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Reasons for genuine optimism ...

Welcome to the Inspire Life edition of your *Care Net Report* ...

by Melinda Delahoyde, President

Let's be honest: these are sobering times for the pro-life movement. Abortion advocates dominate all three branches of the federal government. President Obama's blunt support for "choice" and his close relationship with Planned Parenthood are deeply concerning.

Meanwhile, Hollywood and the media elites celebrate as more and more of their anti-life agenda becomes law. Planned Parenthood — the "Goliath" of our age — has every reason to approach the future with confidence. Why shouldn't they? Their government funding grew significantly during pro-life President Bush's tenure. Imagine what President Obama will do.

Reasons for Hope

However, it's not all bad news.

Despite these circumstances, I remain intensely optimistic about the future of the pro-life movement. Because despite our opponents' overwhelming resources, we're winning!

Not only is our nation's abortion rate declining rapidly, but as you'll read in this fall issue of your *Care Net Report*, we've arrived at one of the most exciting developments in Care Net's history: the launch of our **Inspire Life** campaign. You probably received a letter from me about this very subject two weeks ago.

By God's grace, this campaign can keep our momentum growing if — IF — the pro-life community rallies behind us.

Our Strength: God's Grace

In short, with the rise of Planned Parenthood-allied politicians in Washington, Care Net pregnancy centers have moved to the front lines of the abortion debate.

Inspire Life is about overcoming Planned Parenthood's worldly advantages of wealth, influence, and power, with our own God-given strengths of compassion, grace, and mercy. With God's guidance — and your prayers and support — we won't just save lives either. We will lay the foundation to build a lasting culture of life at a time when few people believe it is possible.

As you read your *Care Net Report*, I hope and pray you find these efforts encouraging. Your partnership is what makes the pro-life movement progress in the midst of trial.

Melinda W. Delahoyde



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"...[T]ell the people the full message of this new life."

Acts 5:20

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Hope for the Sanctity of Life

Millions of Americans desire to save women and children from abortion. But is that still possible during President Obama's Administration?



Inspire Life is a vital, realistic strategy that offers the pro-life community real hope for progress — even in “impossible” circumstances ...

Doom and gloom. Those depressing words sum up the feelings of many people in the pro-life community today. They have watched the Obama Administration quickly reverse the few laws and measures that protect unborn children, and shift the vast resources of the federal government solidly behind Planned Parenthood's life-destroying agenda.

Most analysts believe this is just the beginning.

If campaign promises are to be believed, the president may sign the Freedom of Choice Act, too — a bill he co-sponsored as a senator. With one stroke of a pen, he could

Sharing the Truth through Love Defends Life

When I was in my early twenties, I became pregnant. Tragically, my fiancé didn't want our child. Even my doctor told me I was simply carrying a "cluster of cells — not a real baby if under three months' gestation." Although I was desperate to keep my child, I finally gave in to the father's intimidation and suffered an abortion.



Jennifer O'Neill is an actress, author, and compelling pro-life advocate.

The "choice" devastated me; I hated myself for years.

Not until I was 38 did I come to know the risen Christ, and over time, His truth has set me free from my pain and guilt.

Scripture makes it crystal clear that life begins at conception. My desire to share that truth — and to protect women and families from the decision that haunted me for so long — led me to avidly support the work of pregnancy centers. They offer information, free ultrasounds, as well as other resources. Statistics have proven that when women who are abortion-vulnerable see an ultrasound of the baby they're carrying, they almost always choose life.

I'm very concerned about the pro-abortion agenda today — it's an affront to all people, and severely harms countless families emotionally, spiritually and physically. That's why I work alongside Care Net and other pro-life supporters...their efforts to educate women with the truth about abortion, to share the Gospel, and to inspire them to choose life makes an eternal difference.

immediately invalidate every pro-life law.

It is, in short, a position of total power for those who advocate "choice."

"Not so fast" says one pro-life leader

"Planned Parenthood had financial resources to deal with every *legal* and *political* challenge imaginable," says Care Net President Melinda Delahoyde.

