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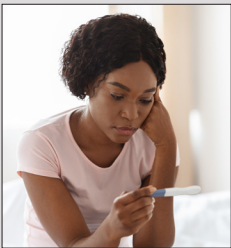
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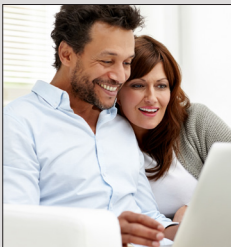
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## You Helped Jas Break the Cycle of Shame... and choose life for her baby!

Jas\* came to the United States looking for a better future. Being in a new country was exciting and scary at the same time. So, when she met David\* who'd also recently immigrated, she found in him the security she craved.

Things were looking up... *until she discovered she was pregnant.*

When David found out, he immediately said she should have an abortion. His response wasn't a surprise. They both were from cultures that shamed people who got pregnant outside of wedlock, and the consequences would be severe if their families found out about it.

Jas struggled with her options. Though she tried to hide the news, his parents discovered she was pregnant and

immediately began pressuring her to abort as well.

### You Showed Jas She Wasn't On Her Own

"Just make the problem go away" seemed to be all that anyone wanted her to do, but Jas still struggled with what seemed like the most obvious choice: abortion. So, she went online to do more reading and thinking. Thanks to your faithful support, she saw the number for Care Net's national hotline *Pregnancy Decision Line* and connected with one of the coaches.

She told her coach that David was starting to come around to the idea of having a baby, but only if they got married IMMEDIATELY so no one else would know their baby was conceived out of wedlock. While Jas appreciated his change of heart, she was afraid to marry into his family after their attempts to manipulate into an abortion. But if she turned him down and tried to raise their baby on her own, she knew her own family wouldn't be any more accepting than his.

*Jas felt trapped.* The coach compassionately listened to her fears and began pointing her to the truths she already knew in her heart. She *wanted*

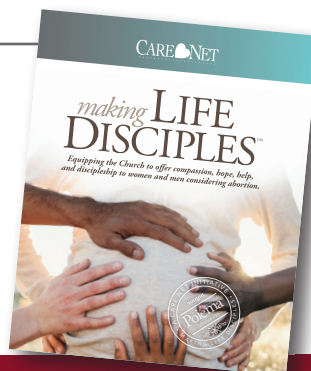
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## Making Life Disciples Online!

Take our user-friendly, exclusive online course to transform the way your church responds to women and men in need of compassion, hope, and help.

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# Business or Ministry?

*"Thank you, come again."*

I'm sure we have all seen that sign hanging on the door of our favorite store or restaurant.

While it's a great slogan for a retail business, can you imagine seeing that sign on the door of a pregnancy center? "Thank you, come again with your next unplanned pregnancy." That's not what we want, right?

How do we avoid having that figurative "sign" on the doors of nearly 1,200 affiliated Care Net pregnancy centers?

## **One word: transformation.**

Retail businesses like your favorite restaurant are transactional. There's little to no relationship, and they really don't want you to change. After all, if you're at a burger place buying a hamburger, they don't want you to start preferring salad! They're in the business of keeping you happy with your decision so that you come back again and again. They want as many transactions with you as possible.

But that isn't how transformational ministry works. Our slogan must instead be "come as you are, but don't leave as you came." When a woman or man faced with a tough pregnancy calls our *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL) or visits one of our affiliated centers, we want to meet them where they are, share Christ's love and compassion with them, and help them with the "renewing of their minds" so that they don't return to the destructive culture and harmful habits that led them to our center in the first place.

**The key to this transformational work is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** That's why this year has been "The Year of the Gospel" here at Care Net, helping our hotline coaches and affiliated pregnancy centers be even more effective in sharing the Gospel with those they serve.

You, through the work of Care Net, are in the business of breaking cycles of shame and hopelessness, as you'll see in this issue of *Caring Together*. Cycles have been broken in the name of Jesus, saving unborn lives and transforming their parents' lives!

So, next time you see a "Thank you, come again" sign, remember the difference in the ministry work you're making possible, and why it's so important in breaking cycles!

Blessings to you,



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## You Helped Jas Break the Cycle of Shame...

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this baby. She didn't know how everything would turn out, but she *knew* she didn't want an abortion. The coach was able to connect her with a local pregnancy center for ongoing support.

Before she hung up, **Jas said abortion was off the table.**

## **Building a Culture...of Life!**

Will you please pray with me for Jas, for David, and for their unborn baby today?

Unplanned pregnancy crosses every cultural, racial, national, and theological line. Every day, women and men across the globe find themselves considering abortion.

Thank you for ensuring that there is a number here that anyone considering abortion can call and local pregnancy centers empowering parents like them to choose life.

## **You can save EVEN MORE babies through our Matching Challenge!**

*Your gift today will reach more parents considering abortion!*



Friends to Care Net have given \$100,000 and have challenged you to help match it. Your gift today will help save even more unborn lives!

Your generosity will help reach even more moms and dads considering abortion through our national hotline, our nearly 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers, and our network of churches trained for pro-life ministry.

Your response to this challenge today will mean more lives can be transformed and more babies will be saved!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!**



# 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

*Questions?*

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## More Than One Way to Save a Life

**How you gave Carmen a choice  
she didn't know she could have!**

Carmen\* watched her 4-month-old sleeping in the crib. It was hard to believe that, in just a little while, he'd be crawling. But at the moment, it was a little harder to believe that he was already a big brother.

Carmen didn't feel ready to raise two kids, and her fiancé Steve\* was already having a hard time supporting their other child on his salary and the nightly news wasn't offering much hope of things getting better. Steve mentioned abortion might be an 'easy fix' and was regularly dropping hints about it. Carmen didn't want to take that road—especially since she and Steve were both spared from being victims of abortion by their own birth mothers.

Carmen didn't understand how he could think abortion was the right call, but there was no denying things were hard—and that another baby could make them harder.

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## How to Be Persuasive, Not Pushy

Learn how to share the Gospel with someone considering abortion!

Every day, more than 2,500 women and men choose abortion. These expectant parents often feel like their world is spinning out of control and no one is there for them. What these parents need is the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the help of one of His disciples.

But sharing the Gospel can be hard to do. How do you share God's love without being "pushy" or offensive?

That's why Care Net distilled over 40 years of experience sharing the Gospel with those considering abortion into one easy-to-read eBook.

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WITH WOMEN AND MEN  
CONSIDERING ABORTION



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After browsing online, she discovered the number for *Pregnancy Decision Line*. Dialing the number, she was greeted by a friendly coach who began the conversation by reassuring her that she was on her side. Sensing a connection, Carmen shared her story with the coach and confessed how, **deep down, she really didn't want an abortion.**

### Choosing Hope, Choosing Life

For the next few minutes, the coach shared some realistic alternatives to abortion including adoption—and Carmen began to wonder if adoption might be the way to go. Thinking it over, Carmen made the decision to talk things over with Steve. **Maybe if he knew about their other options, he might change his mind.**

When an unexpected pregnancy happens, women suddenly realize that they are now mothers—and life will never be the same. Organizations like Planned Parenthood would have these mothers believe there's "an easy way to put things back the way they were." In reality, *this "easy way" often only creates shame, cycles of regret, and years of grieving over what might have been.*

Thanks to your financial support, couples like Carmen and Steve can receive the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose life. Not only do they receive practical help at our affiliated pregnancy centers, but they are offered the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They can also find life-long discipleship and community support from local churches trained for pro-life ministry through Care Net's *Making Life Disciples* course.

Your gifts and prayers have a hand in changing stories like Carmen's from a potential tragedy, to an abundant life for her family.

## 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)



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