Complicated
How Your Support Gave One Couple the Gift of a Lifetime

LeighAnne* had just lost a baby. A stillbirth had robbed her of their firstborn, and it was a loss she still felt and mourned. How could she possibly be pregnant again? That’s the situation LeighAnne found herself in, and she needed help. She needed help now.

She searched the Internet for information on pregnancy resource centers in her area. When LeighAnne found Care Net’s Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) website, she immediately called the number listed.

One of our pregnancy decision coaches answered the call, and it was readily apparent that the young woman on the other end of the line was really suffering.

LeighAnne explained to the coach about her first child, and that, when LeighAnne thought she had conceived again, she decided to take the Morning After Pill, thinking it was best.

But God had different plans. The Morning After Pill didn't work, and LeighAnne and the child’s father discovered that LeighAnne was still pregnant.

GOD CLOSES A DOOR… AND OPENS A WINDOW

The pregnancy decision coach happily gave the contact information for a local pregnancy center to LeighAnne… and so much more than what the young expectant mother had bargained for.

As LeighAnne spoke to the PDL coach, she shared how truly shaken she was emotionally, mentally, and physically. Specially trained to share the Gospel in these delicate situations, the PDL coach saw the opening to share the love and hope found in Christ and gently began to turn the discussion towards the spiritual.

LeighAnne had gone to church as a child and knew about Jesus, but she knew that

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*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.
she didn't have a relationship with Him. The pregnancy decision coach boldly shared the Gospel with LeighAnne, told her of the love the Lord had for her, her baby, and her baby’s father... and of the comfort and strength as only He could provide during this complicated time in their lives.

Your support makes these opportunities possible. It provides critical resources and training for Pregnancy Decision Line and our network of 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers, making them an effective and compassionate voice, not only for life, but for God’s Kingdom.

Because of an overwhelming number of client calls going unanswered in 2015, we stepped out in faith and expanded Pregnancy Decision Line’s capacity.

Now facing a budget shortfall, we need your generous, tax-deductible gift today in order to raise $473,000 by June 30th to meet the needs of Pregnancy Decision Line and other critical Care Net initiatives in order to be able to maintain our existing capacity and make even greater strides in the new fiscal year.

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE GOSPEL

After sharing some passages from Scripture, the coach let LeighAnne know that she and her unborn child’s father would find ongoing support they needed at her local pregnancy center.

But, even after they ended their phone call, the parts of God’s word that the PDL coach had shared made a deep and lasting impact on LeighAnne and she found herself transformed. She felt empowered to trust God and to CHOOSE LIFE.

She was so encouraged, that she also shared the scriptures with the father of her child!

From a failed dose of the Morning After Pill to a Pregnancy Decision Line coach ready and able to share the Gospel, the Holy Spirit was moving and preparing LeighAnne for a deeper relationship with Jesus. And a local pregnancy center was ready and waiting to give two frightened parents the ongoing emotional and spiritual support they needed to prepare for the arrival of their new baby.

Your support was able to take this couple from a place of death to an embracing of life... to a mother’s decision for an ABUNDANT LIFE with Christ at its center for herself, her child, and their family.

When the pregnancy decision coach called LeighAnne back to check in, she could tell immediately that this once complicated situation had been transformed! The two parents are trusting God to equip them to be good partners and parents, and joyous to be welcoming their baby into the world.

Thank you for the miracles you make possible at Care Net every day with your support!

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When she learned she was pregnant, Timna* decided to have an abortion. She made her appointment and was ready to follow through on her plan… But things didn’t go according to plan at the clinic.

“I have four kids at home,” the nurse told her. “Each day, they have something to eat and clothes on their backs. Yes, it’s a challenge, but you can do it if I can!” The nurse then turned Timna back around and sent her home.

When Timna called Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) afterwards, she opened up to the PDL coach and admitted she was still fighting depression and profound guilt from a previous abortion. Over the course of several weeks, Timna shared her fears with the coach about the impact a baby could have on her job, her health, and her marriage.

Still unsure about what to do, she went back to the abortion clinic.

But she had an appointment with the same nurse! And that nurse turned her around and sent her home a second time. Still lacking peace, Timna kept speaking to the PDL coach. She was terrified that she would be a horrible mother. But, because of the unlikely interventions by an abortion clinic nurse, the coach had the opportunity to offer Timna the emotional and spiritual support she needed.

With the combined influence of these two, Timna miraculously CHOSE LIFE!

This also gave the baby’s father time to embrace the life he helped create and support his the mother of his child. He found new strength, declaring, “God has given us a second chance.”

When parents considering abortion contact PDL, they find a safe and non-judgmental place to share their feelings and receive a vital message of truth and hope.

Eighty percent of those who contact PDL are actively considering or seeking abortions. And of those callers, 22% are going to choose LIFE after just one interaction with a trained PDL coach. This is the work you make possible.

From PDL, parents can receive referrals to local pregnancy centers for ongoing support and encouragement—sometimes even free ultrasounds—to CHOOSE LIFE. Through PDL and our network of over 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers, over 462,000 lives have been saved over the past seven years alone.

PDL is a critical outreach to those actively considering abortion, and—after being unable to answer a staggering number of calls in 2015—we stepped out in faith to expand PDL’s capacity to reach more vulnerable women and men.

But we need your help immediately.

We need to raise $473,000 by June 30th to sustain this expanded capacity. When every missed call could mean a child’s life, we can’t afford to lose ground!

Please share a generous tax-deductible gift today, and thank you in advance for your valued participation in this life-changing, life-saving ministry!
I’m Not Pro-Life Anymore.

Now that I have your attention . . . please let me explain. I am not pro-life anymore; I am pro abundant life.

In the nearly 4 years I’ve been here at Care Net, God has pressed upon my heart that saving a baby from abortion is just the beginning of our work. As followers of Christ, we have a greater calling to not only protect life, but to promote the abundant life Christ desires for all of us (John 10:10).

So, what does it mean to be pro abundant life? Here is a pledge I would like you to sit down with your family to make:

**The Gospel:** As pro abundant life people, we will celebrate and encourage efforts to help mothers and fathers making pregnancy decisions come to transformative relationships with Jesus Christ.

**Marriage:** As pro abundant life people, we will celebrate and encourage marriage, whenever possible for those facing unplanned pregnancies, as the ideal environment to raise thriving children.

**Fatherhood:** As pro abundant life people, we will celebrate and encourage father involvement during pregnancy decisions and throughout the lives of the children who need them.

**Overturning Roe v Wade in our hearts:** As pro abundant life people, we will minister to women and men facing pregnancy decisions, open our hearts to all of God’s children, and dedicate ourselves to eliminating the desire for abortion, regardless of what the law says.

Will you take this pledge with me? I believe that we can motivate our families, churches, communities, and our whole nation to make the shift from “just” pro-life to pro abundant life. By pursuing with our whole hearts ABUNDANT life, we will see significant progress in ending abortion, spreading the Gospel, and building strong families, all for God’s glory.

But it starts with us. Amen?

Blessings,

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Thank You!

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