"But the irony is that their electoral victory last November pushed Care Net pregnancy centers to the front lines of the fight for life. Now, they have to compete for women's hearts on *our* terms.

"To stop abortion, we offer grace, compassion, and unconditional support — reaching one woman at a time, saving one life at a time. When your empire is built on the slaughter of innocent life, you cannot compete in those arenas." Melinda says, "Planned Parenthood can only hope

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our message doesn't reach too many of their clients." That's a hope she's determined to crush . . .

Inspire Life: Two Goals, One Purpose

Inspire Life has two key goals: to empower more abortion-vulnerable women to choose life, and to build a culture of life. The ultimate purpose is to change America's culture for Christ.

Consider this remarkable statistic: more than 95% of pregnant women who visit a pregnancy center choose life. This God-given success has contributed to a stunning, 33% decline in America's abortion rate since 1980.

"We know that if we can get women into pregnancy centers, we can save lives," says Delahoyde. That's why *Inspire Life* begins with these three critical objectives:

1. Plant 10 new pregnancy centers in metro locations like Seattle, Cincinnati, and Washington, D.C.



Delahoyde says, “these metro areas are Planned Parenthood’s abortion strongholds — where almost 90% of America’s abortions take place. We expect to shrink their business.”

2. Equip at least 50 more pregnancy centers with ultrasound machines (Approximately 477 of Care Net’s 1,100 pregnancy centers offer ultrasounds). Delahoyde explains the power of ultrasound this way: “A woman who has seen her baby — who has heard the heartbeat, and maybe even begun to think about names — is far less likely to choose abortion.”
3. Expand marketing that targets women struggling with unplanned pregnancies, so they know help is available. “So often,” continues Delahoyde, “a woman’s choice depends on who reaches her first.”

Care Net has also launched a new website, www.inspirelifenow.org, that promises to help grow and direct a dedicated online network of pro-life activists, and to equip them with the facts and opportunities they need to *Inspire Life* in their own communities.

That website will compliment new, expanded outreach on popular social networking sites, like *Facebook*, *Twitter*, and *YouTube*. Kristin Hansen, Care Net’s Vice President of Communications, explains that “These social media outlets enable pregnancy centers to reach more of the people who need our services the most, strengthening traditional ministry outreach on billboards and TV.”



Kristin Hansen,
Care Net’s Vice President
of Communications

Calling Abortion Advocates’ Bluff

Ultimately, Delahoyde is confident that “*Inspire Life* objectives are both reasonable and realistic — *if* enough people in the pro-life community join us.”

One of the reasons for her belief is that today, abortion is so out of favor that President Obama and Planned Parenthood both give lip service to reducing them.

Kristin Hansen has been involved in a number of high-level discussions — including at Obama’s White House — about reducing abortion in America. “If they’re as serious about this goal as they say,” she says, “then pregnancy centers have to be part of the solution. They have a proven track record in reducing abortion.”

Delahoyde adds that “Laws and leaders come and go, but there is always a need for people helping their neighbors. That is God’s purpose in creating pregnancy centers.

“As the *Inspire Life* campaign moves forward, I hope pro-life people will join us and help however they can: whether by volunteering, giving financially, praying, and/or participating online. Ultimately, this partnership for life will determine whether or not we succeed.”

“It’s Not Enough to be Right — We Have to Communicate the Truth *Effectively*”

Planned Parenthood and its Hollywood allies have made tragic progress convincing Americans to embrace their agenda — like uncommitted, casual sex. The truth is, our side doesn’t communicate as well as they do.

If we’re going to restore the sanctity of life, that must change.

We need to reach the public with a compassionate message that *inspires* people to defend life. In the fight for life, it’s not enough to be right — we have to communicate the Truth *effectively*.

There is good news, too — the public is increasingly open to the pro-life position. That’s especially true for young people. New technologies — like ultrasounds — have scientifically proven what Scripture says: an unborn child is a unique, living human (Psalm 139:13 – 14), and therefore worthy of protection.

