

Caring TOGETHER

SHARING LIFE STORIES OF COMPASSION, HOPE, & HELP

JUNE 2025

CARE-NET.ORG

CARE  NET



**Involved, Responsible,
Committed**



**Katie's Journey from
Despair to Hope**
Page 3



Reclaiming Fatherhood
Page 4

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE

How you brought Christ-centered compassion to a mom without a home through mobile medical ministry!

When Melissa* stepped into the ICU mobile unit, she couldn't possibly have known what to expect. She was already experiencing homelessness with yet another unplanned pregnancy. Consumed with fear about what the future had in store for her, she was completely overwhelmed the day she met the team serving that day. Without a home, without a relationship with the father of her child, and without a plan to care for herself and the baby, Melissa felt as far away from God as a person can.

But He was not far away. When she went inside the mobile unit for the first time, she entered a beautiful, spirit-filled place that was a stark contrast to the gritty streetscape outside.

You Brought Melissa Hope

From their initial conversation, and every day since, the mobile team brought the Lord's peace to the storms raging throughout her life. They prayed unceasingly throughout the appointment, came alongside Melissa, and shared the hope of Christ. Even though Melissa had erected barriers in her mind that prevented her from keeping the baby,

the mobile team slowly began to chip away at those barriers (with their love, support, guidance and witness). And when they provided a free ultrasound and gave Melissa a front-row seat to the image of who God had created inside her, those barriers all came tumbling down.

After a lot of talking, praying, and sharing information about the support available for her and her baby, Melissa chose LIFE!

Your Prayers Made a Difference

But that's not the end of this miraculous story. While the father of this baby is unstable and abusive, another father figure faithfully stepped in beside Melissa. He's committed to loving her and helping to raise this gift of a child together.

Thanks to your compassion, the mobile team was able to help them both hear God's faithfulness in their struggle and give them a firm foundation to stand on. Just a couple weeks ago, our team was blessed to watch them place their newborn baby in a stroller that a local church family provided!

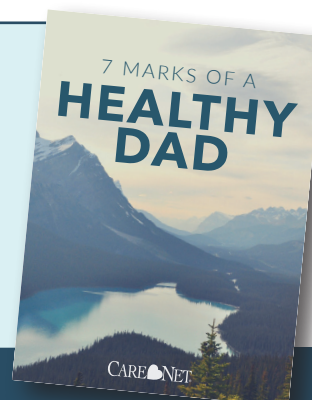


Fatherhood isn't just about providing for your children—it's about leading them well.

We've created a faith-filled devotional guide, *The 7 Marks of a Healthy Dad*, for men seeking to grow in their role as fathers.

Get your free devotional by email today:

<https://resources.care-net.org/dads-devotional/>



Continued on next page ►

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

INVOLVED, RESPONSIBLE, COMMITTED

Part 1 of a 4-Part Series on Being Pro Abundant Life from 2016, updated 2025

As you may know, I served for 11 years as President of the National Fatherhood Initiative. During that time countless people asked me, in one form or another, what it means to be a good dad. Over time, I realized that three words truly captured the heart of what fatherhood is all about: *involved, responsible, and committed*.

You see, in God's design, men are called to be the providers, protectors, and priests for their families. That high calling to fathers is the reason they can make such an enormous difference in the lives of their children, for good or for ill.

A study conducted by Lifeway Research of women who had an abortion found that pregnant mothers consider the father of the baby to be the most influential factor, by far, in her decision to abort or not. And subsequently, a study done through Lifeway of fathers who have participated in the abortion of their child found that these men also believed that they were the most influential person in the decision by the mother of their child about whether to abort or have their baby.

We also know from decades of social science research that children with involved fathers in their lives are significantly less likely to live in poverty, be abused or neglected, use drugs, become incarcerated, drop out of school, become pregnant as teens, and suffer from childhood obesity than children in father-absent homes.

When a couple is making a pregnancy decision and after the child is born (indeed for the child's whole life), it's clear that fathers play a critical role. Therefore, we are called to help fulfill the "fatherhood promise" God makes to precious lives in the womb and to honor God's call to fathers to be involved, responsible, and committed.

This sets us apart as not just pro-life people, but PRO ABUNDANT LIFE people. That is why we take the following pledge:

As Pro ABUNDANT Life people, we will celebrate and encourage father involvement during pregnancy decisions and throughout the lives of children who need them.



Blessings,

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

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



KATIE'S JOURNEY FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

You helped unite a family and lead them to Christ!

She didn't know why (yet), but right before her scheduled abortion, Katie* just needed someone to talk to . . . someone who'd listen to everything she had to say. Someone to hopefully give her not just advice, but reassurance that things were not hopeless.

