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You're Invited!

Care Net's 2009
National Pregnancy Center
Conference is coming to
Baltimore. **We hope you
join us!**

September 9 – 12,
pregnancy center staff,
volunteers, and supporters
will gather to expand and
refine our vision to save
unborn lives and worship
the Lord.

This fun, encouraging
event is one of the best
ways you can take your
participation in the pro-
life community to the
next level.

To register or
learn more, please visit
www.care-net.org.

Erica's Story

Life Made Her Stronger

Erica was frightened when she learned she was pregnant. What would her parents say? What if they wouldn't help? How could she raise a child? Clearly, abortion was her "best" option . . . until God brought her to a Care Net pregnancy center.

Erica was in high school when she learned she was pregnant — and she was scared to death.

"I thought my parents would go crazy and not help me," she remembers. When she discussed her options with her boyfriend, they agreed "abortion was the easiest way out."

Before she made the appointment to terminate her pregnancy, a friend told Erica about a Care Net pregnancy center. She decided to go.

Hope Begins to Overcome Fear

At the pregnancy center, Erica met with a caring woman named Patty who had also experienced an unplanned pregnancy. Patty remembers that Erica was "scared like a deer in headlights" on her first visit. But as they discussed the physical and emotional consequences of abortion, they really connected. With prayer, Erica's perspective began to change.

Soon, the pregnancy was revealed to her parents. To Erica's delight, they were supportive.



Erica with her son Christian. She says that if she had not learned about the Care Net pregnancy center, "I would have gotten an abortion."

Her father urged her to choose life. *Erica's fears were melting away.*

However, certain doubts still remained . . . until she visited her pregnancy center for an ultrasound. That event convinced her 100% to

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choose life. She remembers, “When we heard the heartbeat and then saw him [her son] moving, we said that we can’t [end the pregnancy with abortion]. It’s impossible.”

God Used Erica’s Child to Change Her Life

Today, Erica has a precious son named Christian.

Becoming a mother has had an incredibly positive impact on her life, despite difficult circumstances. She says, “It’s made me stronger. It made me closer to my family. It’s brought us a lot closer to God.”

For young women struggling with unplanned pregnancies, Erica offers this sage advice: “[T]urn to God . . . Without him, I wouldn’t be able to do anything.”

Praise God with us! Your prayers and support make stories like Erica’s possible.

Join Care Net Online

If you’re on **Facebook**, Care Net has two great options to help you connect with the pro-life community. First, **become a fan** of our ministry and you’ll receive our updates automatically to your Facebook homepage. Or, **join our group** to share your ideas and opinions in our forum. Help grow the movement by inviting your friends to join too.

We also have a **YouTube** channel. Watch messages from Care Net, and see powerful videos on women who, in difficult circumstances, chose life.

To join, just visit **www.facebook.com** or **www.youtube.com** and search for Care Net. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fear Fuels Abortion Industry

Every day, 3,300 women end their pregnancies with abortion. Many of them reluctantly make that choice because they believe they have no other realistic option. There are . . .

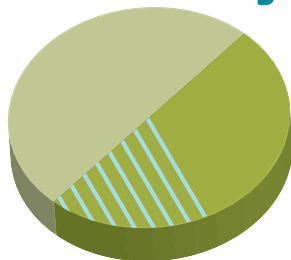
- **Economic reasons:** Many women may fear that a child will condemn them to a lifetime of poverty. They may need to sacrifice careers, education, or other dreams.
- **Social reasons:** The shame of being an unwed mother can lead some women to terminate pregnancies.
- **Family reasons:** Many women report intense pressure to abort from spouses or boyfriends, parents, or other close relatives.

80 percent of post-abortive women say they would have chosen life if they had support they needed during their pregnancy, according to research.

By age 45,

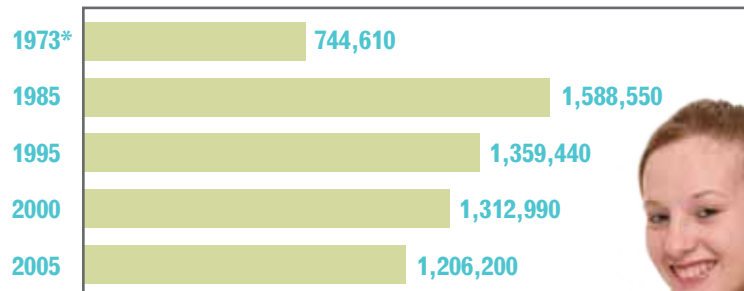
1/3 of American women have ended a pregnancy with abortion.

50% of pregnancies are unplanned
Of these, roughly 40% will end in abortion



With Your Help, Care Net Offers Real Support that Overcomes Fear

Annual Number of Abortions



Praise God for the steady decline of abortions over the past two decades.

*Year *Roe v. Wade* legalizes abortion on demand.

Care Net empowers women to choose life with confidence. Pregnancy centers offer women practical, emotional, and spiritual care they need.

The results are a God-ordained miracle: nine out of ten pregnant women served at a Care Net pregnancy center chose life!

Learn more at www.care-net.org.

“And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”





Do You Know About these Deceptions?

How Planned Parenthood misleads the public . . .

Deception 1: Planned Parenthood has created “front companies” in multiple locations — including Texas, Illinois, Ohio, and Colorado — to mask the secret construction of new abortion clinics.

The Truth: No community wants an abortion clinic.

Deception 2: A number of Planned Parenthood centers are changing their names to more generic-sounding “Health Centers” or “Sexual Health Centers.”

