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In September, Care Net announced an exciting Challenge Grant. An exceptionally dedicated pro-life friend challenged our supporters to match his commitment, in order to help us raise a full \$2 million for 2009.

If you haven't responded to this opportunity yet — or if you can even give again — please send a generous gift today to DOUBLE your impact, helping Care Net save more women and children from abortion.

— 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 . . .

When a young woman from southeast Arizona named Tina discovered she was pregnant, she was shaken to the core.

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.

As she drove home through the Arizona desert, she realized she could never terminate her pregnancy. Even though her boyfriend would be very angry, she would choose life.

It wasn't easy. Tina recalls how “I cried tears of panic because I had no knowledge of how to raise



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

a child.” Yet she cried harder still because she came so close to choosing abortion: “I had been so selfish to consider refusing this miracle that God had chosen for me.”

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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 important decision of my life . . .” Though being a single mom isn’t *easy*, Tina is so thankful for the

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

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.

Life in America — By the Numbers

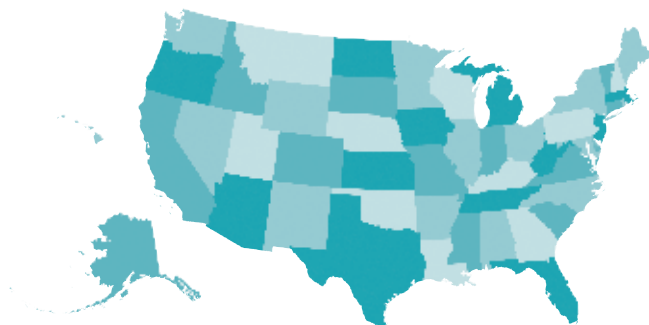
Care Net sees encouraging statistics in restoring the sanctity of life

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 1 million teens** with the truth about abstinence.
- **Ministered to more than 340,000 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 19,000 clients made the life-changing decision** to follow or renew their commitment to Christ — the most important decision of all!

These encouraging annual statistics from 2006 are possible because of generous friends like you who invest in Care Net. Thank you!



Care Net and our network of more than 1,100 pregnancy centers offer hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies — a ministry *TIME* magazine calls “kind, calm, [and] nonjudgmental.”

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Almost Here

On January 18, 2009, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) will again commemorate the immeasurable value of human life. The day is always held on the Sunday in January that falls closest to the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

SOHLS began in 1983, when President Ronald Reagan agreed to our request to create a special day to focus on the fundamental right to life — recognized by America’s Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence.

Every year, more and more churches join in the event with prayer and other activities to emphasize support for the right to life in America. If you are interested in helping promote SOHLS at your church, please email sohls@care-net.org or call 205-979-7909.



Message from the President

Melinda Delahoyde

An Updated Tagline for a Life

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

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.

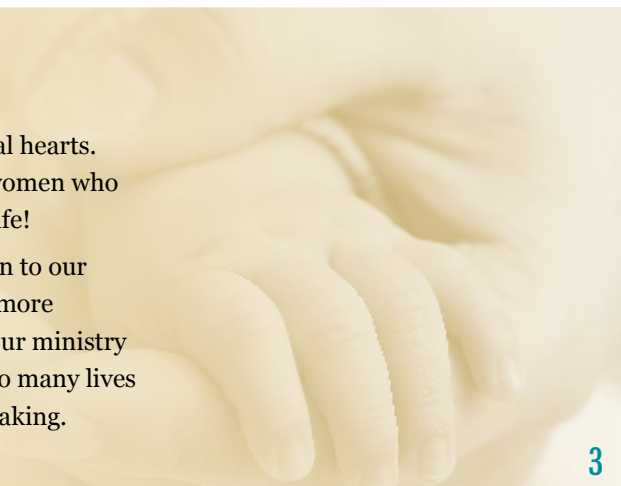
fulfilling Purpose

... ministering to them with the absolute highest level 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 more than 90% of women who visit a 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.



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.

How You Can Double Your Gift to Save Precious Lives

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



Your gift — doubled in impact by the \$2 Million Challenge Grant — helps Care Net reach women struggling with unplanned pregnancies before Planned Parenthood.

affirming alternatives to abortion. Yet our task is made difficult because Planned Parenthood has support from the media, many politicians, and over \$1 billion in annual revenue.

You can help Care Net close the gap — but we urgently need your help *now!* An extremely generous friend with a heart for the unborn has provided us with a \$2 Million Challenge Grant. He’s agreed to double the impact of your gift before December 31 with funds from the Grant.

Please help us seize this opportunity by returning your generous gift today. Doubled in impact by the Challenge Grant, you will do so much good helping us restore the sanctity of life in America.



How Gifts of Stock Can Save Lives — and Taxes for Yourself

An additional and effective way you can help Care Net save restore the sanctity of life in America — and secure substantial tax savings for yourself — is by making a gift of stock.

If you are in a position to make this type of gift, please call 1.800.518.7909. Or you can transfer stock electronically, by having your broker wire the transfer to Wachovia Securities, DTC # 0201 for credit to Care Net, account # 2025-5803, Federal id# 54-1382723.



To DOUBLE your gift, please send your contribution today along with the enclosed reply slip. Thank you!

Four powerful ways to help

CARE NET SAVE LIVES

As 2008 rapidly draws to a close, there are a variety of ways you can continue helping Care Net save women and children from abortion:

- **Donate now!** Give by December 31 and your contribution will be doubled in impact by the \$2 Million Challenge Grant.
- **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.