

# Caring TOGETHER

SHARING LIFE STORIES OF COMPASSION, HOPE, & HELP

DECEMBER 2021

CARE-NET.ORG

CARE NET



A Tale of  
Two Fathers  
PAGE 2



You Reminded Ashley  
of Her Hope in Christ  
PAGE 3



Legacy Giving  
PAGE 4

## Setting the Captives Free

### How you helped Marco find the peace of Christ

Making his way to the bus stop, Marco\* kept thinking back to his time in prison. **All he'd wanted was to make his life better, and he was willing to do whatever it took.** While serving his sentence, he realized almost everyone in jail was just trying to save themselves from their own problems. Even the baddest of the bad.

But some of the inmates were different. Some of the men befriended him, and he discovered that they had come to know the Lord in prison. Jesus had changed them from the inside out. **As he drew close to the end of his sentence, Marco found he kept thinking about how different those Christian inmates were.**

Life outside of prison was difficult, but he was thankful to be home. **But then things got harder.** Coming home one afternoon, one look at his girlfriend, Mercedes\*, said it all: she was pregnant.

Marco started sweating.

### One Google Search Away from Hope

**How could he provide for the three of them when finding and keeping a job had been hard enough as an ex-con?** He scrambled his brains trying to think of a way to fix it, but, in the end, abortion seemed like the only option.

*Typing the words "info about abortion" into the online search engine left him feeling like the bad guy.*

Near the top of the search engine—thanks to your generous support of our online outreach—Marco came across *Pregnancy Decision Line*. The ad said it was a hotline offering a private place to talk about abortion.

After sharing his story, the coach that Marco spoke to affirmed that Jesus had the power to change his life by paying his debt in full, and making him new from the inside out—just like they talked about back in prison. Marco knew he couldn't be the hero of his story—his time in jail was proof enough.

**Marco knew what he needed to do.**

### You Pointed Marco to Everlasting Hope

Over the phone, Marco gave his life to Christ. When it was over, he didn't know how things



## Praying through Advent

Care Net's Advent devotional will focus your heart and direct your prayers during this wonderful Advent season when we reflect on Christ's birth and the abundant life it brings to the world.

Download your free copy today!  
[www.care-net.org/advent](http://www.care-net.org/advent)

Continued on next page ►

# The Holy Family Was WHOLLY Family: Embracing Marriage

Reprint of Part 3 of a 4-Part Series on Being Pro Abundant Life from *Caring Together*, December 2016

Since I was a child, one of my favorite things about Christmas was hearing the story of Christ's birth. The imagery of the stable, the shepherds, the "heavenly host," and the three kings captivated me. Little did I know how important this story would become in my work here at Care Net.

**Christ's birth story is important for the pro-life movement because it breaks us out of "old ways" of thinking, and reminds us of God's real plan not just for life, but for abundant life.**

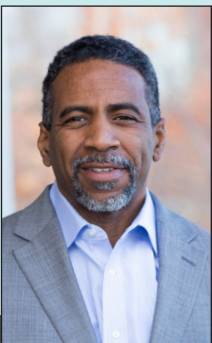
You see, Christ could have been born to a single mother. It would have fulfilled God's purpose, but it would have violated God's principles. That is why he did not just give Jesus a mother, but a father named Joseph who was to be a husband to Mary and a father to Jesus... in that order!

Although Christ was fully God, God the Father knew that—in Christ's humanity—Jesus needed an earthly father. That's why God chose to give Joseph to Jesus: to remind us of the unique and irreplaceable role that husbands and fathers have in the lives of their children. So, he sent an angel not just to Mary, but to Joseph—who was considering "putting Mary away" like so many men facing unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancies today—to give him a mission to be a husband and father.

Today, too many women choose abortion because the father of the child is unable or unwilling to be the husband and father God intends him to be. Think how many abortions could be prevented if we had more "Josephs" stepping up to be there for today's "widows and orphans."

**That is why it is incumbent upon us as pro abundant life people to promote, support, and celebrate marriage as a critical way to reduce abortions and as the ideal environment in which children are to be raised, in God's design. And it is why we pledge:**

***As Pro Abundant Life people, we will celebrate and encourage marriage, whenever possible for those facing unplanned pregnancies, as the ideal environment to raise thriving children.***



Blessings to you,



Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO

Hear more from Roland on Twitter!  
@RolandCWarren



## Setting the Captives Free

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

were gonna turn out, but now he knew God was on his side.

Better still, he knew he had the support of a pregnancy center and a church that would help them choose life for their baby.

The situations that drive men and women to consider abortion always begin the same: fear. Fear of being judged, fear of change, and fear of the unknown. But thanks to you, they have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And not only that, they have a place to turn—pregnancy centers who can help with material and spiritual needs and churches who partner with us through the *Making Life Disciples* course to help with the long-term discipleship and support these parents need.

Thank you so much for making a difference ... now and for eternity!