The Truth: One official at a Planned Parenthood clinic admitted they are doing this because their name has “a certain stigma in some communities.”

Deception 3: A new campaign from Planned Parenthood called “Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies” claims to help minority women carry their pregnancies to term.

The Truth: Despite their efforts to enhance their brand image, Planned Parenthood aborted 305,310 children last year . . . while offering only 4,912 adoption referrals.

Who Does Planned Parenthood Fear?

If you visit Planned Parenthood’s website, you’ll quickly discover who *they* fear:

“[B]eware of so-called ‘crisis pregnancy centers’. . . They have a history of scaring women into not having abortions.”

Only in Planned Parenthood’s world could “not having an abortion” be a bad thing. Frankly, I don’t know any woman who regrets choosing life — though countless thousands publicly regret their abortion.

The truth is, Care Net pregnancy centers offer ultrasounds, parenting classes, material assistance, spiritual guidance, and many other services that **empower** women to choose life. It’s nonjudgmental, hope-filled, Christ-centered support that inspires mothers with the confidence they need to carry their pregnancy to term.

By God’s grace, we’re winning: abortions are down 33% from their peak in 1980.

More Lies Scare Women

Let’s look at a few of Planned Parenthood’s other accusations against pregnancy centers:

“[They] teach that sexual expression before marriage is dangerous and has harmful physical, emotional, and social consequences.”

Here are the facts: One in four American female teenagers has a sexually transmitted disease. A study by the *National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy* reported that 77% of sexually active female teenagers wished they waited to have sex. These women are



Message from the President
Melinda Delahoyde

three times more likely to be depressed or to attempt suicide than abstinent peers.

But apparently, none of these are “harmful.”

Here’s another bizarre accusation:

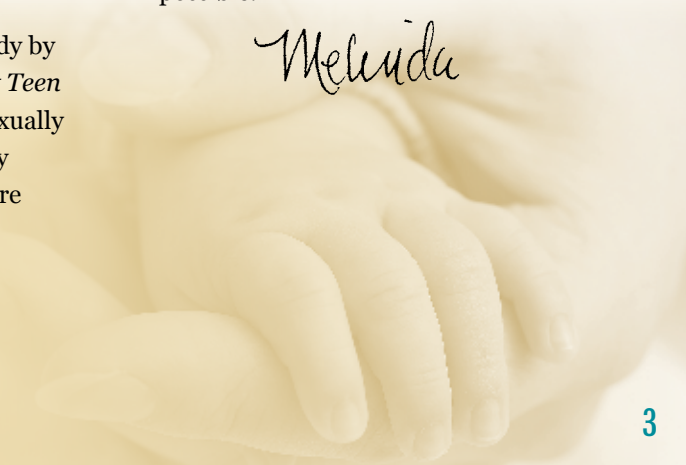
“[They] may try to frighten you with misleading films and pictures to keep you from choosing abortion.”

Only in the world of Planned Parenthood could ultrasound or sonogram pictures be considered “misleading.” Clearly, this organization has a problem with people who use science to defend life.

Giving Women Hope

Thank you for your prayers and support, which help women overcome fear and make this ministry of life possible.

Melinda



Care Net's Most Reliable Friends

In a tough economy like we're facing, stability is difficult to find.

But for pro-life friends who find themselves led to contribute monthly, Care Net is asking them to consider becoming a Caring Partner.

Each month, Caring Partners provide Care Net with an automatic monthly gift from their credit card. That reliable source of income helps Care Net maximize every dollar given, by shrinking administrative and mail costs, and helping us strategically plan for the future.

To learn more about the benefits of becoming a Caring Partner, please visit www.care-net.org or just mark the box on your reply slip requesting additional information and return it in the envelope provided.

Imagine: Your Life's Work Defending Life

You can ensure that women are empowered to choose life when you dedicate a portion of your life's work to Care Net in your will or estate plan. Additionally, a carefully prepared will can:

- Limit your taxes.
- Provide for your family and causes close to your heart.
- Ensure the best possible stewardship of your assets.

For free, no-obligation information about the benefits of estate planning with Care Net, please call **1-800-518-7909**.

What it Takes to Overcome Fear

Every year, more than one million American women terminate pregnancies. Fear is very often the driving force in their decision to abort. But each time it happens, a life made in God's image is lost and a woman is forever changed.

Thanks to your support, Care Net exists to help women overcome fear that leads them to seek abortions. At their darkest hour, we offer them real life that is found only in Jesus Christ. And by God's grace, we can overcome that deadly lie: "it's not really a child yet."

Help Reach Women Before Planned Parenthood Does

Abortion has declined to a 30-year low. According to Gallup's 2009 *Values and Beliefs* survey, "this is the first time a majority of U.S. adults have identified themselves as pro-life since Gallup began asking this question in 1995." Now it's urgent we build on this momentum. Here's how:

- Ensure the Option Line* (**1.800.395.HELP** or www.optionline.org) is *always* available for women. Every month,



trained phone consultants offer 20,000 contacts accurate, life-affirming answers to pregnancy-related questions.

- Build new Care Net pregnancy centers to provide direct ministry to even more women, giving them the spiritual, emotional, and material tools they need to flee abortion.
- Look to continued prayers and support from friends like you to operate this ministry of life. Please continue supporting us if you can — a gift of any size is deeply appreciated, and does so much good.

*Option Line is a joint venture between Care Net and Heartbeat International.



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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.



To save more women and children from abortion, please send your contribution today, along with the enclosed reply slip. Thank you!