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God Used You to Transform Elena...

...and save her unborn child!

Elena was what many would think to be a typical young, American woman. She wasn't married and wasn't really sure when she wanted to be. She didn't go to church, but she still thought of herself as a Christian.

Her current boyfriend was fun. Neither of them knew if it would ever be something serious, but they knew they enjoyed spending time together. The road ahead looked easy enough. At least that's what she thought until she took her pregnancy test.

As soon as she saw those lines, her heart stopped. She was pregnant with *his baby*. Instantly, the good feelings evaporated and fear took hold of her heart. "What am I going to do now?" she asked herself. Almost at once, she knew the answer: she'd get an abortion.

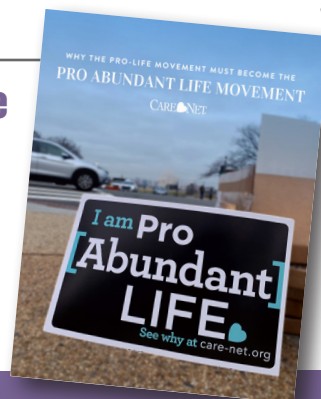
It was time to put this accident behind her and get back to her life.

One Hotline Call Made an Eternal Difference!

Elena went online to find out more about abortion. Thanks to you, she found the number for our national hotline for parents actively considering abortion—Pregnancy Decision Line—and called it. One of the things that makes our hotline unique is our emphasis on sharing the Gospel whenever possible. Our coaches always look for opportunities to have a spiritual conversation with callers. When asked to describe her beliefs, Elena said she was a Christian. But when the hotline coach asked her to explain what she meant by that, she confessed she didn't really know.

The coach then walked her through the Gospel and Elena chose to pray a prayer of repentance right then and there!

Before she picked up her phone, Elena



Why the Pro-Life Movement has to become the Pro Abundant Life Movement!

We all know what it means to be pro-life...but in God's design, there is more to the story. This eBook will empower you to become part of the movement that has saved more than 823,000 babies from abortion and is making abortion unthinkable!

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The Year of the Gospel

At Care Net, we like to say we aren't just pro-life, we are **Pro Abundant Life**.

In John 10:10, Christ reminds us that He came not only to give us biological life, but an abundant spiritual life as well! That is why one of the pillars of our Pro Abundant Life work is to introduce the women and men we serve to the transformational power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can have "life" without Jesus, but you can't have abundant life without Him!

As we minister to parents considering abortion through our affiliated pregnancy centers or our national hotline, we seek opportunities to share the Gospel. In the last 12 years, our pregnancy centers have shared the Gospel with more than 1.8 million women and men. Isn't that amazing?!

While this is wonderful, I am committed to do even better. After all, one of the likely reasons you so generously support Care Net is because of our work of sharing the Gospel. That is why Care Net has announced that 2021 will be the *Year of the Gospel!*

What does this mean?

This year, we are offering special resources and training opportunities to empower our 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers and the coaches of our hotline—Pregnancy Decision Line—to be even more effective when they share the Gospel with the people they serve.

We pray this will mean that more women and men at risk for abortion can choose life for their unborn children, but also that more of them choose abundant and eternal life in Jesus Christ!

But wait, **there's more!** We pray to connect more of the people we serve to our growing network of churches that we've equipped to provide long-term discipleship to parents who have made life decisions. After all, life decisions need life support, and Christ's Church must be the place where they can get all the life support, they need... starting with introducing them to the Gospel!

Would you please pray with us during this *Year of the Gospel*? That more lives are saved here and now, and also that God would use this effort to save more lives for eternity. Furthermore, if you're interested in adding your church to our growing network of

safe havens for families making life choices, make sure to visit www.care-net.org/mld! Thank you, and I look forward to telling you how things are going throughout the year!

Blessings to you,



Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



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God Used You to Transform Elena...

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was dead in her sins and her child was on the way to dying in an abortion clinic. But then *you* intervened because you chose to support this ministry. Because of you, she saw that ad for our hotline and her coach could compassionately and effectively share the Gospel with her.

Elena told her coach that she no longer was certain about abortion. Now that she'd met God, she didn't know if she could go through with it.

Her baby has a second chance.

Can you please continue to pray with us for Elena, and other parents in her position? Thank you for saving lives not just in the womb, but for eternity!

You Can Save More Lives Today!

Your gift in the next 30 days can give the gift of life to an unborn baby at risk for abortion!



Your gift today can change everything for mothers and fathers considering abortion right now...and their unborn children whose lives hang in the balance.

Your generous gift today will help raise the \$358,326 needed this month to help ensure that there will always be a coach there to answer our national hotline, to support a mother or father facing an unexpected pregnancy at one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or to reach out to parents in need through one of the churches in our life-affirming network.

Because of you, unborn lives can be saved today!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CARE NET!

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

Questions?

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God Changed Melody's Plans and Her Heart!

How your generosity encouraged her faith to choose life!

"Cancelled?!" Melody* exclaimed, almost dropping her phone.

She could hardly believe it. All the plans she'd made for ending her pregnancy were shattered with one little word. All the self-talk she'd practiced for driving to the clinic... The struggle to find the cash for "the procedure"... The trouble she'd gone through to get time off work... It all went up in smoke with one little word from the scheduler at her local abortion clinic.

When the rush of emotions passed, **she began to wonder if this was a sign** that she needed to think about it some more. Online, she found a phone number for Care Net's national hotline. Thinking it over, she thought that talking to someone might help. It might even answer some questions she had about "the procedure."

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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

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
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877-791-5475

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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



Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve!

See our collection at store.care-net.org/apparel

Share your heart for the unborn and the hope available through the Gospel with Pro Abundant Life merch from the Care Net store! T-shirts, baby onesies, devotionals, New Testaments, booklets and so much more are available to help you spread the Pro Abundant Life message everywhere you go!

Praying Through Lent!

Are You Ready for Lent?

We created a free *Praying Through Lent* devotional series to help you and your family focus on the life-changing, culture-transforming, power of the Gospel as we await the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Each week's devotional reading features a reflection on key scriptures regarding Christ's ministry and life-affirming Lenten prayers. You will also read powerful stories of God's resurrection power working in the lives of pregnancy center clients.



Get your free 40-day Lenten Devotional today:

resources.care-net.org/praying-through-lent-devotional-ebook

God Changed Melody's Plans and Her Heart!

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The coach on the other end of the line was very kind and professional when she answered and as she listened to Melody's story. When Melody mentioned she was a Christian, the conversation quickly shifted to spiritual matters. **The more they talked, the more Melody realized that she felt like she was *meant* to have this conversation.**

Little by little, Melody came to grips with how lost she really felt. She thought she knew what she was doing before, but now, after talking to the coach, she wasn't so sure. She knew that was carrying a living person inside of her, and ending that fragile life—even if it seemed “easier”—wasn't the answer. Melody realized that God had brought her to this place with this coach so that she could know that carrying her baby to term was the right decision.

Many women faced with a pregnancy decision feel shock with the discovery, anxiety as they consider the future, and fear of the unknown. Thanks to your generous support, services like our national hotline offer mothers and fathers peace of mind in knowing they have realistic alternatives, and that someone is out there who cares for them and wants to help.

Please join us in praying for parents like Melody to find the guidance they need to follow the path God has for them to choose life for their unborn child and to find the Abundant Life available to them in Christ.



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