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## Care Net Braces for the Freedom of Choice Act

*With the stroke of a  
pen, President Obama  
can overturn every  
pro-life law . . .*

During his presidential  
campaign, Barack Obama told  
pro-abortion allies he would enact  
the **Freedom of Choice Act**  
(FOCA). As of this writing, it's  
unclear whether or not he will  
follow through on that promise.  
The measure would strike down  
**every** restriction on abortion —  
including parental notification

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## Tina's Story

# How Crushing Fear Became Overwhelming Joy

*Tina didn't want to keep her abortion  
appointment, but she just didn't know  
how to care for a child. In a moment  
of desperation, she called a local  
Care Net pregnancy center . . .*

**W**hen a young woman from southeast  
Arizona named Tina discovered she  
was pregnant, she was shocked  
and distressed.

Right away, she called her boyfriend. "He was  
devastated," she said. "As far as he was concerned,  
there was only one option: *Abortion.*"

It's not that she wanted to make that "choice."  
But Tina just didn't know what else to do. So she  
made the appointment to end her pregnancy . . .

### Desperate Call to a Pregnancy Center

But as that day approached, Tina grew  
increasingly distressed. In a moment of  
desperation, she called her local Care Net  
pregnancy center. They urged her to come in  
immediately. With gentle guidance, practical  
compassion, and loving prayer, they showed  
Tina that her child was a gift to be treasured,  
not terminated.

As she drove home through the Arizona desert,  
she realized she could never undergo an abortion.



Tina called her Care Net pregnancy center *after*  
scheduling an abortion. Today, she is so thankful the  
center helped her choose life with confidence.

Even though her boyfriend would be very angry,  
she chose life.

It wasn't easy. Tina recalls how "I cried tears

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of panic because I had no knowledge of how to raise a child.” Yet she cried harder still because she came so close to abortion: “I had been so selfish to consider refusing this miracle that God had chosen for me.”

### Deeply Appreciative

That was early in her pregnancy, but Tina never wavered again in her decision to choose life. On the contrary, she said keeping her baby was “the most

*“The day she was born I found my purpose in life . . . what could I have done to deserve such a rich reward?”*

important decision of my life . . .” Though being a single mom isn’t *easy*, Tina is so thankful for the support she received from the pregnancy center during her hour of greatest need.

And Care Net deeply appreciates your faithful support, because you ensure we can provide the love, compassion and truth that hurting women like Tina need to choose life.

## Freedom of Choice Act

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requirements, waiting periods, and the ban on partial birth abortion.

Some experts argue the bill will also increase abortion in America by more than 125,000 annually. That’s why Care Net has prepared for the worst, with enhanced efforts to:

**Reach women** facing unplanned pregnancies with life-affirming support through the Option Line\* (800.395.HELP or www.optionline.org). The Option Line receives roughly 17,000 contacts each month in response to advertising on radio, TV, the Internet and billboards. Now, Care Net intends to expand marketing efforts to reach more women.

**Minister directly** to women at our 1,160 pregnancy centers across the country, and provide the support they need to choose life. Nine out of ten women who visit a pregnancy center choose life!

Thank you for your prayers and support, which ensure we can save lives . . . regardless of FOCA.

\*Option Line is a joint venture between Care Net and Heartbeat International.

# Life in America – By the Numbers

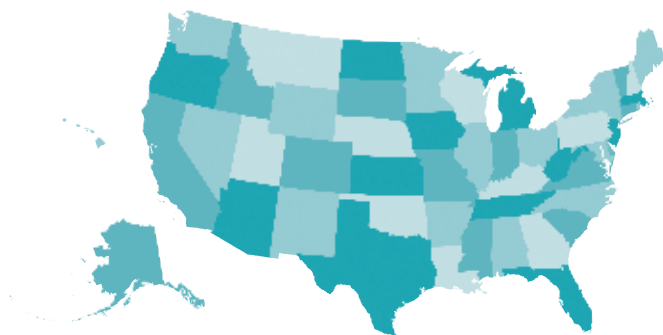
Care Net sees encouraging statistics in restoring the sanctity of life

An estimated 3 million unplanned pregnancies occur in America each year. Approximately 40% of these end in abortion. Just as alarming, 1 out of every 4 female teenagers has a sexually transmitted disease.

In response to these growing crises, Care Net and our pregnancy centers:

- **Reached over 1 million teens** with the truth about abstinence.
- **Ministered to more than 370,000 women.** *Over 90% chose life!*
- **Helped more than 150,000 abortion-vulnerable women** through the Option Line.
- **Helped drop America’s abortion rate to a 20-year low**, down to roughly 1.2 million from a high of 1.6 million.
- **And over 20,000 clients made the life-changing decision** to follow or renew their commitment to Christ — the most important decision of all!

These encouraging statistics from 2007 are possible because of generous friends like you who invest in Care Net. Thank you!



Care Net and our network of 1,160 pregnancy centers offer hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies — a ministry *TIME* magazine calls “kind, calm, [and] nonjudgmental.”



