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“I Told Myself I Had to Get an Abortion”

Andie was a straight “A” student with big plans for the future. When she learned she was pregnant, she feared a baby would ruin her life. Thanks to your prayers and support, this young girl chose life . . .

Here’s how Andie described her early pregnancy:

“I was so frightened I didn’t even let my mother know until I was about two and a half months along. When you are fifteen . . . the first thing that comes to your mind is that horrible “A” word. That word is abortion. That is what any adolescent who is pregnant would consider. It doesn’t mean it is the right thing to do, but it’s a natural instinct . . . I told myself I had to get an abortion.”

However, the day Andie went to get an abortion, she learned she was further along than she thought — about four months. The doctor recommended a different clinic that performs late-term abortions.



When Andie learned she was pregnant, she thought her life was over. Thanks to friends like you, Care Net can give women hope and guidance during their most difficult times.

Mother’s Plea for Life

Andie’s mom had an abortion many years earlier. She didn’t want her daughter to endure that same pain. So she urged Andie to visit a pregnancy center. She reluctantly agreed.

But when she arrived at the center, she spoke with “a wonderful woman who was able to open [her] eyes.” While it wasn’t an easy decision,

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Thanks to Care Net friends . . .

ALWAYS AVAILABLE:
Care Net’s Option Line
and Website Help 24/7

If you know a woman struggling with an unplanned pregnancy, tell her about the Option Line (1-800-395-HELP) or www.optionline.org. She’ll receive confidential support and information about the help of local pregnancy centers.



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Andie chose to give her child life. Now she is overjoyed she did.

The woman — her name is Pat — adds that since their first meeting, Andie is making “good decisions for herself and her baby.”

Pat said Andie agreed to share her story so that friends like you can see the difference they’re making. Andie is proof positive that by God’s blessing, you have a lifesaving impact. Thank you!



NEWS UPDATE

Care Net Leads Alliance against Abortion Powerhouse... and Wins

NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland lost a battle in the state’s legislature . . . after one of their “experts” agreed with Care Net!

The conflict began when NARAL released a “report” claiming pregnancy centers mislead women. NARAL allies in the state legislature soon introduced legislation to force pregnancy centers to tell clients, “we are not required to provide medically accurate information.”

Care Net sent out an urgent request for prayer. We also led a coalition of pro-life allies to argue against the bill — and gained unexpected support when one of the bill’s supporters reversed her stand while testifying, insisting NARAL had not informed her well.

Praise God, the measure was defeated when representatives refused to even give it a vote!

Announcing ...

A Valuable Resource for Care Net Friends

Care Net recently upgraded its website, www.care-net.org.

Find pressing news about the work of pregnancy centers, prayer updates, volunteer opportunities, easy ways to support the ministry, inspiring testimonies, and more. Visit today!

Care Net’s new website has been totally redesigned for you ... www.care-net.org



Message from the President

Melinda Delahoyde

Andie and NARAL Prove it:

Abortion advocates are realizing that just because *Roe v. Wade* remains “law of the land” doesn’t mean Americans embrace abortion. No less a figure than Kate Michelman — former president of NARAL Pro-Choice America — admitted as much, saying her side has lost the “moral high ground.” That’s why they’re attacking pregnancy centers (see *News Update*, at left).

We’re winning because we’re helping more

Testimonies for LIFE



Lydia, Florida:

"Thank God for the counselor and [the] Pregnancy Center."

Lydia believed she had to get an abortion. She had no money. During the last four months, her family didn't even have electricity. She called the Option Line, and was connected to a local pregnancy center.

There, a counselor introduced her to a ministry that helped with utilities. Then, they addressed practical issues of a baby. It took time and prayer, but today Lydia is the proud mom of a baby boy.

*Photos have been changed to protect the identities of our clients.



Betsy, Georgia:

"I knew right then, after talking with the staff, that my family and I were going to make it."

When Betsy learned she was pregnant, she was scared. Her family was "just getting by" as it was. But she entered a program at her center that provides information about pregnancy, children, and God. By participating, she earned "points" to acquire maternity items.

As a result of the center, Betsy turned her life over to the Lord. And the center still helps her to this day. That's why she calls it "a true blessing from God."



April, Oklahoma:

"I not only received parenting counsel, but great friendship."

On a vacation to Mexico, April was raped. Little more than a month later, she learned she was pregnant. Her mom thought she should have an abortion, and for a time she agreed.

However, after much prayer, she decided to keep her baby. She began visiting her local pregnancy center for counsel and support. She also received wonderful friendship. And today, she says about her child, "I never knew that I could love someone so much."

With Care Net, You Have a Powerful Impact

and more women like Andie (read about her on the cover) discover that a "fetus" isn't just a nebulous part of the "woman's body" — it's a living child.

And it's a life worth saving. One made in God's image. With a heartbeat, brain waves and emotions — even in the womb.

In 2007, our pregnancy centers served 302,257 clients. By the grace of God, 9 out of

10 women who visit their local pregnancy centers choose life for their babies.

That's a testament to your faithful partnership. What an amazing difference we can make when we meet these women with Christ's love in the midst of their trials. Thank you, and God bless you, for continuing to make that possible.



Let's Make Sure Women Have a *Healthy Alternative* to Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood's recent annual report revealed earnings totaling over *one billion* dollars.

One of the ways they use this funding is to aggressively oppose abstinence-only education and promote abortion for America's teens. The results of casual teenage sex are distressing. One out of four teenage girls is afflicted with a sexually transmitted disease, the United States has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the Western world, and 34% of teenage pregnancies end in abortion.

As far as Planned Parenthood is concerned, abortion is a quick, "victimless" fix.

You and I know that isn't true. The consequences — physical and emotional — can be devastating.

You Can Help Create a Culture of Life in America

Care Net exists to help women avoid the heartbreak of abortion. Our pregnancy centers also serve women who have undergone abortions and help them in a loving, compassionate way that — by the grace of God — can bring real healing.



But the bottom line is that our challenge is growing. Planned Parenthood has massive resources — including support from the "mainstream" media and the federal government. Congress awarded them \$336 million last year — your tax dollars at work!

You can help create a culture of life in America.

But when you join with us in prayer to reach women with God's love, nine out of ten women who visit a local pregnancy center choose life! Now

we need your help once again so we can reach more women with a compassionate alternative to Planned Parenthood and abortion.

To help more women choose life for their unborn children, please send your gift today along with the enclosed reply slip. Thank you and God's Blessings to you!



Make Life Your **LEGACY**

Endowing Care Net in your will is one of the best — and easiest — ways to ensure your life's work goes to building a culture of life.

Benefits are substantial — especially for family members and favored charities. A carefully prepared will limits taxes, provides for family members, and ensures the best possible asset stewardship. Failure to plan effectively can lead to the waste of tens of thousands of dollars on taxes and probate court.

For free, no-obligation information about estate planning, just check the box on your reply slip and return it today. Or visit www.care-net.org and click "Planned Giving" for more information.

THE TRUTH *by numbers*

1/3 of American women have abortions by the age of 45.

1/2 of all pregnancies are unintended; 40% of these end in abortion.

Source: www.guttmacher.org/in-the-know/index.html

The Option Line receives roughly 20,000 calls each month. Nine out of ten women who receive services give life to their unborn child.



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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.