Thanks to God, and to Care Net donors like you who help spread awareness of our national hotline, Katie dialed the number for our *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL). As soon as Charlotte Anne* picked up the phone at PDL, she could hear the anguish in Katie's voice as she let her conflicting emotions spill out of her. Katie didn't want an abortion but was increasingly seeing it as the right thing to do because of her broken relationship with the baby's father, Neil*. Without Neil in her life, Katie didn't see how she could raise a baby in a loving, supportive home.

Once Katie was finished, Charlotte Anne let a few moments pass in silence, knowing the potential impact of every word she was about to say. Then, she told Katie that God loved her and her baby. She assured her that God was there with them right at that moment.

She also shared the resources available to her through Care Net's network of affiliated pregnancy centers. She made sure she knew that even church congregations stood ready to help. Katie shared that she grew up in the church, but did not currently have a relationship with God, but she did agree it would be a good idea to pray on this. When they ended the call, Katie still had her appointment scheduled – the stresses of her problems with Neil just seemed overwhelming.

You Helped Save A Baby's Life

A few days after their call, Katie sent Charlotte Anne a message: she hadn't yet made a final decision, but

Continued on next page ►

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?

EMAIL US AT CARINGPARTNERS@CARE-NET.ORG



Rise to The Challenge and Save More Babies' Lives!

WHEN YOU RESPOND BEFORE JUNE 30

Your gift today will make an even bigger impact saving unborn lives thanks to our \$100,000 Fiscal Year End Matching Challenge!

A friend of Care Net has given \$100,000 and is challenging you to help match that amount!

Help ensure MORE many dads and moms hear the transforming message of the Gospel that will help them choose not only life for their unborn child, but Abundant Life in Christ with your gift today!

**Thank You for Your
Partnership with Care Net!**

Please scan the QR code to make your immediate impact.



HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE

Continued from page 1

We covet your prayers for this young family. God bless you for helping Melissa and so many other expectant moms and dads experience the love of Jesus and feel new hope for their futures!



Steps to Help Save a Life

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



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!





Just 20 minutes for an eternal impact!

Who doesn't love June? The days are longer and filled with ballgames, vacations, cookouts and plenty more. This is the season to slow down and enjoy the simple blessings life offers. It's natural to put certain things "on the back burner" this time of year. But if something happens to you, is your family protected? They can be in just 20 minutes. And you can establish a lasting legacy of support for unborn children. Get a legal will – at no charge to you whatsoever – while saving babies right here: <https://www.care-net.org/make-a-will>

DESPAIR TO HOPE

Continued from page 3

she did not go to the abortion appointment. She knew that Charlotte Anne and the PDL team had been lifting her up in prayer, and she was so grateful. She also said she could feel God moving in her heart and in her situation! Charlotte Anne was thrilled to hear from her and told her they would all continue with her in their prayers.

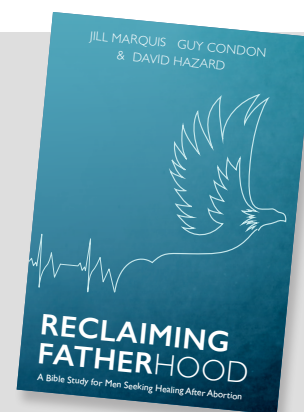
Several weeks, later, those prayers were answered when they spoke again. Katie said she'd chosen LIFE for her baby! She also said she and Neil had started attending

church together – they'd been to several services since Katie's first call. Charlotte Anne was blessed by the amazing news, which served as a reminder that dads are too often left out of the abortion discussion. Studies prove that the baby's father is the most influential person in a mom's decision to get an abortion. Katie believed things were hopeless, but through you, God brought healing to Katie and Neil's relationship. Thank you for being the hands and voice of Jesus for this young family!

Reclaiming Fatherhood

Helping men reclaim their role as Provider and Protector...and find hope after abortion.

Anchored in the work *Fatherhood Aborted* by Guy Condon and David Hazard, and with the help of four men with abortions in their past, *Reclaiming Fatherhood* provides a road map to healing for men struggling with the emotional and spiritual fallout of abortion. This book can be the first step in a journey out of survival and into hope, purpose, and fulfillment.



Get your copy at www.care-net.org/reclaiming-fatherhood

CARE NET

44180 Riverside Parkway, Suite 200
Lansdowne, Virginia 20176
1.800.518.7909



Get exclusive updates on how your gift is saving lives!



Follow us on Twitter!
@inspirelifeflow



"Like" us on Facebook!
facebook.com/carenet



Find us on Instagram!
@care_net

www.care-net.org



**ANSWERS.
BEFORE
YOU
DECIDE.**

- Caring
- Confidential
- Nonjudgmental

pregnancydecisionline.org
877.791.5475

ANSWERS. BEFORE YOU DECIDE.

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