## Save EVEN MORE babies through our Matching Challenge!

*Your gift today will help save EVEN MORE unborn lives!*



A generous friend of Care Net has given \$100,000 and challenged YOU to help match it!

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

Please send your best gift right now to reach EVEN MORE mothers and fathers facing pregnancy decisions and help save EVEN MORE babies' lives through your support of our national hotline, churches, and 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers we've equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry!

**With your support more babies can be saved!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## 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/give-monthly](http://care-net.org/give-monthly)
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909



## You Reminded Ashley of Her Hope in Christ... and helped save her baby!

Ashley never really paid a whole lot of attention to the abortion debate raging in her state's politics. She had her whole life in front of her and a cute guy she was dating, and things just seemed to be in a good place. She knew that her boyfriend wasn't the sort of guy she wanted to build a family with, but he was fun and right now that was enough...until she saw the blue line on her pregnancy test.

In an instant, everything was different.

How could *she* be a mother right now? How could *he* be a father? She'd waited as long as she could to take the pregnancy test and her state had just banned abortions after six weeks. Was it already too late for her to have an abortion?

### What were her options now?

Desperate for answers, Ashley went online looking for information on abortion. Thanks to your generous giving, she saw an ad for *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL) and

Continued on next page ►



Questions?

EMAIL US AT

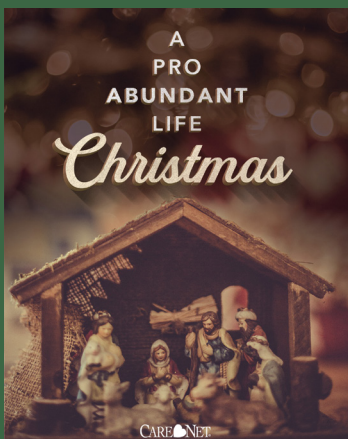
[CARINGPARTNERS@CARE-NET.ORG](mailto:CARINGPARTNERS@CARE-NET.ORG)



## CHARITY NAVIGATOR



## Four Star Charity



## A Pro Abundant Life Christmas

A collection of nativity themed articles showing why the birth of Christ holds the key to ending abortion. This special holiday eBook contains our most popular christmas articles answering questions like, "what would Christmas have been like without the wise men?" You will also discover what Planned Parenthood would have told the Holy family during their unplanned pregnancy and how this should inform our response to the unplanned pregnancies in our communities.

GET YOUR  
FREE  
COPY  
TODAY!

[care-net.org/  
a-pal-christmas](http://care-net.org/a-pal-christmas)



# You Reminded Ashley of Her Hope in Christ...

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

spoke with a pro-life coach who seemed to really care about what she was going through. She explained that she'd had a bad experience growing up with an absent father. She didn't want to give that life to her children. She wanted to have kids, but couldn't see how that would be possible with the man she was dating at the moment.

## Real Hope, Realistic Alternatives

As she spoke with the coach, she learned that she could have her pregnancy confirmed at a local pregnancy center. She discovered the resources that were available to her, right there in her own community. These are the life-saving, life-CHANGING connections that you make possible through your support.

But the most important thing she learned on that call was that Christ was with her. See, her coach found out that she was a believer and they were able to talk about the One who hears her prayers and is ready to help her *and her baby* ... her heavenly Father who cares for both her and her baby, and won't forsake either of them.

*Please pray with us that, as she seeks Jesus, she will grow in understanding of His abundant grace and will for her and her baby.*

As states pass much needed restrictions on abortion, parents like Ashley, facing an unexpected pregnancy, find themselves desperate for information and help. Pray that they encounter the love and grace available to them through PDL, their local Care Net affiliated pregnancy center, and their local church equipped for pro-life ministry.

## SAVE MORE LIVES, SAVE ON TAXES

### Gifts of STOCK and IRA distributions

Did you know that gifts of stock can give your family a big tax benefit even in a fluctuating market? These gifts can reduce the capital gains you'll pay without changing your portfolio. Many Care Net supporters choose to take advantage of this especially smart way to give. Would you like to learn more about what others do with their appreciated stocks or other equities?



Use the QR code at the right or visit [www.freewill.com/stocks/carenetnational/learn](http://www.freewill.com/stocks/carenetnational/learn)

Did you know that if you are age 70.5 or older you can donate to Care Net directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for tax benefits and higher charitable impact, quickly and easily.



Learn more about saving lives with a Qualified Charitable Distribution, by using the QR code at the right or visiting [www.freewill.com/qcd/carenetnational/learn](http://www.freewill.com/qcd/carenetnational/learn)

## ARE YOU A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE?

*Care Net is participating in the Combined Federal Campaign*



# CFC# 10983



44180 Riverside Parkway, Suite 200  
Lansdowne, Virginia 20176  
1.800.518.7909



Follow us on Twitter!  
@inspirelifeflow



"Like" us on Facebook!  
facebook.com/carenet



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