A Life-Saving Promise
How two men’s vow helped save a baby’s life.

So many calls to Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) begin when a woman confesses her pregnancy and then sadly explains that a man in her life—often her husband, boyfriend, or father—wants her to have an abortion.

Then...occasionally, we hear from someone like Charity.*

Charity was five-and-a-half weeks along, depressed, and researching the abortion pill. When she found PDL’s number online, she called and started asking questions. As the PDL Coach read information about the pill, Charity interrupted and shared about her Christian family. She said her dad and the father of her baby were pleading with her to not abort, but instead consider adoption. She asked if the coach could also explain about adoption. After hearing about the pill and the three types of adoption, Charity felt strongly that open adoption was the way to go.

Charity’s call — and, more commonly, those where the father is actively pressuring the mother to have an abortion — speaks to the critical role fathers play in a woman’s decision to abort or carry to term.

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Fatherhood Aborted: Get Your Free Digital Copy Online Now!

The post-abortion emotional trauma suffered by women is becoming widely known. But until Fatherhood Aborted, no book has addressed the emotional devastation of men who have been involved in the abortion of a child.

The authors discuss the aftereffects of abortion, share personal accounts of post-abortive men’s own experiences, and show that the path to forgiveness and healing is found in a vital relationship with Christ, the Life Giver.

https://www.care-net.org/download-fatherhood-aborted

*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.
Our Communities Need More Josephs
As you can see from the two stories we shared with you in this newsletter, men play a critical role in pregnancy decisions. Research shows us that the father of an unborn child is the most important influencer on the mother’s decision to keep her baby... or to have an abortion.

Accordingly, our calling is to help men be influences for good, not for evil. For the good of life and family, not for the evil of abortion.

That is why, with your support, Care Net launched The Joseph Project a few years ago — to inspire men to be forces for good in the fight for life, and to equip pregnancy centers to serve expectant fathers in the midst of their life or death pregnancy decisions.

You see, we in the pro-life movement have been very good about ascribing “the virtues of Mary” to the women we serve as we help them through their unplanned pregnancies. But we haven’t been as effective in ascribing “the character of Joseph” to the men we often fail to serve.

I get it. Having served as president of National Fatherhood Initiative for 11 years, I know the work of reaching and serving men and fathers is hard. But, as is often the case, what is hard is usually worth it.

That is why we provide a variety of tools to our affiliated pregnancy centers to make this work practical and doable. Most recently, we launched Doctor Dad™, a series of one-on-one or group workshops that teach expectant fathers the health care and child safety skills they will need to care for their children. This program gives men the confidence they need to make life-affirming decisions, and it assures mothers that these men are ready to be good fathers to their children.

And you can help, too! Our affiliated pregnancy centers are always looking for volunteers, especially men to be mentors and encouragers to their male clients. Our communities need more “Josephs”; strong Christian men to step into the gap to help families make decisions for abundant life. If you or someone you know would like to help, please use our Find a Center tool on our website to locate a pregnancy center near you:
https://www.care-net.org/find-a-pregnancy-center

Help Save TWICE as Many Lives
$160,000 Matching Challenge is in Effect!

You, through your support of Care Net, are a leader in the fight for life... and ABUNDANT life.

$160,000 has been given by a group of your fellow supporters as a MATCHING CHALLENGE. In order to continue reaching out to parents considering abortion, expanding and equipping Care Net’s life-affirming network, and SAVING PRECIOUS UNBORN BABIES’ LIVES... will you help match their gift?

We need to raise $30,000 by June 30th to meet our fiscal year-end needs, and your generous tax-deductible gift today will go MAKE TWICE THE IMPACT.

Thank you!

God bless you as you work to empower more “Josephs,”

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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Indeed, Care Net research found that, by far, women cite the father of the baby as the number one influencer in their pregnancy decision. Yet, since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, fathers have been largely ignored. This is why, to be Pro Abundant Life, we must “embrace fatherhood” and why Care Net started The Joseph Project—an initiative that encourages and equips our affiliated pregnancy centers to reach and empower men as fathers.

A week after Charity’s call, the PDL Coach followed up and was thrilled to learn Charity was choosing to carry to term, but that wasn’t all! After she received a promise from the father of the baby, her own father, and the rest of her family to help raise the child... Charity had decided that she wanted to keep her baby! She shared that she felt much better about the pregnancy, was excited about being a mom, and expressed thanks for the PDL Coach’s support.

Because of you, PDL is open for parents like Charity... offering life-affirming, compassionate, and medically accurate counsel when they need it most, and making possible the stories of new families like this one. Thank you! Together, we are saving lives and creating a Pro Abundant Life wave that, by God’s grace, will one day make abortion unthinkable.
Breaking the Cycle

How you showed one mother that it’s never too late to make a different choice.

Allie’s* life was nowhere near where she wanted it to be. She was single, had two children, and was in a relationship that could best be described as “shaky.”

After four abortions, Allie promised God she would never do that again. Yet, she was pregnant once again. The first person she told was Jake*, her boyfriend. She was hoping he would be supportive, but instead he suggested she have an abortion. After all, she had two children, why take on another at this stage in her life?

Allie’s parents and Jake’s mother were more supportive and told her she should keep the baby, but talk was cheap and diapers weren’t. Allie decided to research the abortion pill. She saw an ad for the Pregnancy Decision Line and called to speak with a coach. The trained coach shared with Allie about the material resources available at her local Care Net pregnancy center and offered to connect her with their staff. Allie agreed and the coach made the introduction.

Allie’s story is all too common. Over 50% of women who have an abortion have had a prior abortion. In Allie’s case, each abortion failed to address any of Allie’s real needs and led to a subsequent abortion. Even though Allie’s family was supportive, continued on next page.

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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 ENROLL AS A CARING PARTNER:

1. Select “Make My Gift Monthly” on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly 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

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Thank you!

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

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she still considered a fifth abortion because she lacked Jake’s support. Women say that the most influential person in their pregnancy decision is the father of the child. When the father refuses to step up and be a father to the child in his partner’s womb, abortion is often the result.

Because of your support of Pregnancy Decision Line, a trained, life-affirming voice was ready and able to speak hope in the nick of time and break the cycle of abortion. When the PDL coach called Allie back, Allie said that she was going to keep her baby. The pregnancy center had been extremely helpful and she would NOT be having a fifth abortion! Her baby is alive today because of you!

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