In the days ahead, we know Washington’s abortion lobby will advance an anti-life agenda. It’s imperative that pro-life individuals put their beliefs into action and support organizations like Care Net and their local pregnancy centers.

That’s a difference any person who cares about the unborn can make today, regardless of who leads in Washington.



Lakita Garth is a passionate pro-life advocate who has addressed millions of teenagers, testified before the U.S. Senate, and appeared on many television stations, including shows on MTV, BET, *The View* and in *People Magazine*.

“Don’t Give Your Kids Up”

Donna did not want an abortion. But she was really struggling to make ends meet, and she believed it was her only realistic option ...

by Jeff Meredith

Donna Smith remembers well the difficult days when she learned she was pregnant.

For starters, she was unemployed. Without income, she struggled continually to provide for her two young children. There wasn’t much support from the father either.

At the time, Donna says she was certain abortion was her best option. *But she’s come a long way.* Today, she says the memory of considering abortion “makes me feel terrible.”

Donna’s journey is an encouraging story that demonstrates how the principals of the *Inspire Life* campaign impact abortion vulnerable women ...

Non-Judgmental Support for Abortion-Vulnerable Women

One day, early in her pregnancy, Donna was out on a run when she met a woman who urged

her to call a local pregnancy center. Donna agreed to make an appointment. *It would change her life.*

Known as North Baton Rouge Women’s Help Center, this Care Net pregnancy center was founded almost two decades ago by Barbara Thomas and her husband Charles. It is located in Baton Rouge — next to Southern University, the largest historically black college in the nation.

That’s vital, because African American women — while just over 12% of the population — now account for 37% of abortions.

Barbara believes there are two primary reasons for this — both of which underscore the urgent need for the *Inspire Life* campaign: “First, organizations like Planned Parenthood have made major efforts to make abortion easily accessible to minority women.”

Barbara says she has discovered that women with lower income levels tend to have less exposure to education on issues such as fetal development and abortion procedures.

Barbara says the emotional effects of these abortions — the guilt — can devastate women for decades: “It promotes other bad behaviors like sleeping around, prostitution and other kinds of things. And it started there with that abortion. They feel like they don’t deserve any better.”

That’s why at her center, Barbara insists they discuss three priorities with clients: “We evangelize. We educate them about abortion. We talk to them about being abstinent.”



Donna with her counselor Elaine. If not for Elaine’s positive, life-affirming advice, Donna would have had an abortion.



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Donna called her Care Net pregnancy center believing it was an abortion clinic. Today, she is deeply grateful they helped her choose life for her twin girls.

Those are three lessons that Donna Smith desperately needed to hear — lessons that would help change her life.

Additionally, the center helps women like Donna with material necessities, including food, diapers, clothes, parenting education, and more. These provisions help inspire women to choose life with confidence.

“I didn’t have the heart to kill anyone”

The first time she arrived at the pregnancy center, Donna explained that she wanted an abortion.

With gentle compassion, her counselor listened — and then revealed to her the consequences of abortion for her *and* the child. That presentation included pictures of abortions which clearly define the “human” traits of the child: face, hands, feet, etc.

The impact on Donna was profound. “I didn’t have the heart to kill anyone.”

After they talked, they prayed together, too. Donna remembers this as one of the key elements that “helped me make my decision” to choose life. She went on to have her ultrasound at the pregnancy center, too. That’s when she made a surprising discovery — she was having twins!

Inspired to Choose Life

By God’s grace, Donna’s confidence didn’t waver. She rejected abortion, even though she understood that raising twins would be difficult. And today, she has this message for other women in her position: “[B]elieve in God and trust him. Don’t give your kids up.”

Praise God that Donna chose life. Her story is one more testimony of what can happen when God’s people join together to serve and *Inspire Life*.



Barbara Thomas, founder of the North Baton Rouge Women’s Help Center, has dedicated her life to helping abortion-vulnerable women choose life.

