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."

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.

UNEXPECTED RESPONSE

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.

Your gift will help us extend Christ’s arms of compassion to TWICE as many frightened parents and their unborn babies!

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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.

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.

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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.

“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.

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

“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!

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