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And saved TWO lives in the process!

Every time a mom chooses life for her baby after calling our national hotline, it's a big deal. That's why Abigail's* story is so exciting!

Abigail was a Christian who called herself pro-choice and believed abortion should always be available for some situations. But when she became pregnant herself, she didn't like the idea of having an abortion. Despite that, she couldn't see how she could possibly take care of a baby, especially when her boyfriend didn't see himself as fatherhood material.

You Helped Abigail Find Another Option

While searching on her phone, she found *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline, and decided to give it a try. The coach she spoke to was kind. Abigail truly felt understood and that the woman on the other end of the call was on her side.

After discussing why she was considering abortion, her coach asked Abigail about her faith. They had a long conversation and talked about how God cared for her and had a plan for her and her baby. The coach's words resonated deeply. As Abigail dried her eyes, she shared, "I guess in my mind I am making this bigger than God."

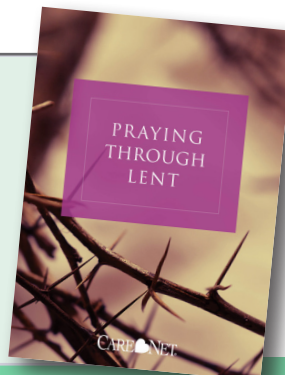
After that, the tone of the call changed.

Abigail was thrilled to learn that a pregnancy resource center was near her home, and decided to check it out. Visiting the pregnancy center was all it took to convince her that keeping her baby was the right choice! Everyone there was so kind and eager to help. The receptionist told her everything in the baby boutique was bought and paid for by donors who wanted to provide for her material needs. She cried just *thinking* about it. God was answering her prayers right here and right now through this pregnancy center and people she'd never met.

Join Us in Prayer This Lenten Season

Lent is coming! Are you ready? The *Praying Through Lent* devotional from Care Net helps you and your family focus on the life-changing and culture-transforming power of the Gospel as we prepare together to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Get your free 40-day Lenten Devotional today:
www.care-net.org/lent-devotional



You're Helping Parents Beyond Pregnancy Centers

This young mom was even more surprised to learn the center actually partnered with her church through a program called

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

Do Pro-Life Christians Stand Alone?

Have you noticed in the last year that more and more Christians, and even Christian denominations, have become very vocal about their pro-choice convictions?

The abortion industry certainly seems to have noticed! Abortion giants like Planned Parenthood have accelerated their plans to “convert” religious people, especially Christians, to their cause.

Sadly, being a pro-life Christian has become increasingly challenging in our country. It can be very disheartening for those of us who passionately advocate for the unborn to watch our brothers and sisters in the Church actively endorse abortion.

But our God doesn't operate from a place of fear. He doesn't operate in uncertainty. His Word is beautifully and abundantly clear about the value he places on every human life He has made in His image. In His grace, God has given me new insights into how deeply his Word supports our cause to protect the unborn.

Have you ever thought of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission as powerful statements in support of the pro-life cause? Well, they are!

The Great Commandment instructs us to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves. How does having an abortion or supporting abortion reflect a love of all three? Abortion elevates love of self above love of God and others. “My body, my choice” is simply an expression of this worldview.

How about the Great Commission? (“Go and make disciples of all nations and teach them all the things I have commanded you.”) How does aborting a child help that child to become a disciple of Jesus Christ? How does it reflect what Christ taught us?

Friend, be encouraged. Even in the midst of a culture seemingly against us at every turn. . . . Even in the midst of churches appearing to turn against us. . . . God's Word is sufficient! It provides everything we need to speak to our brothers and sisters in Christ about why we believe what we believe and why we will continue fighting for unborn children and their mothers and fathers.

If you want to dive deeper into how the Great Commandment and the Great Commission make the case for life, please download my free eBook: resources.care-net.org/pro-choice-christians

Blessings,



Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



Hear more from Roland on the Care Net blog!
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You Changed Abigail's Mind

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Making Life Disciples and their next meeting was the next day! Abigail knew then that she'd have the support she needed—practically and spiritually. But what really made sure that she couldn't ever go through with abortion was actually seeing her baby on the ultrasound monitor. By the time she walked out the door, Abigail was already thinking about baby names.