From “Pro-Choice” to Pregnancy Center Leader



Angela’s prayer was simple: “Lord, I’m Yours. However You direct me, I’m Yours.” But she never expected He would raise her up to lead a pregnancy center in affluent Santa Clarita, California ...

by Jeff Meredith

Angela Bennett’s memory is still vivid: “My mom had forced my sister into an abortion on Thanksgiving . . . the next day she was sitting at the dinner table like it was no big deal.”

Maybe that’s why, several years later when Angela discovered she was pregnant during a difficult time with her first husband, she believed abortion was the best solution. Thankfully, God protected her from that decision — her husband vehemently rejected the idea. But Angela says that “If my husband would have said OK, then I probably would have had an abortion.”

Several years later, Angela became a Christian and her views on abortion changed. But it took a tragedy to really open her eyes to what she now calls a “barbaric and grievous act against God.”

Her daughter — a high school student at the time — was raped. Believing she was pregnant, she resolutely informed Angela that under no circumstances would she consider abortion. But when a pregnancy test came back negative, it devastated her because she had her heart set on a new life.

That trial opened Angela’s eyes to the painful, deadly reality of abortion. And it inspired her to make this promise: “Lord I am yours. However you direct me, I am yours.”

Obeying God’s Calling

In those days — the late 1990s — she had neither ministry nor nonprofit experience. She was the controller at a large construction firm.

But Angela felt God's calling to a local pregnancy center in Santa Clarita, a wealthy southern California city. She began volunteering, serving three-and-a-half years on the board until she was appointed executive director in 2001.

As she quickly discovered, leading a center in such an affluent community has unique challenges. Megan Rhoads, who coordinates and trains volunteers at the center, explains it this way: "Everyone has the perfect little homes and families." Angela notes that "[T]he median household income is about \$100,000."

They both worry about the dark underside of that wealth. Most of their clients come from broken homes. There is a great deal of spiritual poverty in the midst of great financial wealth. Megan explains that local kids often "have vehicles, or they have friends who have vehicles, and they can go get an abortion and be back before mom and dad arrive home from work."

"It took a tragedy to really open her eyes to what she now calls a 'barbaric and grievous act against God.'"

Angela laments that those tragic "choices" have been encouraged by "quite a few officials in the school system who are very supportive of the 'pro-choice' agenda."

The wealth of the city leads to intense materialism. "People don't want their lives shaken up or 'ruined' with a pregnancy. They don't want their future goals to be taken away," continues Angela. "So many times they see abortion as a way to keep their life on track."

Combining Compassion and Medical Services to Save Lives

To attract abortion-vulnerable women, the Santa Clarita pregnancy center offers safe, reliable prenatal care. As an official, state-licensed medical clinic, it employs a nurse (don't miss the enlightening interview with her on the next page) who helps with important services like ultrasounds. The center also partners with community organizations that ensure women receive helpful items like maternity and baby clothing, diapers,

or baby furniture.

But just as with every other Care Net pregnancy center, genuine, Christ-centered compassion is the real key to inspiring life.

"God uses our life's circumstances to soften our hearts," says Angela. "And when clients sense a heart of compassion for their circumstances, I think that that draws them in. They feel cared about."

Her own experiences have helped her relate to many of the women. "I can say what it was like to be scared. Or I can remember what it was like to be alone and isolated. To have everyone in the family angry with me."

In a ministry where trust and relationships make all the difference, this empathy truly helps save lives.

To Save More Lives, We Must Be More Involved Personally

According to Angela, one of the most pressing challenges she faces daily is that many Christians mistakenly "believe their job is to attend church weekly and to support their church so that the church can execute the ministries that need to happen." The truth is that "the church is there to empower *them* to do ministry."

Correcting that mistaken viewpoint is part of the *Inspire Life* campaign, as Care Net intends to equip the pro-life community to make a difference in their daily lives through www.inspirelifenow.org.

In the days ahead, Angela hopes to continue raising volunteers who can help the center minister to abortion vulnerable women. Ultimately, to *Inspire Life* the Body of Christ must play a bigger role.



The team at Santa Clarita's Care Net pregnancy center is dedicated to saving unborn children and reaching their community with the Gospel.

