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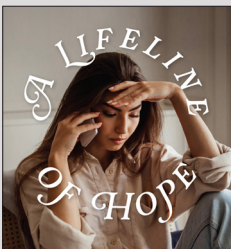
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... you gave Eve the courage to walk out of her abortion appointment

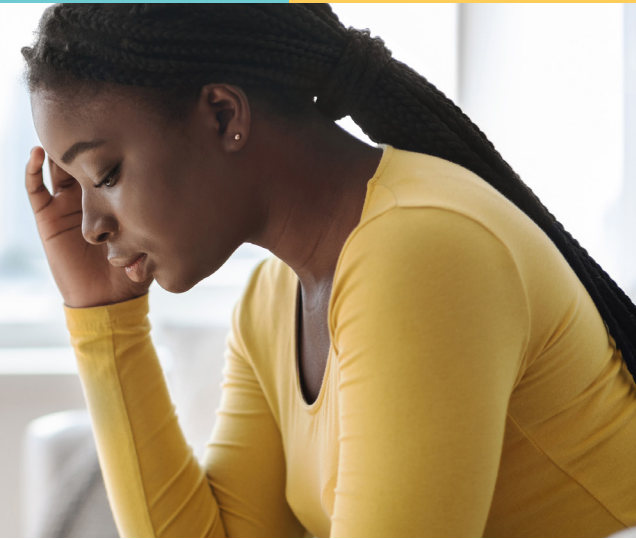
Thanks to you, the coaches of our national hotline—entirely funded by the generous giving of people like you—have the chance to give scared moms a chance to choose life for their unborn children. For Eve, that chance came when her fear was at its height.

Eve sat on the stiff plastic chair in the abortion clinic lobby. It smelled like cleaning fluid and something sickly sweet. Her muscles tensed as anxiety kicked into high gear. She'd felt this way before. **Years ago, she sat in a clinic like this one, going through the same motions before her first abortion.** When the wait was over, she walked toward the office and . . . SNAP!

You Provided a Safe Place

Eve gasped! It was just the receptionist dropping her pen. Eve looked around, afraid someone heard her.

Trying to look natural, Eve scanned through her messages. Her last call was to Care



Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line*, our national hotline for parents at-risk for experiencing abortion. She'd been talking off and on with her hotline coach, Connie*, about her pregnancy and her abortion plan. She hadn't felt comfortable telling Connie that she'd had a previous abortion until today. It wasn't exactly something you just blurted out to a stranger, and it had taken time for Connie to earn Eve's trust.

When Eve told Connie that her abortion was scheduled for that day, she still wasn't sure about it. **Just before the call ended, Connie gently reminded Eve she didn't have to go through with the abortion, and that her local pregnancy center was there to help.** Eve believed her. Slipping her phone into her purse, Eve then folded her hands together.

Breaking the Cycle

Her mind kept racing back to her last abortion. She remembered hobbling out of the clinic, hand over her empty belly. The following months were filled with regret and depression. Deep inside, *Eve knew if she went through with this next abortion, she'd feel even worse this time.* Dread coiled up her stomach. Then she remembered Connie said *she didn't have to go through with it.*

Be a Prayer Warrior for the Unborn!

Join others praying for the parents considering abortion who call our national hotline by texting **PRAY** to **703-263-8181**. After you answer a few questions, you'll receive 2-3 up-to-the-minute prayer alerts per week.



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The Pill and the PDL

Following the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* two years ago, an alarming trend emerged on our national hotline, *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL). Women started reaching out to us with abortion pills in hand, anxiously seeking answers. "How do I use them?" "What will happen when I take the pills?" "What should I do if there are complications?" or even worse, "I took the pills and changed my mind. What do I do?" "I'm hemorrhaging and the online place I ordered my pills said if I have to go to the ER to tell them I'm having a miscarriage." "My baby came out in my toilet!", "I didn't know that the fetus would look like a baby!"

Why were these kinds of calls coming in?

Prior to *Roe* being overturned, abortion advocates worked aggressively to expand access to RU-486 abortion pills (not to be confused with Plan B or the Morning After Pill). During the pandemic, these advocates ensured women could engage in online "telehealth" consultations and have pills mailed to them with no exam or confirmation of their babies' gestational age. Reversing *Roe*, which made abortion illegal in certain states, only accelerated these efforts. It also unintentionally resulted, in many ways, making abortion easier to access than ever before. Now, pills can be mailed into states even where abortion is illegal.

Reports now show that more abortions took place last year than the year before *Roe* was overturned. Furthermore, the abortion pill's availability will significantly reduce the time between a woman discovering her pregnancy and being able to induce an abortion.

This underscores the vital importance of expanding PDL. Women and men are increasingly influenced by pro-choice voices to opt for the "quick fix" of having a pill sent to them to end their unborn baby's life. When they contact PDL, their distress and fear are more pronounced than ever before. They urgently need the compassion, hope, and help our exceptional hotline coaches can provide, as well as a referral to one of our life-affirming affiliated pregnancy centers where they can receive the necessary care to choose life for their unborn child.