*Message from the President*  
Melinda Delahoyde

## An Updated Tagline for a

Many Care Net ministry friends have noticed that we recently modified our tagline. It now reads: *Saving Lives • Healing Hearts • Ministering Compassion* — a change that may be minor, but is significant nonetheless. Here’s why:

Care Net’s *entire* approach centers on reaching women struggling with unplanned pregnancies . . . ministering to them with the absolute highest level

# Women choose LIFE



*Ashley, Kentucky:*

**"I am so thankful for the center — I know I wouldn't be where I am today without their help."**

Ashley always intended to choose life for her son Mason, but she was trapped in an abusive relationship.

After she gave birth, she fled town to get away from the father. When she returned, she went back to her pregnancy center regularly for support. Then her counselor invited her to church — and she gave her life to God! Now Ashley volunteers full-time at the center and her relationship with the Lord grows deeper each day.



*Elisabeta, California:*

**Elisabeta and her husband are very happy to be parents.**

Elisabeta was certain abortion was her only option. She and her husband had financial struggles, and she feared a baby meant she could not attend college.

However, after meeting with a counselor at her local Care Net pregnancy center, she began to understand her options. She learned a baby wouldn't stop her from getting a degree. During the following months, the center helped with maternity clothes, baby furniture, and more. Today, Elisabeta and her husband are delighted with their daughter, Rebekah!



*Gretchen, Pennsylvania:*

**"There was nothing too small or large for this incredible group of people."**

Gretchen was homeless, pregnant, and scared. She wanted to keep her baby, but how could she care for it?

She went to her local Care Net pregnancy center for help. The counselor immediately contacted a woman's shelter, and gathered information on work, food, medical help and other necessities. For the rest of her pregnancy, the center supported Gretchen with material and emotional support. Today, she is the proud mother of a boy named Gabriel.

## Lifelong Purpose

of Christ-centered support . . . and providing them with the emotional, spiritual and material support they need to choose life with confidence.

By God's grace, compassion is the primary "tool" we use to carry out each phase of this unique strategy. It's what ensures that Care Net can indeed save lives and heal hearts. And it's why nine out of every ten women

who visit a Care Net pregnancy center choose life!

Ultimately, the minor addition to our tagline helps Care Net present a more thorough, accurate portrayal of our ministry to women who need help. With so many lives at stake, that's a change worth making.

*Melinda*

# Turning the Tide in the Competition for Life

Every day, 3,300 pregnancies end in abortion because those women believed they had no other “realistic” option.

Indeed, for a woman who is not planning a pregnancy, there is no surprise more overwhelming than discovering she will soon be a mother. Under the best of circumstances, it means her life will never be the same. And for a young woman already struggling with broken relationships, financial hardships, or any one of a number of other major difficulties, it can seem like the end of her hopes and dreams.

## Please Help Care Net Protect the Sanctity of Life in America

Care Net and our network of pregnancy centers are determined to ensure that every woman has the option to hear positive, life-affirming alternatives to abortion. Yet



The sanctity of life in America is seriously threatened. Your prayers and support will help Care Net stop abortions despite unprecedented attacks on life.

our task is made difficult because Planned Parenthood has strong support from the Obama administration, Congress, the media and over \$1 billion in annual revenue.

**You can help Care Net protect the sanctity of life, but we urgently need your help now!**

Please prayerfully consider the immeasurable value of new life . . . and give your best gift to help Care Net reach women, save unborn children, and restore the sanctity of life in America. Thank you, and God bless you.

## Caring Partners — Lifesavers in a Challenging Time

Caring Partners are among Care Net’s most dedicated supporters. They strengthen and advance this ministry of life with an **automatic gift** each month from their credit card.

This steady, reliable source of income helps Care Net maximize every dollar given by shrinking our administrative costs, lessening the mail we send you, and ensuring we can budget more effectively . . . simple measures that can make a real difference over time.

To learn more about the benefits of becoming a Caring Partner, please mark the box requesting additional information on your reply slip. Then, return it in the envelope provided today.



**To protect and strengthen the sanctity of life in America, please send your contribution today along with the enclosed reply slip. Thank you!**

Four powerful ways to help

## CARE NET SAVE LIVES

Despite the new pro-abortion leadership in Washington, there are many ways you can continue helping Care Net save women and children from abortion:

- **Donate now!**  
Your contribution saves lives! Unlike Planned Parenthood, we receive no taxpayer dollars.
- **Bequests**  
Leave a legacy of life in your will for future generations.
- **Pray**  
Prayer is the lifeblood of our ministry. Please lift Care Net and our local centers up in prayer.
- **Matching Gifts**  
As a 501 (c)(3), Care Net is eligible for many corporate matching gift programs.

For more information on these or several other great giving options, please call 1.800.518.7909 today!

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### OUR MISSION

To promote a culture of life through the delivery of valuable, life-affirming, evangelistic ministry to people facing unplanned pregnancies and related sexual issues.