

# Give now . . . save lives!



**CHOOSE LIFE TODAY**

You and other partners help make this work possible. Thanks to you, lives are not only being transformed, but also saved — by God’s grace and for all eternity.

Still, this work to rescue preborn babies continues every day as women of all ages and backgrounds face the overwhelming fear and uncertainty of an unplanned pregnancy.

That’s why it’s so important for you to be a voice for life. With your gift today, you’ll stand with the Life Network family to help women like Amber and Melissa, profiled in this newsletter, to choose life.

***Please give today, knowing your generosity will share the love, support and hope that lead to even more saved babies!***

Thank you.

## 3 ways to give



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## 3 ways to weave giving into your will

“How much should I leave to Life Network and the other ministries close to my heart?” It’s a practical question asked by those who are working out the details of their wills or trusts.

Your best answer depends on your circumstances, objectives and values. However, many families consider one of three giving models.

- 1) Percentage or tithe.
- 2) A child named “Charity.”
- 3) Gifts of assets.

What’s the right answer for you? It may be helpful to talk with a trusted ally who can help you determine the best fit for your goals and circumstances.

Through Life Network’s partnership with Barnabas Foundation, you have direct access to trusted planning support. At no cost to you, you can speak with a planner who will help you identify a plan that honors God, cares for your family and supports your favorite ministries.

**Learn more by calling Mike Hestermann at 719.355.1190 or going to [eLifeNetwork.com/LegacyGiving](http://eLifeNetwork.com/LegacyGiving).**

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# Lifeline

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## “I have hope . . .”

**Despite pressure and guilt, women like Amber find the courage to choose life — thanks to YOU!**

People who know Amber (not her real name) describe her as full of joy, constantly overflowing with encouragement for anyone she encounters.

Life hasn’t always been easy for Amber though. Adopted as an infant — from birth parents who both wanted to abort her — she endured verbal abuse at home and bullying at school.

Craving self-worth and affirmation anywhere she could find it, Amber became pregnant as a college

freshman. Her relationship with the father was difficult, bordering on abusive. But a decade later, Amber was successfully raising her daughter as a single mom.

Then, Amber began a relationship with a man who she’d always known as a good guy. But with the news of her pregnancy, he changed. Once again, she found herself in an abusive relationship.

Scared and alone — and not wanting to shame her

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# Your prayers and partnership will SAVE LIVES. Thank you for your support!



## Thanks for caring about women like Amber!

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family again — she considered abortion. That’s when she made an appointment with a patient advocate. Really, she just needed a sounding board. In her heart, she didn’t really want an abortion.

But with the nonjudgmental support and compassion of the staff at the center, she ultimately chose to keep her baby.

Amber began taking parenting classes that equipped her to raise both her daughter and new baby boy. She also found a community of love — exactly what she’d desperately been seeking her whole life.

Two years later, Amber is an amazing mother to Chloe and Vaughn. She continues to give back, with the goal of equipping other women to see themselves as God does — part of His family, women with

immeasurable worth. She volunteers teaching the classes she once took herself.

Faith was a strong part of her desire to get involved. She wants to use her story to encourage other women who are in the same place she was, to be a role model and to show them it’s important to take responsibility for your actions. Through her example, they can see a reason to hope.

Amber says, “Without the center, I probably wouldn’t be here. Because of them, I have hope.”

**As you read this newsletter, many more women in our community face the same terrible decision that Amber did. But through your prayers and financial partnership, they can find the support they need to choose life. Thank you!**

*“For you created my inmost being . . . I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

— PSALM 139: 13-14

## Melissa already had one blessing in her life. You help moms like Melissa experience more!

Melissa (not her real name) was a single working mom with a toddler at home. “I couldn’t imagine having another baby,” she says. “My first reaction was, *What will my mom say? What will the father say?*” The baby’s dad was pressuring her to have an abortion. She felt all alone.

With nowhere to turn, she searched online for help. “I ended up at the center, where my patient advocate talked to me and helped me realize everything was going to be OK.”

Still, Melissa was in denial — thinking of it not as a child but a problem to solve. But when she saw the ultrasound, she realized there was no question: She was looking at a child. That changed everything.

Melissa says, “I changed my mind about abortion, because . . . I didn’t think I could live my life knowing I killed my child.”

Her patient advocate continued to encourage Melissa. And even though the father decided not to be in the picture, she helped Melissa see that she did have support.

A professing Christian, Melissa had found it easy to forget her faith in the midst of her dilemma. But her patient advocate gently reminded her that her God is faithful and would be there for her.

Melissa says, “My patient advocate opened my eyes and made me see that God was going to help me. I already had one blessing, a little boy, and God put another one in my life for a reason. The people at the center have been truly amazing and helpful and pray for me and my family.”

Today, Melissa is thankful she gave her baby life. Because of the center,” she says, “I was able to have my beautiful baby girl!”



## Please join us in prayer for . . .



Salvation, healing, and freedom for every person who comes into our clinic.



More schools to host our sexual risk avoidance program.



A financially fruitful and God-honoring Gala at the end of September.



The hearts of moms to be turned to protect preborn children.

### RICH’S MESSAGE

## Your faithfulness today is saving generations



**RICH BENNETT**  
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For 40 years, generous donors like you have been there for women vulnerable to abortion in our city. Your support has empowered thousands of

women with the confidence and courage to choose to parent.

Life Network’s guiding verse this year is Psalm 100:5 – For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

As you read the stories of Amber and Melissa and how they overcame outside pressure to choose life, I hope you are inspired by the difference you’re making. The reality is . . . your faithfulness not only preserves lives today – but for generations to come!

I invite you to join us as we celebrate four decades of God’s faithfulness at the Life Network Gala & Silent Auction on September 28 & 29. This is an ideal year to sponsor a table and introduce others to the life-affirming ministry that you make possible. For details and to sponsor a table, visit [elifenetwork.com/gala](http://elifenetwork.com/gala).

Gratefully,