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## A Christmas Miracle

### How God Used Your Compassion to Save a Life!

When Gabriela\* came to her appointment with the ICU Mobile medical unit in her neighborhood, she didn't sugarcoat her situation.

"I'm homeless. I'm living in my car. I am going to get an abortion."

Before doing anything else, the team tried to address the crisis of her living situation. So they offered to help her with temporary shelter. She resisted – even as the staff explained several different options available to her. They just wanted to get her to a safe place off the streets, but Gabriela didn't want to talk about anything other than ending her pregnancy.

"I have to have an abortion because my situation is bad," she said.

The wonderful women at the mobile unit

prayed with her and God began to work in her heart. She was now really having second thoughts about getting an abortion. The Holy Spirit was opening her eyes to the truth. They prayed together asking for God's wisdom, and Gabriela rededicated her life to Jesus! Praise God for His hand in Gabriela's life.

And then God opened her eyes to something else: during the ultrasound, Gabriela discovered that she had twins. In tears, she cried that God answered her prayers! She told the ministry team that going back to when she was a little girl, she always wanted twins, because her brothers are twins.

With a newfound excitement for her pregnancy, and her heart on fire for the Lord, Gabriela accepted help finding shelter, and the women promptly connected her with a wonderful maternity home where she would find the support of other mothers in her situation as well as the continuing compassion, hope, and help from the staff on the mobile medical unit.

She texted the mobile medical unit team that night saying she was 100% certain she would be keeping her babies. On top of that, she'd

## Advent Devotional

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# THE HOLY FAMILY WAS WHOLLY FAMILY: EMBRACING MARRIAGE

Reprint of Part 3 of a 4-Part Series on Being Pro Abundant Life from Caring Together, December 2016, updated 2025

Since I was a child, one of my favorite things about Christmas was hearing the story of Christ's birth. The imagery of the stable, the shepherds, the "heavenly host," and the three kings captivated me. Little did I know how important this story would become in my work here at Care Net.

**Christ's birth story is important for the pro-life movement because it breaks us out of "old ways" of thinking, and it reminds us of God's real plan not just for life, but for abundant life.**

You see, Christ could have been born to a single mother. It would have fulfilled God's purpose, but it would have violated God's principles. That is why he did not just give Jesus a mother, but a father named Joseph who was to be a husband to Mary and a father to Jesus . . . in that order!

Although Christ was fully God, God the Father knew that – in Christ's humanity – Jesus needed an earthly father. That's why God chose to give Joseph to Jesus: to remind us of the unique and irreplaceable role that husbands and fathers have in the lives of their children. So, he sent an angel not just to Mary, but to Joseph – who was considering "putting Mary away" like so many men facing unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancies today – to give him a mission to be a husband and father.

Today, too many women choose abortion because the father of the child is unable or unwilling to be the husband and father God intends him to be. In fact, 86% of abortions are to unmarried women. Think how many abortions could be prevented if we had more "Josephs" stepping up to be there for today's "widows and orphans."

**That is why it is incumbent upon us as Pro Abundant Life people to promote, support, and celebrate marriage as a critical way to reduce abortions and as the ideal environment in which children are to be raised, in God's design. And it is why we pledge:**

*As Pro Abundant Life people, we will celebrate and encourage marriage, whenever possible for those facing unplanned pregnancies, as the ideal environment to raise thriving children.*

**Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.**



Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roland C. Warren".

Roland C. Warren

Care Net President & CEO



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## LESLIE FELT OVERWHELMED AND AFRAID

**But, thanks to your help, she chose life**

Your generosity brings support, resources, and the Gospel to moms who feel overwhelmed and ill-equipped to handle what's happening to them. You make sure they have a chance to choose life and live life abundantly according to His will. Because, just like Mary, sometimes embracing God's plan for your life is hard. Leslie\* found this out firsthand when she discovered she was pregnant . . . again.

A hardworking mom who struggled to make ends meet, Leslie already had several kids – including a very young child. So when she began feeling those familiar symptoms of pregnancy, she was not enthusiastic. And when she took a pregnancy test, she was crestfallen when it came back positive. Almost right away, she began thinking about abortion.

Leslie – who prided herself as a mom doing everything to provide for her kids – felt like bringing another child into the world was just too much. *She didn't want to give up on her baby, but what could she do without support?* Desperate, she got on her phone and turned to the internet to try to brainstorm options. **That's when she found Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line – a national hotline funded entirely through your generosity.**

The hotline coach who answered the phone, Deborah, told Leslie there was a pregnancy center nearby ready to help her. She also shared information about local churches with special programs that help working moms.

### Assuring Moms They Aren't Alone

**Leslie felt better, but she was still worried.** She'd agreed to go to an appointment Deborah set up with a local pregnancy center, but she was still worried about how to provide for another child. Deborah said she would pray for Leslie, and she joined with other hotline coaches to ask that the Lord would work on Leslie's heart during her appointment.



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And then they said goodbye, with plans to talk again later in the week.

**When Deborah got back in touch with Leslie, she was ecstatic to hear the news that Leslie had chosen LIFE for her baby!**

Christmas is a time where we remember that our Lord entered this world with us as a tiny, precious baby. But just like then, there are challenges facing moms. Planned Parenthood wants to sell the idea that abortion is the best option – hiding the truth about what it really costs. But thanks to you, moms and dads making pregnancy decisions have a place of refuge where they can get the help they need.

Please pray for moms like Leslie to find the support they need, and for conversations like the one she had with Deborah. Thank you for being there for this family. You played a part in giving one child the gift of LIFE this Christmas. God bless!



## A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

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started bringing her boyfriend to Bible study. Today, she is in a safe home, she's working on getting a steady job, and is receiving Christ-centered help that will support her during her pregnancy and for many years to come.

None of this would be possible without God's hand and your generous support for Care Net. Now that ICU Mobile is a ministry division of Care Net, Pro Abundant Life ministry is going to more marginalized neighborhoods than ever before . . . empowering expectant moms and dads to reject abortion and not only choose life for their babies . . . but ABUNDANT life in Christ!

Thank you for helping to make this Christmas miracle happen!

## *Make An Even Greater Impact For Life* **Through Our Year End Matching Challenge your gift can save EVEN MORE lives!**

Friends of Care Net have given \$160,500 and challenged YOU to help match it!

Please send your best gift right now to reach EVEN MORE mothers and fathers considering abortion and save EVEN MORE babies' lives through your support of our national hotline, over 1,285 affiliated pregnancy centers, mobile medical ministries, and churches we've equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry!

**With your support more babies can be saved!  
Thank you for your generosity!**

*Please scan the QR code to securely make your immediate impact.*



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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!



## ARE YOU 73?

Did you know that you can make a difference today and get some tax benefits at the same time?

It's possible when you give to Care Net through your traditional IRA. Since Care Net is a qualified charity according to the IRS, this is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

### BENEFITS OF A QCD GIFT

Any amount given through a QCD gift counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but will not count toward your income.

In the year that you turn 73, you must begin to draw your RMD. You can give a gift to Care Net to satisfy all or part of the RMD. You will not receive a charitable tax deduction, but you don't claim the gift amount as income which could mean lower Medicare premiums. It could also lower your taxable Social Security amount!

For more information, you can reach Bob Milton at 205-914-4812 or [bmilton@care-net.org](mailto:bmilton@care-net.org).



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## 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 as a *Caring Partner*!

As a *Caring Partner*, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- Invitations to special partner events
- 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.
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\*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals. So many times, a hotline coach or mobile medical team member may be one of the only people to know a client is pregnant and considering abortion. Therefore, we never release names or pictures without permission.