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## A Familiar Voice

**Because of your support, one life was saved...TWICE.**

Alone, well into the second trimester of her pregnancy and abandoned by her boyfriend, Candis\* felt like her world was falling apart. She desperately needed a safe place to go.

She'd found Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) two months earlier and, after a long conversation with the coach, had chosen life for her baby.

But things had changed. How could she possibly raise a child all alone? Abortion seemed like the quickest solution to her problem.

Candis called the abortion clinic to make an appointment.

Because of the care and compassion offered by our pregnancy decision coaches on every call and in every email, women like Candis find a safe place to ask questions when they turn to PDL. Now determined to end her baby's life, Candis needed someone who would tell her the truth, not sell her something.

And so, she placed another call to the Pregnancy Decision Line.

### NOT A COINCIDENCE

Picking up the phone, the PDL coach recognized Candis' voice immediately. She was the coach who had spoken to Candis before!

Surprised but knowing exactly what was still at stake, she stood in the gap for that precious child again. And she was there for Candis when it truly mattered.

Even as the coach prayed for a way to share hope with the young woman, she carefully explained the details of second trimester abortion procedures and risks,

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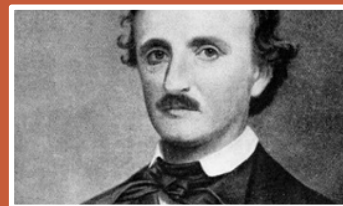
*\*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.*



**A BLESSING IN  
THE MESS**



**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY  
WITH ROLAND WARREN**



**HOW IS PLANNED PARENTHOOD  
LIKE POE?**



which were different since Candis's baby had grown inside her.

With a trembling voice, the mother responded that the details of the procedure were very upsetting. But, as the phone call ended, Candis still intended to go to the abortion clinic.

As she hung up the phone, the pregnancy coach prayed that the seeds from their conversation would take root within Candis, that she would once again choose life.

## COMPASSION, TRUTH, AND HOPE

At our Pregnancy Decision Line, many women and men find a safe place to bring their questions when facing pregnancy decisions. And 9 out of 10 pregnant women who come into our pregnancy centers choose life for their unborn children or have already chosen life and need help supporting that choice.

**Your gift today will help PDL continue offering real-time pregnancy decision coaching in 2016.**

**Several friends of Care Net have gifted us \$185,000 and challenged you to help match it! Together, your gifts will make TWICE the impact and reach TWICE as many women like Candis who feel that abortion is their only option.**

A few days later, the coach called back to follow up. Her heart dropped when Candis revealed that she scheduled

the procedure. The day after they'd spoken, she had gone to the abortion clinic.

But her conversation with the coach did not leave her mind. During the ultrasound, Candis could not bear to look at the screen. In the back of her mind, there was a nagging question. Finally, she asked the doctor the sex of the baby. "It's a boy," the doctor said.

Overwhelmed, Candis broke down into tears. Following the urging of the nurse and doctor, Candis returned home to reconsider her decision.

"I know God spoke to me in that moment," Candis told the coach in a later follow-up conversation. After returning from the clinic, Candis no longer was uncertain about her decision. She knew she was going to keep her baby... *The son she had always wanted.*

Candis described to the coach her realization that God was doing a bigger work in her life than she had expected. Although her boyfriend had left her, God hadn't! Candis still felt alone, but she explained that she thought God was teaching her to be vulnerable and accept help from others.

The coach reaffirmed that God would never want Candis to go through this alone. She encouraged Candis to seek help from her family, who had since eagerly come to her side.

Please pray with us for Candis and her precious boy, and rejoice with us for their future together!

Live Q&A Discussion with  
**Roland Warren**  
CARE NET PRESIDENT & CEO

## TeleForum

Bring your questions. Or simply listen in. Possible topics:

- Care Net's response to Planned Parenthood videos
- Future of pro-life movement
- Engaging the culture

Thursday, November 12

8 – 9 PM EST

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# A Blessing in the Mess

## Because God Doesn't Make Mistakes!



Already a single mom to five kids, Irina was pregnant with her 6th child. She had just left an abusive relationship. She was living in a safe house, she had very little family support, and she wanted no ties left to the man who had fathered her child.

### She thought an abortion would fix everything.

Desperate, she called Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL). Patiently, the PDL Coach listened to her story, took the time to understand Irina's situation, and calmly explained the abortion procedures.

As Irina listened to what would happen to her unborn baby in an abortion, a wave of horror swept over her.

Choking back tears she said, **"I had never thought about how terrible a thing it is to do to a baby!"**

It wasn't at all what Irina expected, and the brutal reality of abortion disturbed her. She began to talk about how God has blessed her with healthy children and she felt that she may be missing out on another blessing if she went through with the abortion.

