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How Sarah Found Courage When She Thought She Was on Her Own



When peace of mind is slow to come to parents facing unplanned pregnancies, your generosity gives these frightened expecting parents the confidence they need to choose life for their unborn children. When faced with an unexpected pregnancy, Sarah* and her fiancé, Josh*, needed all the courage they could get.

When Sarah told Josh she was pregnant, he was excited to be a dad. After talking to his parents, however, Josh started pressuring her to get an abortion.

Sarah's heart shattered. Without Josh by her side, she didn't think raising a baby was even possible. Deep down, she wanted to have their baby, but she just couldn't see a way forward without him. It felt insurmountable. Everything was already so expensive! How could she afford to take care of a baby? How could she possibly juggle work with raising her baby?

Overwhelmed, Sarah curled up and cried.

You Pointed Sarah to the Help Waiting for Her

When she felt a little better, Sarah tried to think about how she could make this work. That was when she remembered that Liza* (a friend from church) had said something about a hotline for parents facing unplanned pregnancies. Liza had said it was a good place to talk freely, so maybe they'd be able to help her figure things out. Sarah decided to give them a call.

She was SO glad she did!

Juanita*, the Care Net hotline coach who answered her call told Sarah about a nearby pregnancy center offering free parenting classes, a Bible study with other expecting moms, and practical support like diapers, baby clothes, and formula. Better still, Sarah's church was partnering with that same center! Sarah had no idea so much help was available.

After Juanita prayed with her at the end of their call, Sarah decided to talk with Josh and his parents again. In her heart, she really wanted to bring her baby into the world.

Join Us In Prayer This Lenten Season

Lent is coming! Are you ready? The *Praying Through Lent* devotional from Care Net can help 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 care-net.org/lent-devotional



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The Power of Prayer

Prayer is not a substitute for action, but an action for which there is no substitute. - Unknown

Here at Care Net, one of our **Core Values** is Prayer and Fasting: “We value regular times of corporate prayer and fasting to express our dependence on God to accomplish our work (Ezra 8:21, James 5:16).”

Prayer matters! We pray together every morning as a staff and at special times throughout the year, and we know you pray for us, too!

Millions of women, men, and unborn children need steadfast prayer *every day*. We're called to bring their needs and fears to the Lord, time and time again, and are blessed to watch when He provides. We pray for you, thanking God for your commitment to the ministry of Care Net and asking Him to bless you and your family.

Because of the central role of prayer in our work here, I'm so pleased to announce the official launch of the *Abundant Life Prayer Network*!

Many of you have asked for more meaningful ways to pray for Care Net and the women, men, and families we serve, for opportunities to pray for and with fellow believers, and for a dedicated place to share your own prayer needs. That's why I'm so excited about this growing and vibrant community of prayer warriors, united by the Pro Abundant Life vision!

I invite you to join the *Abundant Life Prayer Network* today. When you do, you'll start receiving text messages with prayer alerts and a monthly email with updates on how your prayers and the prayers of your brothers and sisters in Christ are transforming lives. We need God's mercy and grace with us in this work.



Visit care-net.org/prayer to join today and invite Him to move in power!

Blessings,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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More than that, she knew God wanted her to keep this little one. The struggle was worth it.

You Helped Give Sarah Courage to Try Again

Sarah shared her feelings and how important this felt. When nothing seemed to change, she left the conversation incredibly discouraged.

Nothing could have prepared her for what happened next.

A couple of days later, Josh came to her apartment, and that's when her fiancé said what she'd been praying for: “Let's be parents together.” Sarah was over the moon! She was so excited, she decided to call Juanita and share the good news.

Thanks to you, women and men faced with pregnancy decisions receive compassion, hope, and help to bring new life into the world. Your giving means someone out there—maybe in your hometown—will be empowered to choose life for their unborn children, and abundant life for their new family. Thank you for making a difference for these desperate parents!

Will You Give Today and Save a Baby's Life?



Right now, moms and dads 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!

OUR CARING PARTNERS: SAVE BABIES 365 DAYS A YEAR!

Every single day, parents considering abortion find an online ad for 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 making a monthly gift!

As one of our heroic *Caring Partners*, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- Invitations to special partner events
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- The knowledge that you are saving lives EVERY DAY!

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?

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A Life-Saving Connection

You helped get Lexi right where she needed to be to choose LIFE

Parenthood comes with its share of challenges. Often joyful and overwhelming at the same time, parenthood is not for the faint at heart!

Lexi* knew this reality very well. She was already struggling to make ends meet with a baby and a toddler when she found out she was pregnant again.

She felt completely overwhelmed. Lexi had unpaid bills, was struggling to put food on the table, and had very limited support from the father of her other children.

Even though Lexi was a believer, abortion seemed like the only real option she had. She knew abortion was wrong, but how could she bring another baby into terrible circumstances like hers? How was that fair to the new baby? Lexi felt like she was carrying the weight of the world on her shoulders. Every time she thought about it, her stomach knotted up.

Realistic Alternatives to Abortion, Real Hope

Still uneasy about getting an abortion, Lexi searched online to see if there was anyone who could help. That's when she found an ad for Care Net's national hotline, *Pregnancy*

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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
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision



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**ARE YOU READY TO
START A CONVERSATION?**

We are here for you at **877.791.5475**
or pregnancydecisionline.org.





Are You 73?

Every day at Care Net, moms and dads are empowered to choose life for their unborn children. This is made possible by God's mercy . . . and our exceptional network of supporters!

Maybe you've wondered if there's a way to keep saving babies' lives WITHOUT writing a check. 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 giving an IRA gift. It's usually tax-free, and lets you support our life-saving efforts without increasing your taxable income.
- For those 73 and older, it's a compassionate way to fulfill your 2024 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), without paying extra taxes.

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

Visit care-net.org/qcd to find out more. If you have questions, email Bob at bmilton@care-net.org.

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Decision Line, and decided to give them a call. She had already heard of Care Net from a friend of hers, whose church supported a local affiliated pregnancy center.

When she called, the coach she spoke with helped her feel relaxed enough to have some peace for the first time in a while. Her coach helped her set up an appointment at her local pregnancy center for a free ultrasound.

When Lexi saw her baby for the first time and heard the heartbeat at her appointment, she knew she couldn't go through with an abortion.

A few days later, Lexi reached out to her coach again to tell her how amazing her experience at the pregnancy center had been and that she had decided to come back for parenting classes and the additional support they could offer her.

God's ways are so awesome! He uses a multitude of people like you to support organizations like Care Net, that provide the support that Lexi and other parents like her need through the hotline and local pregnancy centers, to help them choose life for their babies.

Join Our Prayer Network!

At Care Net, we believe prayer can transform lives and uphold the sanctity of life. By joining Care Net's *Abundant Life Prayer Network*, you become part of a compassionate community committed to prayerful support for those facing pregnancy decisions. *Why join?*

- **Impact Lives:** Your prayers can bring hope and healing to many. Remember, prayer is not a substitute for action, but an action for which there is no substitute.
- **Grow Spiritually:** Deepen your own faith through dedicated prayer. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
- **Join a Community:** Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for life and prayer.



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