

Roe v. Wade: 40 years . . . 55 million babies

Taking a Stand and FIGHTING FOR LIFE!

With the stroke of a pen on January 22, 1973, U.S. Supreme Court justices signed a death warrant for 55 million unborn children and counting. The *Roe v. Wade* court decision opened the floodgate for legalized abortion in America.

As we approach the 40th anniversary of that tragic case, it is hard not to think of the almost 55 million children who have been legally killed in the past four decades. Claire's baby was one of them.

GUILT OF THE PAST

At just 17, Claire was frightened and alone when she found out she was pregnant. She didn't know what to do and didn't think she had anywhere to turn. Claire **believed the lie that abortion was her only option.**

"I struggle daily with the guilt and pain of that decision," Claire says.

Claire tried to move on with her life. She married and later gave birth to two great children. Now, years later, Claire finds herself confronted with the same fear she faced as a teen . . . an unwanted pregnancy.

"We are under a lot of financial stress," Claire says. "We have an older home we are trying to repair, limited finances, and two children."

ANOTHER HARD DECISION

Even though she struggled with the pain of it all, Claire thought that once again abortion might be her only option. "I don't think I could handle another abortion, but what else can I do?"

This time, Claire called Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line for answers. She was not alone!

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



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How you can join the fight to save lives and heal hearts! >>>

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Your support empowers women to choose life!

Our Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) was created to reach abortion-determined women like Claire through communication channels they are most comfortable with — emails, online chats, and phone calls.

Our highly trained Pregnancy Decision Line coaches connect with more than 450 women each week. They provide frightened and confused women like Claire with encouragement and truth about their unborn babies.

After calling PDL, Claire and her husband decided to trust God with their finances and choose life for their baby! Claire was also referred to her local pregnancy center for resources and post-abortion support.

Rather than look back at her mistakes, Care Net is helping Claire look ahead to LIFE!

CHOOSING LIFE

What better way to take a stand for unborn children who have lost their lives in the past 40 years than to fight to save lives and heal hearts NOW? That is exactly what Care Net is doing thanks to your prayers and support.

But we need your help.

Our Pregnancy Decision Line is already working at full capacity. Your support will empower us to reach even more women during their hour of decision with truth and hope. Your gifts and prayers will also keep Care Net's network of more than 1,170 pregnancy centers providing one-on-one ministry to more than 380,000 women annually.



You helped save Jenna's baby!

Jenna was only a few weeks pregnant when she called Pregnancy Decision Line. A college student, Jenna was worried that she would have to quit school and couldn't afford to keep the baby. But after talking with one of our PDL coaches, Jenna decided to have an ultrasound.

"When I saw my baby, I know I couldn't go through with an abortion," she says.

You helped save the life of Jenna's baby! Your continued support will help save even more unborn children and their mothers.

New CEO to lead Care Net!

Care Net's Board of Directors has named Roland C. Warren to serve as Care Net's new CEO. He is already working in his new role. After five years of faithful service in the role of President, Melinda Delahoyde will step down in March, 2013. Roland and Melinda will be working closely over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition.



Roland C. Warren

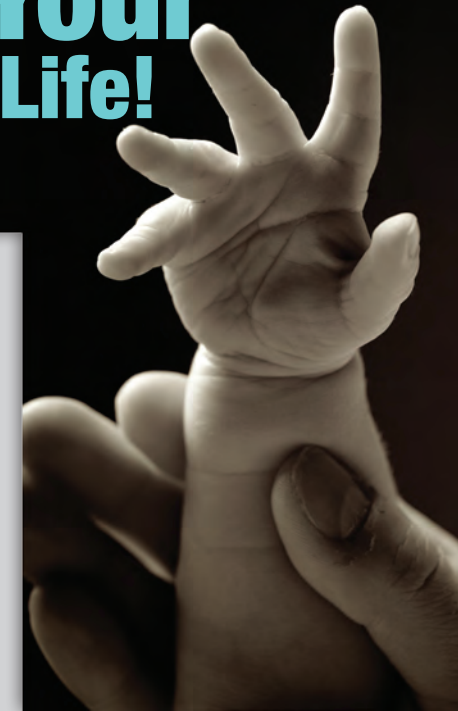
"Care Net is organizationally and financially secure. During the past five years, God has given us new and innovative programs to reach abortion-determined women. In essence, my goals for Care Net have been accomplished and it is time for me to step down," Melinda says. "I hope you all know what a joy it has been to work with all of you. Truly, you are my heroes."

During Roland's tenure at National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), he worked closely with Care Net to reach fathers. Roland has also been a keynote speaker at Care Net's national conference and many Care Net pregnancy center banquets.

But, most importantly, Roland has a very personal commitment to the pro-life cause. He and his wife Yvette, who serves as a board member for the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick, MD, faced a crisis pregnancy when they were in their late teens. By God's grace, they married — and have been happily married for over 30 years — and chose life for their son, Jamin.

We thank Melinda for her service, wish her the best, and welcome Roland to the Care Net family!

Raise Your Hand for Life!