Interview with an ultrasound nurse “Window into the Womb”

Nancy Stemme uses ultrasounds to give women the first view of their children ...

by Jeff Meredith

Little more than two years ago, Nancy Stemme began volunteering at her local pregnancy center in Santa Clarita, California. Last year, she joined the team full-time.

As a professional nurse with more than ten years of labor delivery experience, she helps clients with a range of medical services. Chief of these are medically indicated limited ultrasounds that help women determine the age and health of the child. Nancy calls the responsibility a “privilege.”

“I am able to share with them the anatomy,” she says. “I’m able to share with them the actual developmental stage and what has been going on up to this point. It just amazes me that we can get a window into the womb.”

The ultrasound machine is perhaps the single most powerful scientific discovery in the fight for life. One survey reported by *The New York Times* revealed that 90% of women who viewed an ultrasound chose life. That’s one of the key reasons the *Inspire Life* campaign is providing ultrasound machines to a growing number of pregnancy centers.

Still, Nancy never uses an ultrasound to push her views on a client. “We want to educate them so that they will have the information to make the choices Depending on where they are, [whether] they are high risk or pro-life, I tend to do my scan and then I am able to share with them only if they are open to it.”

“We avoid showing our own bias so that we can be effective,” Nancy says. “Even though we have a personal preference.” That means going so far as offering women the opportunity to turn off the screen if they don’t want



to see their child, to ensure it does not become a manipulative situation — a frequent accusation from abortion advocates like Planned Parenthood.

However, she can’t remember a single client — even those most intent on ending their pregnancies with abortion — turning down the opportunity to view their child. “[P]eople want to see [their child].”

Indeed, that objective, empowering approach is one of the reasons the ministry is so successful saving lives — they don’t force pro-life views on anyone. Instead, they try to lovingly empower women to choose life.

Inspired to Help Women Choose Life

Nancy’s own journey to Care Net is a perfect example of how God calls people with unique talents to serve at pregnancy centers. “[P]hysiology is what attracted me to the medical field. . . . It still astounds me how our bodies work, even at the cellular level. That is where the understanding that we have a greater Creator that ordered it all makes sense.”

Her inspiration to minister to women struggling with unplanned pregnancies isn’t just science-based though. As a mother of two teenage daughters, she understands the perspective of a lot of the younger clients.



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One of the vital lifesaving goals of *Inspire Life* is to provide at least 50 more Care Net pregnancy centers with ultrasound machines. This type of service helps 9 out of 10 pregnant women who visit a pregnancy center choose life.



*For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*

Psalm 139:13, 14

She remembers one client in particular, “someone who came here originally thinking that this was a place for abortion.” Told that the pregnancy center neither performs nor refers for abortion, she still agreed to stay for counseling. Nancy explains how this young woman’s pregnancy was difficult. But ultimately, “She accepted the Lord, tried to reconcile her marriage. . . . and chose to carry her baby.” By God’s grace, what began as a mere “procedure” — an ultrasound — became new life in Christ and a precious child.

The ministry of Care Net was vital in all of this, and Nancy is honored to play her lifesaving role. “Sometimes you have a goal which is to see the child’s life. But you are also healing wounds and healing hearts.”

Political Football: Obama Expected to Reverse Bush Protections for Pro-Life Health Care Workers

Shortly before leaving office, President Bush enacted regulations protecting conscience rights of doctors, nurses, and health care workers morally opposed to abortion. Now, President Obama has moved to reverse the policy.

This leaves medical professionals who object to abortions in a vulnerable position. They could be forced to help patients end pregnancies with abortion — whether in the form of drugs like RU-486, referring the procedure, or carrying it out — or face repercussions.

While this news was unsurprisingly welcomed by Planned Parenthood — the abortion giant had already filed multiple lawsuits against the conscience-protecting regulations — Care Net president Melinda Delahoyde was alarmed. “If pro-life doctors and nurses are required to help patients obtain abortions, many of them will leave the field.” She warned, “Because Care Net relies on a broad network of medical professionals to serve as volunteers at our pregnancy centers, this may threaten our long-term ability to provide services women have come to depend on, like ultrasounds.”