Through your giving to Care Net, you make a difference in the lives of scared moms and dads who just need someone on their side. Moms like Abigail have their lives pulled from the brink of despair into abundant life, thanks to you.

Your continued partnership with Care Net ensures that the next mom like Abigail can find the help she needs. More than that, for moms and dads who don't know Jesus, you are sharing the good news of the Gospel—saving lives now and for eternity! Thank you!

Help Overcome Our Budget Shortfall to Save More Lives and Transform Hearts... and For Eternity!



Right now, mothers and fathers facing unexpected pregnancies are considering abortion . . . and their unborn babies' lives hang in the balance.

Your generous gift today ensures a coach will always be there to answer our national hotline when they call, our affiliated pregnancy centers are ready to receive and serve these moms and dads, and more churches in our life-affirming network are equipped to minister to expectant parents in need. Because of you, unborn babies' lives can be saved today!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!



Are You 72?

Every day at Care Net, mothers and fathers are being empowered to choose life for their unborn children. And this is made possible by our exceptional network of supporters!

Many of you have expressed an interest in learning about other ways to save the lives of unborn babies through the work of Care Net. Because it's a new year, and we're all thinking about our finances a little more just now, I want to share a simple way to give that might just make a difference for you: donating from your IRA.

IRA donations, also known as Qualified Charitable Distributions (or QCDs), can support your savings and Care Net:

- If you're over 70 ½ with a traditional IRA, you're eligible to benefit from an IRA gift. It's usually tax-free, and lets you support our life-saving efforts without increasing your taxable income.
- For those 72 and older, it's a compassionate way to fulfill your 2024 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), without paying extra taxes.

Follow this link to find out more: www.care-net.org/qcd

If you have questions, email plannedgiving@care-net.org.

Please make sure to talk to your tax or financial representative for your specific situation.

You Helped Marta and Benito

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spiritual resources the pregnancy center could provide.

During her visit, she continued to hear the Holy Spirit's prompting to keep her baby. So that's exactly what she decided to do! Marta's hope was completely restored, and she started going to a high-risk OB to help her manage her health issues soon after. **She and her husband found themselves very excited to meet their new baby.**

Hope is so important in our daily lives. Without it, putting one foot in front of the other can feel impossible. Because of compassionate people like you, Marta's hope was restored. Your care for parents like her and Benito tears down the walls of fear for so many people. Thank you for supporting Care Net and its hotline, where hope and faith in God saves lives!



Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve!

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!

Shop today at: store.care-net.org/t-shirts-1



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PREGNANCY DECISION LINE (PDL) is a national hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

Are you ready to start a conversation?

We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or pregnancydecisionline.org.



Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision

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 and becoming 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



You Helped Marta and Benito Choose Life for Their Baby

AND Abundant Life in Christ for Their Family!

Marta* already had 3 children. But while she and her husband agreed their family was complete . . . God had a different plan. **While taking a low dose of birth control, Marta was shocked to learn she was pregnant.** Instead of the excitement she felt with her first three, this time all she felt was fear.

Adding to her worries, Marta had just started a new job and had health issues that could cause complications. With so many issues pulling them in every direction, Marta's husband, Benito*, pushed her to consider abortion. Because Marta is a Christian and her faith was telling her to keep the baby, they were at a crossroads.

Marta felt lost and wanted to talk to someone about her concerns. She had heard of Care Net before from friends and decided to look them up. **Marta called Pregnancy Decision Line, Care Net's national hotline, and was welcomed by a sweet voice on the other line.** She and her coach discussed her options and talked about what God would want for her and her baby. The coach helped locate the closest pregnancy center to Marta, and she decided to make an appointment with them to see what help they could offer. For the first time in a while, Marta's fear started to diminish and made room for *hope*.

Marta's appointment at the pregnancy center was wonderful! She saw her baby for the first time on an ultrasound and heard more about the material and

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You can connect a parent with an unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancy with the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose LIFE for the unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their family!

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