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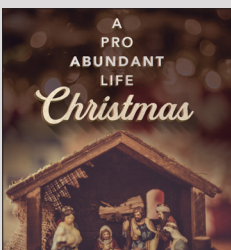
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He Was a Father to the Fatherless...

...and you empowered him to defend his unborn child!

Tim's* life had never been easy. Though his mother poured herself into his childhood, he barely knew his father. Every time he went to a school sporting event and saw the dads cheering on their sons, he was reminded how much he'd never really had.

His heart ached for his dad.

No matter what, Tim swore that he was going to be better than his father. He wasn't going to abandon his children.

One day, Tim met Cindy*. As soon as he saw her, he was in love. It didn't take long for their relationship to become serious despite Cindy's situation. Cindy had a young child from a previous relationship. Tim didn't care. Much like Joseph in the nativity story,



Tim was committed to helping her raise this baby like it was his own. Cindy's baby would have a dad. As Tim spent time with Cindy and her child, he dreamt of the future and having a family of their own.

Then, Cindy discovered that she was pregnant with Tim's baby. Tim was overjoyed, but Cindy was devastated. She didn't share Tim's dreams of starting a family or having more children together. She told Tim that she was going to have an abortion.

You Provided a Place to Turn

Tim's mind raced with questions. He knew he needed to speak to someone, but didn't know who to turn to. So, he went online to find out more about abortion. Thanks to your generosity, he saw an ad for the *Pregnancy Decision Line* and dialed the number.

As the coach spoke with him, it became clear that Tim wanted a family. He wanted to be there for Cindy and their baby. But he didn't know how to best support her and encourage her to choose life for their baby. His coach stepped

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A Tale of Two Fathers

The two stories in this edition of *Caring Together* show why it is critical to reach men in pregnancy decisions.

Call it “A Tale of Two Fathers.”

One father, *Julian**, shows us why we need to encourage fathers to become positively involved in pregnancy decisions. Far too often mothers are pressured to abort by the fathers of their children.

The other father, *Tim**, shows us how men can be such a positive force in helping women feel that there is hope, no matter how difficult their pregnancy may seem.

After all, we know from research that—according to women who have had abortions—the father of the child was the most influential factor in their decision. His lack of support is one of the most common reasons women choose abortion.

It can be easy to give up on men. They can be hard to reach. Their fears and struggles with unexpected pregnancies can make it seem as though nothing we do will dissuade them from abortion.

But too much is at stake. As I've often written in this column, the pregnancy center movement has dedicated itself for decades to the idea that no mother is too hard to reach, or beyond our Christ-centered love and support. **We must believe the same about fathers.**

That is why, over the last several years, Care Net has changed the way it approaches pregnancy decision coaching. It's not just something for women, it's something women *and* men receive. We even put it in our vision statement. But it's not just words on a poster in our office. We have given legs to that vision. For example, a full-time Fatherhood and Family Program Manager on our staff helps our affiliated pregnancy centers to implement practical solutions to engage fathers.

We run training webinars and have a Facebook page dedicated to fathers in the pregnancy center world. We've also created resources (such as *Before She Decides* and *Welcoming Him*) that give pregnancy centers the tools they need to reach, encourage, and love fathers.

And most of all, we have you! Your dedication—your prayers, your financial gifts, and the part you play in the *Pro Abundant Life* movement—faces down abortion God's way: by sharing the gospel, supporting women, helping men, and building God-honoring families. We are so glad to be in this fight with you!

Blessings to you,



Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



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in and gave him the guidance and encouragement he needed to go back to Cindy with grace and confidence. Most importantly, you made it possible for the coach to share the Gospel with Tim and point him to the loving arms of a dad who would never abandon him... His heavenly Father.

Care Net's President and CEO Roland Warren often says, "Children have a hole in their soul in the shape of their dads." Tim had this unfilled hole and he desperately wanted to prevent his children from having it, too.

Thank you for making it possible for Tim to hear a voice of hope and encouragement on his journey to becoming the best dad he can be.

Save EVEN MORE babies through our Matching Challenge!

Your gift today will help so many families!



Generous friends of Care Net have given \$180,000 and challenged YOU to help match it!

Through our Calendar Year End Matching Challenge, your gift can help save EVEN MORE unborn lives!

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3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision



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Alone and Afraid

How your generosity gave Caroline hope!

Caroline* watched light snow falling through the dead trees on that cold November afternoon; the first sure signs that winter was on its way. It reminded her of how she was starting to show the first signs of change as the new life was forming inside her. Strange to think this made her feel more alone than ever.

She sat down on the bench, letting out a long sigh and watching it become a long billow. Caroline knew God was real, and that her baby was a precious gift from Him. But Julian* didn't see things that way. He didn't want the baby, and was **pressuring her to abort their baby**.

It didn't make sense.

He already had two other children from previous girlfriends; and she was ready to welcome them into her heart. Why couldn't he open his heart to just one more; especially since it was her baby? **The more she thought about it, the more it hurt.** Tears dripped down her face.

Hours later, when she was at her lowest, Caroline did some research about abortion online and found the

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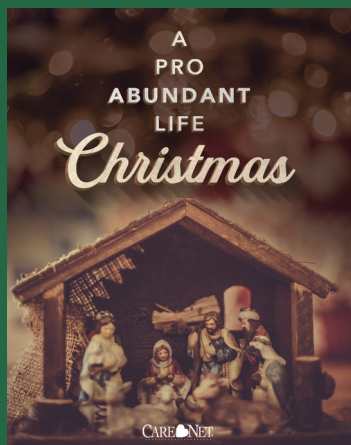
an unexpected or complicated pregnancy with the compassion, help, and hope they need to choose LIFE for their unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

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number for our *Pregnancy Decision Line*. Confused and weary, she gave us a call and told her story. As she poured out her heart, *she felt the person on the other end genuinely cared about her*. As they talked, it was clear that the coach was on her side and would be there no matter what.

By the end of that call, **Caroline knew she had options, but she still had to talk to Julian**. Maybe that's why she was here in this quiet little part of the park where she could think things through.

All across the country, women like Caroline face the reality of an unsupportive partner. Studies have shown that the biggest voice of influence in the decision to abort comes from the father of the child... and that pressure is often coupled with the threat of abandonment. But mothers like Caroline don't have to face an uncertain future alone.

Thanks to your generous giving, our national hotline can intervene for babies' at risk of abortion by showing expectant mothers that people who care about them are waiting to walk with them every step of the way. Our hotline coaches offer a message of truth and hope, and often refer parents to a local pregnancy center where they will find support for their life decision. Our affiliated pregnancy centers have access to our network of life-affirming churches that are there to provide long-term care and discipleship for parents who are considering abortion or who have chosen life for their unborn children.

Please join us in praying for mothers like Caroline to be filled with courage to stand up for life, and be filled with the peace that God will provide for them.

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