“And ultimately,” Delahoyde concluded, “without pregnancy center services such as limited obstetrical ultrasounds, abortion rates will increase.”



Who is Really “Scaring” Women?

A special web page devoted to “exposing” pregnancy centers on Planned Parenthood’s website warns: “[B]eware of so-called ‘pregnancy centers’. . . They have a history of **scaring** women into not having abortions.” (emphasis added)

But who is really guilty of “scaring” women? A new online questionnaire from the nation’s largest abortion provider suggests fear may be a prime motivating factor in their efforts to attract customers.

The questionnaire is supposedly designed to help teens and older women determine if they need to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases. It asks a series of questions about their sexual behavior, health, and testing.

However, participants who provide answers consistent with monogamous behavior *are still urged to get tested for HIV!* Then, a link to nearby Planned Parenthood clinics is offered, where women can pay to receive the recommended test.

This questionnaire is just one more example of Planned Parenthood’s reckless willingness to take almost any action that increases its bottom line.

Teens Use Cattle Meds for Abortions

What Anna Anderson heard shocked her: one of her teenage clients was admitting that she took powerful drugs intended to regulate cow hormonal cycles to self-induce an abortion. Not only that, but other girls were doing it, too.

Anderson is the executive director of a Care Net pregnancy center in rural Wisconsin. She immediately warned state authorities, local school officials, and media about the dangerous trend. Anderson says, “There’s no doubt that [these drugs] will effectively take a baby’s life. Ultimately, what these girls aren’t realizing is that it could be deadly to them.”

While Anderson’s alarm prompted official warnings from the American Veterinary Medical Association and American Animal Hospital Association, much of the community remains skeptical. That’s at least partially understandable, because client privacy rights prevent Anderson from revealing the names of any of the girls publicly.

Unfortunately, in these types of cases the danger never receives sustained attention unless someone is seriously harmed from the drugs. We pray that won’t happen.





Planned Parenthood's Annual Public Bailout

In its most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood revealed another stunning increase in taxpayer funding for its abortion business, which has now reached \$350 million. This annual public “bailout” — which increased throughout the Bush years — helped the abortion giant raise more than \$1 billion in gross revenue for the second year running.

With the election of President Obama, it's virtually certain these government handouts will continue to increase in the years ahead.

Sadly, the nation's largest provider of abortions also announced that it had ended a record number of pregnancies: 305, 310. That is an increase of more than 15,500 in the last year, and represents roughly one out of every four abortions in America.

In stark contrast is the tiny number of adoption referrals at Planned Parenthood clinics: just 4,912.

Russian Officials Order “Week Without Abortion”

Desperate to reverse the nation's plummeting population, Russian officials in the city of Novorossiysk sponsored an official “week without abortion.” Doctors do not perform abortions, and the population is encouraged to have children.

Other public activities — including pro-life movies at universities and public resources for pregnant women — all aim to help women make life-affirming decisions.

Tragically, it may be “too little, too late” for the dying nation. UN officials recently warned that Russia's population — currently estimated at over 140 million — could decline by one third in the next forty years.

Abortion isn't the only problem. High degrees of alcoholism and other lifestyle choices are contributing to this decline, too. However, there are routinely more abortions than live births in Russia. In fact, almost 70% of pregnancies end in abortion despite public assistance for women who give birth and an official “child making” holiday.



Not Again! Planned Parenthood Caught Protecting Statutory Rapists

Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Overland Park, Kansas, already in the middle of a serious investigation for performing banned third-trimester abortions is in the news again — this time, for disregarding laws that protect minors from statutory rapists.

When a woman posing as a 14-year-old called the clinic to express concern she was pregnant, a staff member suggested she take a pregnancy test. Told that the father-to-be is 23 years old — indicating sexual activity that is illegal in Kansas — the staffer says the father can buy birth control without the girl's parents finding out, essentially aiding future law-breaking, too.

