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OPEN ARMS!

How your gifts turned isolation into hope!

This wasn't supposed to happen to Ursula.

She had been going to church her whole life. She knew God. And yet . . . it happened. Ursula was pregnant.

At 21, Ursula had just ended a bad relationship and was hoping to get her life back on the right track. Instead, she returned home in shame.

"I felt like I lost everything I had," Ursula says. "I lost hope. This was not the way life was supposed to be happening for me."

Unexpected response

The one place Ursula hoped to find grace was at her home church. But even that didn't turn out the way she thought it would.

"I was scared of being rejected," Ursula remembers. "I was upset. I was depressed. I was a mess. Going to church just made it worse."

Too often, women and men facing unplanned pregnancies are making the most crucial decision of their lives—whether or not to choose life for their unborn son or daughter—and they feel utterly alone.

That's why Ursula turned to Care Net for help.

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Finding help and hope

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She called her local Care Net pregnancy center and they welcomed her with open arms.

“They called me back and asked if I would come in and talk,” she remembers. “And I’ve been in love ever since.”

Ursula says from the moment she walked into the pregnancy center, she felt that they cared. “They were sweet, nice, and loving. They don’t judge; they just love on you.”

With support from the staff and resources of the pregnancy center, Ursula chose life. Today, she’s all smiles as she talks about little Arielle, who just turned one.

“She has propelled my life into a whole other dimension,” Ursula says.

Investing in the future

Ursula’s relationship with Care Net’s pregnancy center didn’t end with Arielle’s birth. When the team found out Ursula’s car was on its last “wheels,” they connected

her with someone willing to bless the new mother with a new car.

The team at the Pregnancy Care Center of MHC in Martinsville, VA, led by executive director Janice Gaylean, also helped Ursula apply for and receive a four-year scholarship through Care Net to Regent University to further her education.

The excited mother says she’s never been happier in her church home and cannot wait to begin making a better future for her daughter.

Ursula says, “The scholarship is an amazing blessing! I used to say things like ‘this only happens on television.’ However, now I know that things like this can happen to anyone and God can do even greater things.”

Your prayers and support of Care Net help our pregnancy centers welcome mothers and fathers with open arms, giving them the resources and encouragement to CHOOSE LIFE! Please give your best today. Thank you.



Ursula Penn receiving a four-year scholarship to Regent University at the Care Net National Pregnancy Center Conference in 2012. L-R: Executive Director of Enrollment Marketing & Corporate Relations at Regent University, David Proffitt; Ursula Penn holding Arielle; PCC of MHC Executive Director Janice Gaylean; Care Net VP of Center Services and Client Care Cindy Hopkins.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU!

We want to thank all who attended the 2013 Care Net National Pregnancy Center Conference last month in Colorado. It was an exciting time to network and share all that is happening across the country as friends like you join the FIGHT FOR LIFE! We were blessed by special guests Rick Santorum and Anne Beiler, Founder of Auntie Anne’s.

“What choice do I have?”

Annie* was out of choices.

A senior in high school when her parents found out she was pregnant, they made an appointment for an abortion.

“What choice do I have?” Annie wondered. “My parents say they cannot afford to take care of a baby. I can’t do it on my own.”

End of story . . . almost.

Annie’s boyfriend did not want her to go through with the abortion. He called Care Net’s Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) to find out what he could do. Our pregnancy coach counseled the young man about their options and helped him develop a plan to talk to Annie and her parents.

Equipped with information, the brave father sat down with Annie’s parents. In the end, they chose life for the baby!

Your generous support helped empower the frightened young parents and save the life of the child. Thank you.

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



FIGHT FOR LIFE as one of our *Caring Partners!*

Our *Caring Partners* are a faithful group of generous people that stands shoulder-to-shoulder with Care Net on the front lines in the fight for life through a monthly gift of support.

And right now, we need help more than ever! For the sake of unborn children and their parents, we must keep our Pregnancy Decision Line open and continue supporting our pregnancy centers—offering truth, compassion, and hope for women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Amazingly, just \$1 a day can help save unborn babies’ lives!

That is why I’m praying that you will make a monthly commitment of \$30 or more today as a *Caring Partner* to save lives and heal hearts.

If you want to support Care Net monthly as a *Caring Partner*, just mark your decision on the enclosed response and return it with your first monthly gift. Or visit our website at Care-Net.org and click on ‘Give Monthly’. Thank you!



As a *Caring Partner*, you will receive some special benefits in the coming year, including:

- Exclusive quarterly reports
- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- A monthly letter with special updates on how your support is saving lives
- A monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- Invitations to special partner events
- And, MOST IMPORTANTLY, the knowledge that you are saving lives!

2 Men . . . 1 Reaction

Zacchaeus and Nicodemus could not have been more different.

Zacchaeus was a man short in stature and shorter in esteem. A wealthy tax collector, he was despised by his people (Luke 19). On the other hand, Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees, a Jewish leader, one of Christ's own brethren (John 3).

Zacchaeus climbed in a tree to see Jesus, curious and unashamed in his sin. Nicodemus hid his uncertainty under the cover of night.

Jesus could have shunned Zacchaeus for his brazen attitude and lifestyle. He could have also turned his back on Nicodemus.

But Jesus did neither. He welcomed each one with open arms. I believe that is what we must do as well.

In the fight for life, we will come in contact with those who face unexpected pregnancies as a result of lifestyles we would never choose. Others in our own church families may face the same heartbreaking dilemma. I pray that God's compassion reaches through us to both.

That is why your prayers and gifts are so critical. Women and men facing the most critical decision of their lives need your compassion. They need your encouragement. They need you to stand with them as they CHOOSE LIFE.

Please continue to give so that our Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) and our Care Net pregnancy centers can be there for those facing unplanned pregnancies in their hour of greatest need.



Roland C. Warren
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Care Net

\$120,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITY

Help extend Christ's arms of compassion to **TWICE** as many frightened parents and their unborn babies!

Jesus Christ never looked at a person he didn't love. He never saw a need without compassion.

Your support and prayers empower our Care Net pregnancy centers and Pregnancy Decision Line to follow this example. The women and men who seek out our more than 1,150 pregnancy centers across the country may feel dejected or abandoned.

But your gift today will let them know someone cares. And, because of the \$120,000 Matching Challenge, issued by some generous friends of Care Net, your gift today will also be DOUBLED!



Your gift will help us provide resources for pregnancy centers to offer compassionate care and hope to **TWICE** as many parents and their unborn children. Your support will also help keep our Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) reaching out to **TWICE** as many abortion-determined women and men through emails, phone calls, and Internet live chats.

Please give your best—especially now when your generosity will be DOUBLED to help save the lives of TWICE as many unborn children and bring encouragement and comfort to their frightened parents.

Stay connected to Care Net and all the ways you can *Raise Your Hand for Life* by following us on Facebook (facebook.com/carenet) and Twitter (@[inspirelifeflow](https://twitter.com/inspirelifeflow)).



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