Pregnancy Decision Line offered Irina support when

everything was falling apart around her, and a place to slow down and think through ALL of the effects an abortion could have on her life. **There are so many more unborn children whose lives hang in the balance this year, so many more parents who need that kind of love and support!**

When Irina emailed the PDL coach a few days later, she had been to a local Care Net pregnancy center to have an ultrasound. She found out that she was further along than she originally thought! She is more certain than ever that she's CHOOSING LIFE for her baby, and now she has the support of her local pregnancy center to get through the challenges ahead of her.

Because of your compassion...Irina isn't in this alone.

Hearing about the abortion procedures from someone who wasn't trying to sell her one helped change her mind. She thanked us for the information, and is looking forward to the blessing of holding her beautiful baby soon.

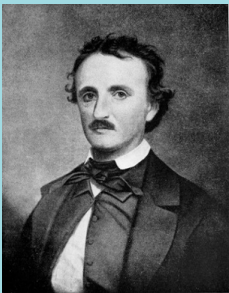
### DOUBLE THE IMPACT

Care Net has some great opportunities to not only save the lives of unborn babies, but also to give help and hope to their parents.

Every day women and men are searching for someone to talk through their pregnancy decision with. Who will it be?

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## Planned Parenthood and its "Tell-Tale Heart" Problem BY ROLAND C. WARREN



In Edgar Allan Poe's classic short story, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, a man murders a vulnerable older man, dismembers his corpse, and hides it beneath the floorboards of the dead man's bedroom.

After the police come to investigate, they sit down in the very room where

the body is hidden. But the murderer begins to hear a sound, which becomes so intense that it drives the murderer to the brink of insanity, causing him cry out to the police officers that it is the sound of the dead man's heart, thumping just beneath them in the floorboards.

Poe's tale has eerie similarities to the latest exposé of the practices of abortion giant, Planned Parenthood.

A series of videos released this summer by the Center for Medical Progress reveals that Planned Parenthood systematically dismembers the bodies of aborted fetuses so they can distribute their parts -- including hearts, lungs, livers, heads, and other tissue -- to buyers.

The legal issues aside, the visceral and moral reaction to these videos has been strong. In the first, Planned Parenthood's National Medical Director casually eats a salad and sips wine while she discusses the gruesome

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Will it be a PDL coach, or an abortionist who is only worried about meeting the quota that month?

**In order to reach more vulnerable parents and save more lives, we need to expand the capacity of our Pregnancy Decision Line and increase the resources available to our affiliated pregnancy centers.** Every time we can expand our hotline's hours means more lives are being saved. We need your support!

details of engineering abortions in order to successfully extract the parts they need from the morning's "menu," all under the deception of "fetal tissue distribution."

Killing, dismembering, and hiding the aftermath – the protagonist of The Tell-Tale Heart would be quite familiar with this narrative.

But now, as in the part of Poe's story when the police come knocking, some, attuned to the cries of the vulnerable, have come knocking on Planned Parenthood's door to investigate. And, as in the story, Planned Parenthood's leadership sits smugly on the corpses of its millions of victims, claiming no wrongdoing.

But the heartbeats are there. Thump...thump...thump...

You see, over 50 million abortions have been performed since Roe v. Wade passed in 1973, over a million per year on average. The heartbeats of those innocent unborn children are beating beneath the floorboards of Planned Parenthood facilities all over the country.

*Thump...thump...thump...*

But, unfortunately this is where the two tales diverge. The murderer of The Tell-Tale Heart was so overcome with anguish and guilt that he confessed. He acknowledged the humanity of his victim and the inhumanity of his act; Planned Parenthood has not done so. Instead of

**And now, several faithful supporters of this vital ministry have stepped forward and given us an incredible gift of \$185,000, but they've challenged YOU to help match that gift. Your gift today will make TWICE the life-saving impact, reaching TWICE as many women considering abortion.**

Thank you for your generous gift today!

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confessing, Planned Parenthood continues to justify the deaths of innocent millions in the name of "choice" and life-saving (whose lives?) medical research.

But the "*thump...thump...thump*" continues unabated.

When will Planned Parenthood respond to the heartbeats? When will they, like the murderer of Poe's tale, cry, "Dissemble no more! I admit the deed!"?

For the sake of the victims of Planned Parenthood's grisly work, I pray that their admission of guilt is only a heartbeat away. Indeed, the beating hearts of millions of unborn babies will continue to sound a troubling tale until they do.



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**Vision Statement:**

Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.

