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### When Lives Are on the Line. **Pregnancy Decision Line** saving lives when every moment counts!

When our new Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) opened this spring, we knew it would

make a big difference for pregnant women in their hour of decision. But we had no idea how quickly God would use it to save more lives than we dreamed possible!

PDL was created to reach today's generation of abortion determined women through communication channels they are most comfortable with - emails, online chats, text messages, and phone calls.

And it has already been a huge success! Just months after we launched this frontline tool in the fight for life, we are already over capacity! Our lines are flooded with desperate people looking for answers.

### A CHANCE AT LIFE

Our highly trained PDL pregnancy coaches are connecting with more than 450 women each week. That is 450 opportunities to save an unborn child . . . 450 chances to help a woman who is about to make a decision that could haunt her the rest of her life.

Our coaches are working fervently to return text messages and calls as quickly as they can. Every moment a woman waits for the truth about abortion places her baby in greater danger.

From the time most women find out they have an unwanted pregnancy to the time they abort the baby is only 9 days. That includes the time to make the appointment and go to the clinic. In some cases, they could make the decision to end the life of their child within minutes or hours of confirming their pregnancy! That is why we must be easily accessible to women as they make the toughest decision of their lives.

Prayer and encouragement from our pregnancy coaches can be the baby's only hope for survival. It was in Angie's case.

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



### **GRAND OPENING** A SUCCESS!

More than 75 people attended the May 2012 launch of Care Net's brand-new Pregnancy Decision Line center in Texas. The PDL call and contact center focuses on reaching abortion-determined women through calls, text messaging, Internet chat, and other modern communication channels. Since opening this spring, the center has exploded, reaching 450 women each week.

#### **Pregnancy Decision Line:** A Closer Look

- Through the Pregnancy Decision Line, you help reach more than 450 women facing unplanned pregnancies each week.
- The Pregnancy Decision Line's highly trained pregnancy coaches provide truth about abortion and lifesaving options.
- Quick response is the key to the effectiveness of the Pregnancy Decision Line. From the time most women find out they have an unwanted pregnancy to the time they abort the baby is only 9 days.
- Since opening in May of this year, the Pregnancy Decision Line has been deluged by calls, text messages, and emails. In fact, PDL is already operating over capacity!



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# "I can't do this! I can't go through with it!"

Eighteen-year-old Angie\* called our Pregnancy Decision Line in a moment of uncertainty. She had already made the appointment for an abortion.

"I have career goals and plans to make a better life for myself and my future family," Angie confides to our PDL coach over the phone. Angie grew up with a difficult family life and thought having a baby would completely ruin her future. She was also getting a lot of pressure from her boyfriend to have an abortion.

The PDL coach told Angie about the life inside of her and shared some other options. In the following days, our coach followed up with Angie several times. The young woman was a roller coaster of emotions. At one point, overwhelmed and confused, she hung up on the patient coach!

In the end, all the coach could do was pray for Angie. That prayer was enough.

Angie kept her abortion appointment. But when she was being prepped for the procedure, she broke down in tears and asked to see the clinic counselor. At first they denied her request. Then, moments later the counselor walked into her room.

A frightened Angie didn't know what would happen. She didn't want to go through with the abortion, especially after she had heard someone in another room screaming, "I can't do this! I can't go through with it!" The counselor ignored that woman's pleas and approved the abortion.

How could Angie make the counselor understand that she couldn't go through with it either? Was it too late to save her baby's life?

Miraculously, the counselor took one look at a teary-eyed Angie and refused to approve the abortion!

God was at work. Angie now knows that God used her call to the Pregnancy Decision Line that day to save THREE lives . . . hers and her two babies. Angle was pregnant with twins!

#### IN THE TRENCHES

Your prayers and support make a difference for people like Angie and her babies. It is only through the generous gifts of friends like you that our Pregnancy Decision Line can keep up with the overwhelming demand.

Your generosity also helps ensure frantic young mothers have the resources and support they need as they choose life.

Care Net's network of more than 1,100 pregnancy centers provides 1-on-1 ministry to more than 380,000 women annually. From clothes and baby supplies to peer counseling and limited health services, these centers are the life-blood for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

\$250,000 Matching Challenge Grant **DOUBLES your gift to save lives!** December 31 deadline.

And now your gift of support can help rescue TWICE AS MANY **UNBORN BABIES from abortion** through a \$250,000 Matching Challenge Grant. A generous donor has provided the funds to DOUBLE your dollars to help save unwanted babies from death and reach out with hope to hurting women.

Thank you for your continued support of Care Net as we do all that we can to save lives and heal hearts in the trenches of the pro-life battle.

\*Name changed for privacy.



