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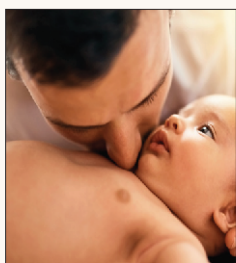
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How you helped Kent break the cycle of absentee fatherhood!

Kent didn't have an easy childhood. His father left him at a young age, leaving Kent's mother to raise him alone. He struggled with questions like, "Why did my dad leave?" and, "Why didn't he love me?" **The only thing Kent knew about his dad was that he didn't want to be anything like him.**

Growing up without a dad was hard, but that was behind him. Kent was out of the house and in a serious relationship with his girlfriend, Tina. Fatherhood was the last thing on his mind until Tina showed him her positive pregnancy test. "We're having a baby," she said.

Once Tina's mom found out about the baby, she told Tina that she had to have an abortion "or else." Kent knew that Tina could get an abortion, but Kent didn't want that.

Your support of one dad helped save this child!

Desperate to save his unborn baby, he found the number for *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline, and he called

to learn more about the options open to him and Tina. Because of your support, a coach was available to answer Kent's call and ask about his plans and hopes. Kent explained how he would like to provide and care for Tina and their baby. He said he was making a fatherhood plan, "because my father wasn't involved in my life, but I'm going to be there for my child."

Kent was willing to do what it took to support Tina and their baby, no matter what her mom threatened. He was determined to break the cycle of father absence in his family.

Because of Kent's support, Tina decided to say no to her mom and choose life for their baby.

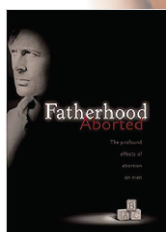
According to Care Net's national study on abortion, the father of the child is the single most influential voice on a woman's pregnancy decision. Tina was desperate for the assurance that Kent would be there for her and her baby. That's why our national hotline and affiliated pregnancy centers proactively engage women and men

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Fatherhood Aborted

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The authors discuss the aftershocks of abortion, share personal accounts of post-abortive men's own experiences, and show that the path to forgiveness and healing is found in a vital relationship with Christ, the Life Giver.



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

The Value of Fathers

Our nation holds certain “core values” that contribute to what has become known as an “abortion culture.”

Proponents of abortion rely on isolation, enmity (between the sexes, among families, and between the classes), phoniness, and detachment. These “secular values,” if you will, are given friendly names that have the appearance of virtues. Isolation is framed as independence. Enmity is framed as social consciousness. Detachment is framed as freedom. And phoniness is shrouded in clever social media posts that create false but “better” versions of ourselves.

These values are not virtues. Instead, they create situations that cause women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions to think that abortion is their only choice.

As Christians, we are called to act and think differently. Rather than isolation, enmity, phoniness, and detachment, we are called to harvest relationships, unity, authenticity, and intimacy.

The reality is that when women and men are unified in relationship, and share true intimacy, they are much less likely to choose abortion.

How do we nurture these values in our society and reduce the demand for abortion? Because of my own story*, I have a particular heart for fathers. I often consider what the **Pro Abundant Life** movement can do to better engage men in solving the abortion crisis. Since Father’s Day is just around the corner, this newsletter shares one story of how abortion was averted because a dad was positively involved; and how another abortion almost happened because a dad wasn’t.

In my own life, I have found success by helping to mentor other men. When men with experience in marriage and fatherhood step into the lives of younger men, transformation can happen. As Christians, we have a name for this: discipleship!

Our culture’s enormous need for discipleship—particularly men discipling other men—is one of the primary reasons Care Net created its *Making Life Disciples* (MLD) program.

As you celebrate this Father’s Day, think about the men in your life who need mentors and the men in your life who can be mentors. Facilitate and nurture these relationships, and our nation will see more involved fathers, better marriages, and fewer abortions—Amen!



Blessings to You,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

*See Roland’s story at <https://www.care-net.org/roland-warren>



Hear more from Roland on Twitter! @RolandCWarren

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facing difficult pregnancy decisions.

As **Pro ABUNDANT Life** people, we can’t ignore the role men play in pregnancy decisions. Not if we want to save lives for now and for eternity.

Because of your generosity, Kent’s hotline coach was able to connect him with local support so that he could make his fatherhood plan a reality. Thank you for ensuring that Kent and Tina’s life decision had the life support they needed **and abortion did not take their precious baby.**



**HELP TWICE AS MANY
MOTHERS & FATHERS CHOOSE LIFE**

MATCHING CHALLENGE ENDS JUNE 30TH

Help overcome a critical budget shortfall and make **TWICE** the impact through our \$80,000 Matching Challenge before June 30th!

\$80,000 has been given by another Care Net supporter as a **MATCHING CHALLENGE**. Help us continue reaching out to desperate parents with the life-saving, life-changing message of the Gospel and help them choose life for their unborn babies!

We need to raise \$558,083 by June 30th to meet our fiscal year end need budget and continue saving lives! Your generous gift today will make **TWICE** the impact through our **MATCHING CHALLENGE**!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Fatherhood Abandoned!

You supported Marra's decision to choose life when the father of her baby wouldn't!

Marra had been through a lot. Just two weeks before, she'd broken up with her long-time boyfriend. Shaken, all she wanted was to move on with her life. When the two lines on her pregnancy test showed "positive" she was filled with fear. Marra knew her ex would pressure her to have an abortion. If she chose to keep the baby, she was sure he would abandon them all together. She didn't feel like she could manage it alone, and so she started researching abortion. She could feel her heart breaking as she looked online because of her love for her unborn baby, but the fear that her baby's father wouldn't support them was too great.

Marra found the number for the *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline, while she was scrolling through search results. The first words she saw on the screen were "Caring, confidential support if you or someone you know is facing an unplanned pregnancy." Marra found it surprisingly comforting that she could talk to someone anonymously about this deeply personal matter.

As soon as she began speaking to the coach, she felt at ease.

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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
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions?

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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

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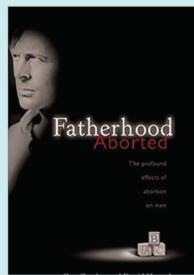
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PREGNANCY DECISION LINE (PDL) is the nation's only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

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

Fatherhood Aborted

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The post-abortion emotional trauma suffered by women is becoming widely known. But until *Fatherhood Aborted*, no book has addressed the emotional devastation of men who have been involved in the abortion of a child.

The authors discuss the aftershocks of abortion, share personal accounts of post-abortive men's own experiences, and show that the path to forgiveness and healing is found in a vital relationship with Christ, the Life Giver.

Download: <https://www.care-net.org/download-fatherhood-aborted>

Vision:

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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After Marra told her coach that she was seeking an abortion, the coach explained a few abortion procedures and gently asked her a few questions.

Marra began to open up bit by bit. She admitted that abortion wasn't what she really wanted, and that she loved her baby. "But I know my ex won't be engaged at all if I do keep it... he's definitely driving my decision," she finished.

The coach encouraged Marra that there was support for her even if the father of her baby decided not to help. She offered Marra some information about a local pregnancy center in her community and how they could support her.

Situations like this are sadly all too common. According to Care Net's research, the father of the baby is the **most important** factor in a mother's decision to keep or abort her child. The support of the baby's dad is so vital, and when it's lacking, it often drives many women to feel like they have no option but abortion.

Please join us in praying for women like Marra and for the *Pregnancy Decision Line* coaches that speak to them each day.



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