Choosing Life . . . Again
How you were there when Cici’s second child needed you most.

Cici had a problem. She was pregnant and unmarried. While it can be easy to imagine the shame that comes with unwed pregnancy, Cici did not need to imagine it. She had already experienced it. This was not her first unwed pregnancy.

Cici could still remember the whispers, the sideways glances, the way her expanding stomach invited the judgment of friends and family. She had convinced herself that she couldn’t do it again. This time, she would have an abortion and no one would know that she’d made the same mistake.

This time would be different.

How You Helped Change One Mind

When Cici called Care Net’s Pregnancy Decision Line, she only wanted to learn more about her abortion options. The compassionate coach who answered the phone gently asked a few questions to learn more about the young mother’s situation and then patiently listened as Cici explained about the steep pay cut she was facing the following month and her fears about being able to afford another child. After they’d been talking for a while . . . Cici confessed that she was furious at herself for getting pregnant again.

The coach, equipped with the training you helped to provide, began redirecting Cici’s attention from how she was feeling to what she knew. As Cici considered the coach’s questions, she realized that she was torn about what to do with her baby. Abortion seemed easier than facing the criticism that continuing the pregnancy would bring, but she also knew a baby was at stake—her baby.

With the coach’s encouragement, she decided to talk with the baby’s father about her concerns.

A Chance to Be a Dad

As Cici shared her fears with her boyfriend, his demeanor changed. He wanted her to keep their baby. He wanted to support her in her pregnancy. The more he spoke about supporting her and the baby, the more she realized that she could do this. No matter the ridicule, they would bring this baby into the world . . . together.

Cici no longer felt alone.

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TURN YOUR PRO-LIFE PASSION . . . INTO ACTION.

Whether you are new to the pro-life movement, or have been in it for decades, this free course will teach you the real causes of our abortion epidemic and its far-reaching consequences. Most importantly, it doesn’t stop at the problem, but also gives you a new way to turn your pro-life passion into pro-life action.

PRO-LIFE 101

A CARE-NET INITIATIVE

START YOUR FREE 6-WEEK COURSE TODAY!

https://resources.care-net.org/pro-life-101/

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It Takes a Family . . . Not a Village

The African proverb “It takes a village to raise a child” has become a popular mantra in recent years. Everyone from politicians to social commentators uses it to illustrate how important communities are in bringing up our children.

There is certainly some truth to this statement, but unfortunately it is often used in an underhanded way to de-emphasize the importance and sovereignty of the family.

You see, what it really takes to raise a child is a family, not a village. Every village has a “village idiot” that you want to keep your kids away from. In other words, when the village doesn’t have the right values, then the family is a child’s only protection from destructive forces in our culture . . . like forces that often tell us that “abortion is the only option.”

As you read in this issue’s stories, it was ultimately the mothers and fathers of unborn children making decisions for life together, despite the pressures from the village, which told them that abortion was the only logical choice in their situations.

For both Cici’s and Harley’s babies, it was this blossoming family that opposed the “village” and saved their lives.

This is why we, as pro abundant life people, do not only emphasize the importance of saving babies, but also the importance of raising children in strong families led by mothers and fathers who are married to each other and are working in the best interests of their children.

Only with such God-honoring families can we hope to defy the village’s pressures to abort our precious children and build a culture of abundant life. Thank you for standing with us in this sacred work!

Blessings,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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Cici’s Situation Isn’t Unique

Care Net’s research into abortion found that, by far, the single greatest influence on a woman’s pregnancy decision is the father of the baby. Unfortunately, our society tells women and men that there is no place for fathers in a pregnancy decision. Abortion is between “a woman and her doctor.” But Cici called PDL to learn more about abortion before she ever had a conversation with the baby’s father.

Furthermore, Care Net’s research found that four out of ten women were actively attending church at the time of their first abortion. Many of these women feared the shame their pregnancy would bring and aborted as a result.

What if, as soon as Cici learned she was pregnant, she’d been able to go to her church and be surrounded by believers to support her pregnancy and disciple her through it? To encourage her from the beginning to speak to the father of her unborn child? To gently lead her and her boyfriend towards marriage and family? The thought of aborting her baby may never have crossed her mind.

Through your support of Care Net, you are helping to lead a national effort to overturn Roe v. Wade in the hearts of women and men through efforts like our Making Life Disciples™ church curriculum. We are so grateful to partner with you in the fight for life!

Make TWICE THE IMPACT to save lives!

A generous friend of Care Net has given $175,000 and challenged YOU to help match it! That means your gift today will help reach TWICE as many parents considering abortion, offer TWICE as many opportunities to hear the transformative Gospel of Jesus Christ, and SAVE TWICE AS MANY UNBORN LIVES!

But Hurry!

Our fall matching challenge is in effect, and the race is on to save unborn lives!

BUT HURRY!

We only have until November 30th to help meet the challenge together! Thank you!
Harley’s Choice

You offered hope and help . . . Right when a mother needed it!

It has been said that “nothing changes if nothing changes.” This simple truth can be seen every day in Pregnancy Centers and abortion clinics when former clients walk through the doors wrestling with yet another agonizing pregnancy decision.

When Harley called Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL), she’d just recently given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Getting to that point wasn’t easy.

The father of the baby had left her to fend for herself in the aftermath, dealing with medical issues and the care of an aging family member. The thought of raising a child on her own had seemed like too much. But, ultimately, Harley chose life and was learning to make it work.

But then the unimaginable happened . . . Harley found out she was pregnant. Again.

When Harley called PDL, she was distraught. Her new partner

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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

OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES EVERY MONTH!

Every month, 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 as one of our Caring Partners!

As a Caring Partner, you will also receive special benefits, including:

• A designated Care Net team member to serve you
• Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
• An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
• Invitations to special partner events

3 EASY WAYS TO BECOME A CARING PARTNER:

1. Select “Make My Gift Monthly” on the enclosed reply device 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!

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
was pressuring her to have an abortion and she had no idea how she’d ever raise two kids on her own. The PDL Coach listened, spoke with compassion, helped her process her thoughts and circumstances, and prayed for her and the father of the baby.

After several interactions, Harley shared that she and the father had visited their local pregnancy center and, after seeing their child for the first time through an ultrasound there, CHOSE LIFE. Harley poured out her thankfulness to the Coach for being there during her time of need.

Because of you, Harley’s new baby has a future.

Uncovering the Need for Transformation

This is not an uncommon story! Without a dramatic transformation that changes the way women perceive themselves and their relationships, women like Harley may face yet another pregnancy and what will she do when she may have to face raising three children alone?

As pro ABUNDANT life people, it is vital to provide the emotional, material, and spiritual support that helps people like Harley and her boyfriend to break the cycle—to overturn Roe v. Wade in their hearts and see abortion as unthinkable regardless of the law. Even more, we are committed to helping people embrace the love of Christ . . . because when Jesus changes a heart, everything changes!

Thank you for helping make Care Net’s Pro Abundant Life ministry possible!