## Reports from the Call Center

Below are just a few of the lives your prayers and support have helped to impact recently. These are quick reports from our busy Pregnancy Decision Line coaches:

"I talked to an 18-year-old high school senior who called bent on abortion. I explained basic prenatal development and how developed her baby was right now. She was amazed. 'I never knew that,' she said. 'I can't abort

"A college student called whose dad had given her the cash to get an abortion. Her boyfriend didn't want her to abort the baby so she called the Pregnancy Decision Line. However, she was really determined to get the abortion. She said I could call her back, but had made up her mind. I prayed for four days for her. When I called her back, she had made a 180-degree turn and decided to keep her baby. She had seen a friend at the mall who was pregnant. The friend didn't know the situation but pulled out an ultrasound picture of her baby. That made the difference. It was an answer to prayer!"

"I had the privilege of leading a caller to understand the gospel, and the caller accepted Christ as her Savior."

### Finding compassion and real help

Martha had not been divorced long when she found out she was pregnant by her boyfriend. She had never felt so alone.

Everyone said she should get an abortion. She listened to them.

But once her baby was gone, Martha's family turned on her. She sank deep into depression.

"I could no longer function through my daily routine," Martha remembers. "I knew I had to aet help."

Martha called the Pregnancy Decision Line and wondered if it was too late for help. She had already aborted her baby. But once our highly trained coach heard the pain in Martha's voice, she knew she had to connect Martha with someone . . . fast.

She put Martha in contact with the local pregnancy center — where she could find support and critical 1-on-1 ministry. When she called Martha later for a follow up, she was almost surprised at the change in her. It was like talking to a different person!

Martha told the coach that she had been meeting with a mentor twice a week at the pregnancy center, and it had already made a tremendous difference.

"I'm so thankful that I called Pregnancy Decision Line," Martha says.



PARTNERSHIP Friends like you, Pregnancy Centers, and Pregnancy

More than 380,000 women and their babies depend on us every year. Across the country, Care Net's 1,170 pregnancy centers offer compassionate support to women facing unwanted pregnancies.

During their darkest hour, women find resources to affirm life. From limited health care services to counseling, education, and baby supplies, our centers can be a lifeline to a woman whose life has been turned upside down.

The incredible impact? 95% of pregnant women who visit a Care Net pregnancy center choose life for their unborn babies!

Now, with the launch of Care Net's brand-new Pregnancy Decision Line, even more women have the chance to choose life for their unborn babies.

The Pregnancy Decision Line receives phone calls, text messages, Internet live chats, and emails from 450 women every week. Each is connected with a pregnancy coach trained to offer life-affirming answers and support. They are then put in contact with the closest pregnancy center for face-to-face ministry. With these two powerful tools, we can impact even more women than ever before.

Your gifts and prayers will help us give many more unborn children the chance at life . . . and keep their mothers from making a decision they will regret for life.

### It is never too late . . . or too early.



I read a news story recently that broke my heart. It was about a pregnant woman who aborted her twin daughters . . . at 20 weeks.

At 20 weeks, a child's arms and legs are well developed. Hair and nails are growing and the baby is moving

around. And the woman refused to consider any life alternative. My heart aches over tragedies like this.

Just as I feel most hopeless, I hear about a young woman who was literally on the table being prepped for an abortion when she decided NOT to go through with it. Her name is Angie and seeds of doubt about abortion were planted when she called our Pregnancy Decision Line. You can read Angie's story on page 2.

These contrasting endings remind me that it is never too late to save a life. And it is never too early to start trying. Our Pregnancy Decision Line was launched this spring with the commitment to reach abortion determined women within days even minutes and hours — after they find out they are pregnant. And it is working! Read more about it on page 1.

With your ongoing prayers and support, our groundbreaking Pregnancy Decision Line can continue to reach women with truth and hope as they face the most incredible decision of their lives.

And here's the best news . . . your gift today will be DOUBLED through a generous \$250,000 Matching Challenge Grant. Every dollar you give will be matched to save the lives of babies through our Pregnancy Decision Line and pregnancy centers. Read more about this miraculous opportunity on page 4.

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**Save Twice as Many!**Your gift will be DOUBLED to save

## unborn babies and heal mothers

Through a special \$250,000 Matching Challenge Grant, your gift to support Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line and Pregnancy Care Centers will be doubled through December 31.

This challenge provides an incredible opportunity as we work to keep up with the overwhelming numbers of frightened women who contact us in their hour of greatest need. Every dollar you share today becomes two to save unborn babies and give healing and hope to their mothers.

Please use the enclosed reply card to mark your gift and return it as soon as possible in the envelope provided.



### Please pray with us!

Care Net thrives on your prayers. According to Psalm 145:18, "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Will you help us pray for the following needs?

- Pray that frightened mothers facing unwanted pregnancies today experience God's peace and truth.
- Pray that our specialized pregnancy coaches will be filled with truth and wisdom.
- Pray that God will use our new Pregnancy Decision Line to reach even more men and women in their hour of decision.
- Pray for the more than 3,000 unborn babies who will be aborted today.
- Pray for the nearly 400,000 women this year who will depend on a Care Net Pregnancy Center for the resources to choose life.
- Pray that the women connecting with PDL and pregnancy centers will accept Christ as their Savior.
- Pray for the financial support to help Care Net reach even more women faced with the hardest decision of their lives.

Thank you again for your prayer support!



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