After 40 years of silenced cries from unborn children, we have an opportunity like never before to speak for them. Care Net is asking you to speak out for babies whose lives are on the line NOW! Join our nationwide campaign to *Raise Your Hand for Life!*

When you Raise Your Hand for Life, you're joining Care Net in the fight for life by:

- Being there in a woman's hour of decision through our Pregnancy Decision Line
- Opening pregnancy center ministries in urban areas — where most abortions happen
- Strengthening our network of pregnancy centers which serve more than 380,000 clients every year

Moral victories begin when courageous people band together to accomplish real change. Join *Raise Your Hand for Life*, and together we'll be a prominent national influence in the battle for life. Speak out on behalf of those who cannot!

3 WAYS YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND FOR LIFE

PRAY for Care Net, for our network of more than 1,170 pregnancy centers, for the women and men we serve.

VOLUNTEER at your local pregnancy center.

GIVE a gift to support Care Net today. God will use your support to help reach women in crisis through Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line and pregnancy centers.

Stay connected to Care Net and all the ways you can Raise Your Hand for Life by following us on Facebook and Twitter (@inspirelifeflow).



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Thanks to the gifts of friends like you, New Pregnancy Center Opens in Richmond!

In a city with about an overall 48.5 percent abortion rate — and an abortion rate of 63% among African Americans — the people of Richmond, VA, needed an option for life. That is exactly what they got this fall when a diverse community effort resulted in the opening of a brand new Care Net pregnancy center in the inner city.

"People were using abortion instead of birth control," says Esther Brooks, Director of the East End Pregnancy Test and Help Center. "They just do not realize the truth of the fact that abortions are actually killing babies. We hear things like, 'it was just a clump of tissue.' They need to hear the truth that there are other options out there."

Esther says that many women, especially in the inner city, are afraid when facing an unplanned pregnancy. "A lot of times, they are looking for a safe place to go where they can talk to someone and plan out all the different options that are available to them," she says. "Our goal is to be that place where they can come and talk to someone who will love them and support them, be compassionate and offer practical answers."

From free pregnancy tests to counseling sessions and medical and social service referrals, the new pregnancy center is a place of compassionate action.

Every gift that touches a life makes a big difference. "It is not just about one person," says Esther. "It is about our community, our city, our state, and even our nation. If we work together, everyone will be impacted."

This is the type of impact you are making with your prayers and gifts of support for Care Net. Thank you!

Raise Your Hand for Life . . .



In all my years fighting for life, this is one of the most exciting times to be on the frontlines!

We recently returned from Care Net's 15th National Pregnancy Center Conference, *Raise Your Hand for Life*, where more than 400 men and women

joined for a special day-long prayer rally. Together, we prayed for an end to abortion in America and committed ourselves to taking positive, life-affirming steps to decrease abortions in our communities.

Prayer changes things! And I want to give you an opportunity to join us in not only praying for an end to abortion, but also to take practical steps in saving lives and healing hearts. Read more about how you can make a difference by *Raising Your Hand for Life* on Page 3.

This type of action is more critical than ever as we approach the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* on January 22. This tragic Supreme Court case legalized abortion across the country. More than 55 million unborn children have paid the price for that decision with their lives. But through your gifts and support — you can raise your hand for life NOW!

Rather than focusing on the painful impact of *Roe v. Wade*, this issue of *Caring Together* offers some ways you can join us in fighting for life. Read about our national campaign called *Raise Your Hand for Life*, our 40-day prayer commitment, and more!

You can also read how your support and prayers are touching lives like Claire (Page 1) and Carrie (Page 4) through our Pregnancy Decision Line and our pregnancy centers.

I look forward to a year of saving lives alongside these dedicated workers and generous friends like you.

Melinda W. Delahoyde



“My mom chose life for me. Why not for my baby?”

Carrie didn't know what to do. And the person she trusted most wanted to end her baby's life.

The bewildered teen was torn, confused. When she found out she was pregnant, she had turned to her mom for help. But her mom told her to get an abortion. Carrie couldn't believe what she was hearing!

“I don't understand . . . my mom chose life for me. Why not for my baby?” Carrie wanted to give her baby a chance at life, but she didn't know if she could continue without her mom by her side.

She was afraid and had so many questions. That is when Carrie turned to Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line.

One of our pregnancy coaches encouraged Carrie to sit down and talk with her mother about why she wanted to choose life for her baby. Carrie's heartfelt conversation with her mother was a success!

The pregnancy coach referred them to one of Care Net's pregnancy centers for further support, encouragement, and guidance.

“I'm so thankful that I had someone to talk to and share my heart with,” Carrie says.

Because of your generous giving, Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line and pregnancy centers are there to encourage and support frightened young mothers like Carrie.

Help reach even more hurting mothers in 2013!

Care Net is poised to save more lives than ever before. God has blessed us with innovative, cutting-edge tools to provide abortion-determined women with truth and hope.

Our **Pregnancy Decision Line** — reaching over 450 women weekly — is already operating at full capacity. More than 380,000 women will flood into our **Pregnancy Centers** in 2013!

We must keep up with the demand and be ready to reach even more frightened women facing unplanned pregnancies. That is why I'm asking for your immediate action.



We need your help to start the year strong and get ready to save more unborn children in 2013. Please **Raise Your Hand for Life** by giving generously today. Thank you.

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