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...God Made Abortion Unthinkable for her.

When women and men call Care Net's national hotline, *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL), they are often facing difficult unplanned pregnancies. They're looking for information about abortion, the procedure that our culture has told them is their "only hope."

They are calling looking for *information*, but, because of pro ABUNDANT life people like you, they can find more than information about their options. They also have the opportunity to encounter Christ and experience the transformation He alone can bring.

That's what Sarah* discovered when she spoke to her hotline coach a couple months ago. Sarah had already decided she was going to have an abortion. She'd found a local abortion provider and scheduled her appointment. **But then, with only 48 hours until her appointment, she began to have second thoughts.**

Consumed by the need to know more about her abortion procedure, she went online. That's where she found the number for PDL and called.

You Helped Share Eternal Truth

As Sarah spoke with her coach, she realized that she needed help. Not the "help" of an abortion, but the help of Jesus Christ.

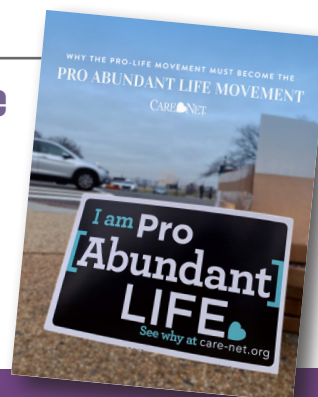
Right there on the phone, she committed her life to the Lord. But even as Sarah's coach celebrated the decision with her, Sarah confessed she still wasn't sure what she would do with her pregnancy.

As Sarah hung up the phone, her coach and the rest of the Care Net staff prayed for this new believer to make a life-saving choice for her precious unborn baby.

God answered those prayers in a mighty way.

The Signs Pointed to LIFE

The day of her appointment, Sarah met with her doctor and was diagnosed with a condition that required postponing the



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 886,000 babies from abortion and is making abortion unthinkable!

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

Transaction Versus Transformation

Part 4 of a 4-Part Series on Being Pro Abundant Life
Reprinted with minor revisions from *Caring Together 2014*

When Care Net crafted its new vision statement in 2014, it was clear to us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ had to be front and center. That is why it starts, "Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ..." The reason this is so important is that, as a pro abundant life organization, we want to distinguish between "transaction" and "transformation." Let me explain.

Abortion providers like Planned Parenthood are in the transaction business. They view abortion procedures as "morally neutral consumer choices." They want their customers visiting, getting fast service, and then being told, directly or indirectly, "Thank you, come again." It's all about making customer transactions as efficient and plentiful as possible.


But Care Net, through its network of more than 1,200 pregnancy centers, does not want our signs to read, "Thank you, come again," but rather "Thank you. Don't come again to be served, but to serve others." The only way to do this is to not focus on women and men as "customers" who need to have a consumer product delivered to them, but as bearers of God's image who need compassion, hope, and help. This way, the root causes of why they are visiting the pregnancy center can be addressed.

And the only way that true and lasting transformation can happen in their lives is through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Yes – our work is about reaching people who are considering abortion and helping them choose life... but that can't be all. We don't want repeat "customers" coming in with yet another unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. We want to see them transformed, in heart and mind, by the love of Christ displayed by the thousands of caring workers and volunteers that staff our pregnancy centers, and by the love of Christ communicated by his Gospel.

That is why, as pro abundant life people, we pledge the following:

As pro abundant life people, we will celebrate and encourage efforts to help mothers and fathers making pregnancy decisions come to transformative relationships with Jesus Christ.



Blessings to you,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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When Sarah Experienced Gospel Transformation...

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abortion. Then, the next morning, the abortion clinic called saying they had overbooked themselves. Sarah saw this for what it was: a sign that God was moving to spare the life of her baby, so she called her coach back and told her what God had done.

While she was still uncertain about the future, she knew that God was working in her life... and protecting the life of her baby.

Right now, our culture is debating what the future of *Roe v. Wade* will look like. While these debates rage on in the State House and the Court House, your generosity ensures that women like Sarah can experience the transformation of Christ, a transformation that makes abortion *unthinkable...* no matter what the law says.

