A Tale of Two Women
How You Showed That Not All Abortion Stories End the Same

Two women facing unplanned pregnancies. Two unborn lives hanging in the balance of their decisions. One chance to offer compassion, hope, and help before it was too late.

Every day, women and men facing unplanned or unexpectedly complicated pregnancies call our Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) to speak with a trained coach about their pregnancy options. For many of these callers, the voice they hear is the first one to offer them a compassionate response to their situation. Alicia and Belinda were both in need of such a response.

Sadly, only one would learn about PDL in time.

Meet Belinda

When Belinda found out she was pregnant, she made what she thought was the best choice. A devastating choice. She terminated her pregnancy.

About a year after that, Belinda called PDL. She explained that she was struggling in the relationship with her boyfriend and wanted to know what help PDL could offer.

When the coach explained that PDL provides information about pregnancy options, abortion, and carrying the child to term, Belinda began to sob.

Meet Alicia

When she had an abortion, Alicia promised herself that she never would have another.

When she found out she was pregnant again, Alicia’s boyfriend and mother encouraged her to keep the baby. However, another close family member was telling her that a baby was the last thing she needed.

Despite her promise to herself, her relative’s advice was prevailing. Alicia was beginning to think that abortion really was the right choice.

But when she found the number for PDL online, Alicia decided to call to learn more about her options.

*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.
Becoming a Pro Abundant Life Advocate

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT A WOMAN making a decision about an unplanned pregnancy, do you fall into one of two traps? Do you think she makes her decision in isolation? Or have you bought into pro-choice rhetoric that has many of us convinced that her choice is between “her and her doctor”? Don’t worry; you are not alone. But now we have data to tell us what is really going on when a woman makes a pregnancy decision.

Care Net recently conducted a national survey of women who have had abortions and asked them two questions about the key “influencers” in their decisions: “With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination-abortion decision?” and “Which of these was most influential on your decision to terminate the pregnancy?”

The influencer who came out on top for both of these questions was the father of the baby, and several other important influencers emerged in the data. After the father, a woman was most likely to discuss her decision with (and was most influenced by) a medical professional, her own mother, or a friend. “Abortion provider” ranked a distant fifth on both questions. And only 8% of women said they discussed their decision with no one.

As we seek to become pro abundant life people, this information is critical. Let us not be paralyzed by the fear that women only speak to doctors and abortion clinics about their pregnancies. Instead, let us be encouraged by the fact that so many of us can have a life-affirming impact on a woman who is facing a life or death decision.

I pray that you will have the courage and discernment you need to become a voice for abundant life!

For guidance on how to be an effective pro abundant life advocate, check out 10 Things Not to Do When a Woman Says She Wants an Abortion, featured on this newsletter’s cover!

Blessings,

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Her story—and that of her baby—was changed because of it.

While Alicia’s relative was reminding her of all that was against her, the PDL coach helped her see all she had in her favor.

The coach was the voice of encouragement and empowerment that Alicia desperately needed to hear. Grateful to have someone else on her side, Alicia changed her mind.

**Because of your support of PDL, Alicia decided to keep her baby.**

You saved the life of Alicia’s unborn baby and saved Alicia from the devastating consequences of a second abortion through your partnership with Care Net.

Intervening with Post-Abortive Women

Every day, many women and men desperately need a life-affirming influence on their pregnancy decisions. And half of women getting abortions every day have had at least one abortion already.

It’s therefore critical for us to minister to these women and break the spiritual and emotional chains that keep them tied to abortion, and continue reaching out to women and men who think that abortion is their only option.

Our culture, the media, and often their own families speak death rather than life into their situation. Thanks to your financial support, Alicia received the influence she needed to choose life. Unfortunately, for every “Alicia” that reaches PDL there are so many like Belinda who desperately want help, but don’t know PDL exists. Help us reach more women and men vulnerable to abortion before it is too late!

Help us keep saving lives!

This month, we need to raise $422,000 in order to keep our Pregnancy Decision Line open and answering calls, to provide our affiliated pregnancy centers with the most relevant and compelling resources and training, and to continue bringing more churches into vibrant Pro Abundant Life ministry with our Making Life Disciples™ curriculum… so, together, we can keep combatting pro-abortion lies and SAVING LIVES.
The Right to Speak

Kyle called Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) to get information on abortion after finding out his girlfriend, Connie*, was at the end of her first trimester.

Connie had already scheduled an abortion and he had concerns about her health. He also worried she might not be able to have children again. After the PDL coach explained the various abortion procedures and potential risks, Kyle was sure he didn’t want Connie to have the abortion.

But he was also convinced that he had no right to say anything at all to Connie.

Influencing Abortion

When someone purchases a new computer, someone else may do all the research and guide the decision. Time and resources speaking only to the purchaser are limited. Businesses now use “influencer marketing” that recognizes key individuals (friends and family) are part of many purchasing decisions.

You never know when you can point someone to hope, to life, and to Christ! Pregnancy Decision Line is saving and transforming lives, and with these two cards you can connect a parent facing a pregnancy decision with the compassion, help, and hope they need to choose LIFE for their unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision

PREGNANCY DECISION LINE (PDL) is the nation’s only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

We are here for you at 877-791-5475 or pregnancydecisionline.org

When parents considering abortion find Care Net’s Pregnancy Decision Line or one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, you can help ensure that they continue to find compassion, hope, and help every month as one of our Caring Partners!

With your monthly gift, you will receive:

- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional
- Invitations to special partner events

3 Easy Ways to Become a Caring Partner:

1. Select “Make My Gift Monthly” on the enclosed reply slip and return it with your first gift. (Make sure to fill out the back!)
2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/donate-cp
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions? Email us at caringpartners@care-net.org

Thank you!
Abortion decisions aren’t any different.

Much of pro-life “marketing dollars” seek out pregnant mothers to persuade them to choose life. And finding these women before they abort their unborn children and save them from a possible lifelong regret is good! But Care Net’s research revealed that 4 in 10 women indicate the father of the baby was most influential on their abortion decision. The next closest influencer was medical professionals at 26%.

Life-Changing, Life-SAVING Support

On the call with Kyle, the PDL coach compassionately challenged Kyle’s thinking, explaining the possible impact of a supportive father in a mother’s decision. She also reminded him that this was his baby, too, and encouraged him to share his thoughts and feelings with Connie. The Coach also provided a referral to a local pregnancy center and sent some informational brochures.

The next time the PDL Coach connected with Kyle, he shared that Connie had visited the pregnancy center and had CHosen Life.

Because of your support, PDL could “influence the influencer” by providing Kyle with the information and encouragement he needed to engage with Connie about her choice and help save the life of their unborn child. Thank you!