Protecting statutory rapists is nothing new for Planned Parenthood. Clinics in Tennessee, Indiana, California, Ohio, Arizona, and other locations have all been caught covering up statutory rape. The question remains: when will they be held accountable?

This type of reckless behavior makes clear why Planned Parenthood adamantly opposes laws that restrict abortion to minors, or that require parental involvement. This illegal behavior will continue until elected leaders get serious about punishing it, instead of rewarding it with ever-greater amounts of taxpayer funding.

Winning

*The Pro-Life Community Wins
Every Time a Child's Life is Saved ...*

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by Cal Thomas

The Supreme Court issued the *Roe v. Wade* decision when I was a young reporter at NBC News in Washington. At the time, I didn't think it significant enough to lead the newscast.

As my faith as a Christian deepened and I began to see the impact of that decision (and its companion case, *Doe vs. Bolton*) I came to realize the attack was on all human life at all stages. And I understood it to represent something far deeper: a desire by Man to be his own god and to abandon all moral boundaries because of his love for materialism and pleasure.

Culture reflects priorities. If a nation forgets God and makes pleasure and things the focus of its attention (In Dow we trust, not in God), culture will reflect that. But those who are pro-life and Christian can exercise a saving influence that serves as a counter force for good.

Make Abortion Rare? That's Up to Us

That grows more important every day, because the Obama Administration — like the Clinton Administration before them — will do nothing to make abortions “rare” as both claimed they want to do. (And by the way, why make them rare if what is being killed is anything but a human life?)

Even so, the good news is that no one has to wait for Washington to act. People can save babies (and

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souls) now in their own communities. Truth is a powerful force, and when abortion-minded women are told and shown the truth (for example, through sonograms), most choose life. Pro-life victories will be won from the bottom-up, not the top-down.

“The pregnancy centers are the key component in saving lives in an anti-life environment. They are the Underground Railroad, or the hiding of Jews from the Nazis movement of our time.”

In more than 30 years of speaking to pregnancy help centers and other pro-life groups, I have yet to discover a single person in this work who is not involved for the most noble and selfless purposes. Pro-lifers are the most caring individuals I have ever known and are nothing like the stereotypes the “pro-choicers” use to portray them.

Pregnancy Centers Must Lead

The pregnancy centers are the key component in saving lives in an anti-life environment. They are the Underground Railroad of the Nineteenth Century that helped slaves escape from their cruel masters, or they are like those in the 1940s who hid Jews from the Nazis. In 1973, few of these centers existed. Since then, thousands have sprung up and some are saving hundreds of lives every year and leading many women (and men) to Christ.

Every life saved is important and a branch of the family tree that will not be cut off.

Pro-life Americans can be confident that any money, time or goods donated to Care Net and any pregnancy center affiliated with it will be used in accordance with biblical principles. No organization is more transparent and more worthy of your support than Care Net.

I know these people. I have spoken for many of their affiliated pregnancy centers. There just are not any better pro-life organizations.



September 9 – 12, Care Net will host its 2009 National Pregnancy Center Conference in Baltimore. Pregnancy center staff, volunteers, and supporters are invited to attend what has become one of the most important annual pro-life events.

“This conference is a great opportunity for any person looking to take their participation in the pro-life movement to the next level,” says Care Net president Melinda Delahoyde. “Together, we can help strengthen the sanctity of life at a challenging time.”

To register or learn more, please visit www.care-net.org/events/conference/index.php.



They have the law. We have the Truth ...

Care Net launched the *Inspire Life* campaign to protect and strengthen the sanctity of life at a time when abortion advocates hold every seat of federal power.

As the White House dedicates more and more government funding to resources aligned with Planned Parenthood's agenda, Care Net needs the pro-life community to lift us up in prayer and support our ministry of life.

Inspire Life is entirely apolitical and nonpartisan, and seeks to change hearts, not laws. By God's grace, with your prayers and support, we truly can inspire life. Learn more or give a lifesaving gift at www.inspirelifeforlife.org. Look us up on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.



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