You Can Save More Lives and Help Transform Hearts Today!

Your gift can save lives now and for eternity!



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

Your generous gift today will help raise the \$504,167 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 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
- Invitations to special partner events and ministry updates

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?

EMAIL US AT CARINGPARTNERS@CARE-NET.ORG



Katy Needed a Sign ...and you helped her find it

Katy* felt her heart pumping as she ended the call.

It took most of her strength to work up the courage to call the abortion clinic and make an appointment, and every bit of the rest of it to cancel. **She thought she'd feel relieved after cancelling her abortion... but she didn't.**

Katy knew all her sins were forgiven—even the ones that led to her pregnancy—but she still felt lost and confused. She'd just cancelled the abortion, but that didn't make her problems go away. **There was a little life growing inside her that, in a few months, would need looking after—**and she knew she would need help.

Katy felt she needed a sign.

Reaching for her laptop, she searched for help online. Eventually, she came across something called *Pregnancy Decision Line*—a place promising a confidential place to talk about her unplanned pregnancy.

Working up her courage again, she dialed the number and shared her story with her coach. The coach gently told her she was brave for getting this far. Katy felt a strong

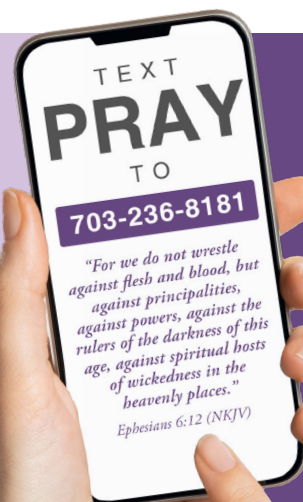
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Calling All Prayer Warriors!

We need a team to pray for URGENT up-to-the-minute prayer requests from our hotline and other parts of our ministry and we really hope YOU are ready to join us.

With the fight LIFE and ABUNDANT LIFE only becoming more heated in our culture, we need to keep praying for desperate moms and dads... as well as the lives of their unborn babies.

If you're up to the task and are willing to receive no more than a few texts each week, **text the word PRAY to 703-263-8181**. It will ask a few questions, and then you'll be set to get important prayer alerts straight to your phone!





THE DEFINITION OF LOVE

February is the month for Valentine's Day. It's all about love.

That's what Care Net is all about. Love for life. Love for mothers and fathers. Love for souls.

Did you know that making a will is also about love? It's love for your family. It's love for others.

Giving to others through your will is one of the best ways to let others know how you feel about them. It's a legacy of love!

It's your show of love for Care Net that allows us to show love to others. In fact, without folks like you we could not show men and women who are faced with tough pregnancy decisions the compassion, hope, and love of Jesus.

And Care Net is showing love for our giving partners by giving you the ability to make a will free of charge with no obligation.

In 20 minutes, you can leave a legacy of love and make a difference!

Simply use the QR code at the right or visit care-net.org/freewill



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:
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connection with her coach and knew she had made the right decision to call. **The coach said she had options outside of abortion**, and should take her time to make the best decision for her *and* her baby.

She sat there on the bed after she hung up, watching the snowflakes outside her window. **Katy still wasn't sure what to do.** She needed to think.

Will you join us today in praying for Katy, and desperate and scared women and men facing the same uncertainties?

When a mom rejects abortion and chooses life instead, *the story doesn't end there.* The fears causing her to consider abortion don't evaporate. Can she afford to raise her baby? Is she ready for the responsibility? How will this impact her future?

Because of your amazing generosity, *Pregnancy Decision Line* coaches are there to help mothers face those doubts one at a time. Care Net affiliated pregnancy centers are there to provide the compassion, hope, and help needed to give a mom who has chosen life the "life support" she needs to stick with it. Folks just like you trained for pro-life ministry through our *Making Life Disciples* curriculum ensure they have a community to surround them long after they leave the pregnancy center.

Thank you for giving mothers like Katy another choice.

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THE FIRST PRO-LIFE MEN'S CONFERENCE MARCH 4TH & 5TH 2022

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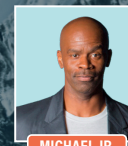
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