is a ministry resource designed to equip the church to offer compassion, hope, help, and discipleship to women and men considering abortion.

Available for purchase at affordable rates for individuals or groups at CARENETU.ORG

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

Preparing for the End of *Roe v. Wade*

While many of us in the pro-life movement are excited about the possibility of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned in the foreseeable future, there is an important question we must ask ourselves during this pivotal time: Are we prepared for a post-*Roe v. Wade* society?

Here is what the pro-choice movement thinks: if abortion becomes harder to access after *Roe* is overturned, pro-life people will simply stand by and let women and men struggle, without any support, through difficult pregnancy decisions.

But as Pro **Abundant** Life people, we are not going to let this happen.

As Pro **Abundant** Life people, we understand that it's not just about saving a baby, but about raising a child.

Because the only source of true and lasting transformation is the Gospel, we lead people into transformative relationships with Jesus Christ.

Because 86% of abortions in the United States are among unmarried women, we promote healthy marriage as a critical factor in preventing abortions and as the optimal environment to raise children.

Because the father of an unborn baby is the most influential factor in a mother's decision to abort, we work to break the cycle of abortion by engaging fathers.

Because our culture-at-large no longer values the sanctity of human life and the sanctity of the family as God designed it, we seek to influence the culture by transforming hearts and minds.

You and I are different because we are Pro **Abundant** Life.

That is why, with your support, we will continue growing our life-affirming network of pregnancy centers, churches, organizations, individuals. People who understand that providing holistic, compassionate, Christ-centered support to women and men considering abortion are the key to turning the temporal victory of overturning *Roe v. Wade* into an eternal victory of saving the unborn, building strong families, and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

That is the Pro **Abundant** Life movement, and I am delighted that you are part of it with us!



Blessings to You,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



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problem out there but one right here in our own churches. It isn't just a legal problem. It's a discipleship problem.

Through your support, Care Net is mobilizing churches to train up life disciples in their congregations who are equipped to help mothers and fathers in their communities choose life. You ensure that our pregnancy centers are equipped with the latest resources and training. Your support makes it possible for women like Celia to find life-saving help in the nick of time and reconnect them to a body of Believers of a life-affirming church.

Together, we can make abortion unthinkable and overturn *Roe v. Wade* not just in our courts, but in every church and in every pew.

Share the
ABUNDANT life
available
through Christ!

Help someone
choose life
now and for eternity!



To meet our budget, we need to raise \$448,474 this month so that we are able to share the Pro **ABUNDANT Life message of hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ.** Your generous gift today will reach women and men through our national hotline, our network of 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers, and churches equipped for vibrant Pro **Abundant** Life ministry with our Making Life Disciples™ curriculum.

Your generosity will save even more babies and give them and their parents the opportunity to have not just life, but Abundant life in Christ!

Thank you!

Life Decisions Need Life Support!

Your faithful giving helped Kara stand strong in her choice for life and find Abundant life in Christ!

A tear slipped down 18 year old Kara's cheek as the pregnancy test blinked "positive" on her bathroom vanity. She had suspected the pregnancy for a while but denial had kept her from taking the test. Kara continued to cry in despair when she realized she was already 16 weeks along. This was not part of her plan.

As a Christian she knew that she didn't want to have an abortion, but at the same time she was terrified to tell her family, worried about what they would think and say. Life decisions require life support, and Kara was in dire need of some encouragement.

Desperate for someone anonymous to talk to, she called the *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL), Care Net's national hotline. Her hands shook as she pressed the numbers, her entire body

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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:**

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

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 a pregnancy decision 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



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We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or pregnancydecisionline.org



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numb. Kara had no clue what her next step would be. She needed someone to help her find the confidence to put one foot in front of the other.

The coach on the other end spoke kindly to Kara. Immediately she felt reassurance wash over her. **“She gave me hope,”** Kara said later. **“As a frightened teen mom, the *Pregnancy Decision Line* was exactly what I needed. More importantly, they helped me shift my perspective.”**

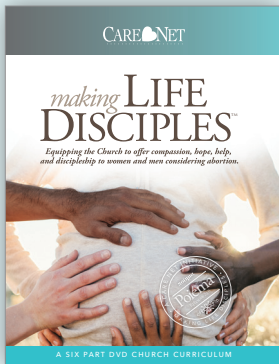
As the conversation progressed, Kara had felt a weight of fear lifting from her shoulders.

The support the hotline coach provided Kara gave her the courage to talk to her friends and family. This was the first big step in her journey toward an abundant life. Three years later, Kara is working on her college education while parenting a beautiful little girl named Emma. She is forever grateful that she called PDL.

Pregnancy Decision Line coaches provide empathy and support every week to the women and men who dial their number. Callers have the unique opportunity to speak to a coach who is carefully trained to give them accurate information and help them find support from pregnancy centers and churches in their community. **Thanks to your generous support, the Pro ABUNDANT Life mission is being accomplished every day.**

Does your church have a pro-life ministry?

Care Net has created an online version of our Making Life Disciples program to help individuals or groups be trained to start a vibrant pro-life ministry to women and men considering abortion in their church.



Get Making Life Disciples at CARENETU.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.

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.



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