We urge you to stand with us in supporting our hotline. Countless women and men nationwide are relying on us!



To discover more about supporting PDL, visit donate.care-net.org/carenet/nl2410-save-lives.

Blessings,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

Hear more from Roland on the Care Net blog!
www.care-net.org/blogs



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That was all it took.

Grabbing her purse, Eve got up and walked out the front door. For the next few minutes, she sat in her car, trembling as she cried. She felt all kinds of things she couldn't name, but relief was the one she recognized. After she calmed down, Eve called Connie to tell her, and Connie assured Eve that she'd made the best choice for both her AND her baby.

Thanks to your faithful giving, moms like Eve have a chance to change their mind and not make a decision that haunts them the rest of their lives. Through the voice of coaches like Connie, you have given them compassion, hope, and help when they needed it the most. Thank you for being a light in the darkness!

You can save EVEN MORE babies' lives through our Matching Challenge!

Your gift today will reach more parents considering abortion!



Friends of Care Net have given \$50,000 and challenged you to help match it! Your gift today will help save even more unborn lives!

Right now, even more parents need compassion, hope, and help to choose life for their children. Your generosity will reach even more moms and dads considering abortion through our national hotline, our nearly 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers, and our network of partner churches trained for pro-life ministry.

Your response to this challenge today will mean more lives will 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 and becoming a *Caring Partner*!

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

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Charlotte Needed a Life Preserver

And you helped ensure she got one

Charlotte had recently given birth to a beautiful baby boy when she found out she was pregnant again. Her 6-year-old daughter was already jealous of her two-month-old brother, throwing tantrums and sometimes even trying to hit him. She told Charlotte she didn't want more siblings. Additionally, Charlotte and her husband were living paycheck to paycheck and didn't know how they could possibly afford the expense of another baby. Charlotte felt like she was drowning with no one to throw her a life preserver! **She thought abortion was the only way out.**

Thankfully, Charlotte still had some doubts. She knew the baby growing inside her was a life. She just didn't know if she could go through with an abortion. Charlotte went online to see if she could find someone who could offer her some needed advice. Charlotte had heard about a hotline from some friends of hers at church. She went online, found the website for our national hotline, and decided to call.

Charlotte Found Hope Because of You

When Charlotte dialed the number, a wonderful hotline coach greeted her. Charlotte explained her situation: just had a baby only 2 months old, financially unstable, and overwhelmed with life in general. During the conversation, they prayed together, which gave Charlotte comfort she desperately needed. Towards the end of the conversation,

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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!

Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
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ARE YOU READY TO START A CONVERSATION?

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or pregnancydecisionline.org.





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Charlotte was still undecided. **She agreed to schedule an ultrasound at the nearest pregnancy center, instead of going to an abortion clinic.** Baby steps. *Progress.*

A week went by with no word from Charlotte. Her coach decided to reach out to her and see how her ultrasound appointment went at the pregnancy center. The coach was flooded with such joy when she found out that Charlotte decided to keep her baby after her ultrasound. When **Charlotte saw God's precious creation on the screen, she said there was no other choice but to choose life.** Praise God!

A picture is worth a thousand words. In this case, the picture on the ultrasound screen speaks one very important word: LIFE! That is what your amazing generosity supports. Our hotline coaches and all of the Care Net staff thank you from the bottom of our hearts! God is good!

How Would You Like to Give for Free?

If you could make a gift to Care Net right now and it didn't come out of your bank account, would you? Who would say no?

Many supporters have asked about other ways to save the lives of unborn children alongside Care Net. Most of us think about our finances a little more just now, so I want to share a simple way to give that might just make a difference for you: donating from your retirement account.

Giving through your traditional IRA might be for you IF:

- You are 73 or older. You can give to Care Net and avoid taxes on that amount up to \$100,000 tax free, in most cases.
- You want to make a gift, and not use your cash on hand right now.
- You must take the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, but you don't really need extra income.

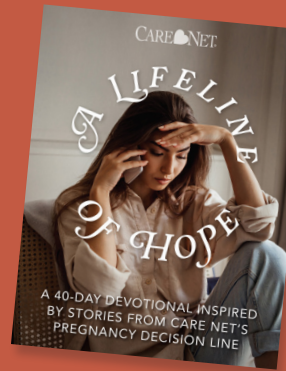
If you turn 73 in 2024, you NEED to take your RMD. If you take it out and receive the funds, you will pay income tax on the withdrawal. And no one wants to pay unnecessary taxes!

Contact your IRA custodian and tell them you want them to make a gift to Care Net. For more information, please contact Bob Milton at bmilton@care-net.org or 205-914-4812.

A Lifeline of Hope

Build the habit of life-affirming prayer and Scripture reading with a devotional that contains 40 amazing testimonies from Care Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line*.

Each devotional includes Bible verses and a prayer at the end. Join our Pro Abundant Life Movement by rejoicing in what the Lord has done, meditating on the Scriptures, and seeking God in prayer each day for the multitude of women and men who are facing unplanned pregnancies.



Get your ebook here:

www.care-net.org/support-pdl

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