

How You Can Help to Protect Human Life ... One Choice at a Time

A Personal Message from the Founder and President of the Nurturing Network

Dear Friends for Life,



I would like to take this moment to let you know about the life-affirming program that has consumed the majority of my professional time and energy since 1985. Following the loss of our first child in a mid-trimester miscarriage, I considered with far greater empathy how women who face the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy alone must feel when they are led to believe that they have no other "choice" than abortion. I could now more fully understand that **it is not enough to say that we are "for life" unless we are prepared to help provide the practical means to support life.** In those quiet moments of healing, I became increasingly convinced that out of the death of one could be saved the lives of many.

Making a difference in the lives of the women whom we serve has become even more rewarding as this mission of hope has been shared with new friends like you. What began as a modest, grassroots attempt to marshal the talent and moral conviction of a few caring friends has blossomed over the years into what is now a powerful, **international Network of over 48,000 dedicated volunteer resource members.** More than **19,000 mothers and children have been served** through the Network's compassionate counseling and the provision of a full range of individually-tailored, practical resources that enable a mother to choose life for her unborn child -- without sacrificing her own.

Our program is designed to meet the needs of all pregnant women with a special emphasis on assisting college and working women. These are the women for whom few, if any, specialized resources had been made available until the Nurturing Network was founded. The **objective of the Nurturing Network is not a political one, but a most practical one: To ensure that every woman knows that the resources she needs in order to continue her pregnancy are readily available without cost** by calling the Nurturing Network's at **1-800-TNN-4MOM.** This toll-free number has become one of the nation's most effective lifelines, linking literally thousands of women, college students and young professionals to the support they urgently need both through our Network of individual resource members and the thousands of local pregnancy resource centers that are actively involved in our Network.

I am hopeful that you will join me in this mission of practical compassion that has proven to be highly constructive and refreshingly apolitical. At this pivotal time in our nation's history, your willingness to place your values into action on behalf of the mothers and children whom we serve would be a source of great encouragement. I welcome your participation in this life-affirming effort in any way that would be most meaningful to you. Even more importantly, if you are in need of support at this time or know of someone who is, please do not hesitate to direct her to our award-winning Website: **www.nurturingnetwork.org**.

Please also feel free to call our Network if you have any suggestions about how we might expand our practical support particularly among college students and administrators, employers, doctors, counselors and nurturing families. Thank you for all that you are doing to protect and nurture each human life -- one choice at a time.

Your grateful friend,

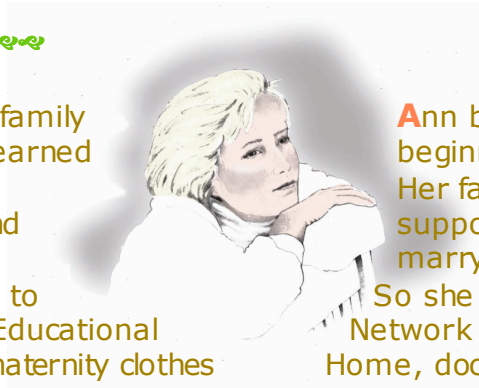
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Compassion ...in Action

🌿🌿🌿 **Janice** 🌿🌿🌿

Janice was abandoned by her family and left penniless when they learned of her decision to continue her pregnancy. With counseling and financial assistance from the Nurturing Network, she was able to continue her nursing studies. Educational counseling, a nurturing home, maternity clothes and baby layette were provided by TNN's caring volunteers. In the security of a supportive family, Janice gained the confidence she needed to approach motherhood with joy and hope. The birth of her baby, a 4.0 semester GPA and a lifetime of new Network friends have all become blessings for this mother because TNN volunteers cared enough to put their values into action.

"The Nurturing Network has restored my dignity and invested in my future. There just aren't adequate words to say thank you!"



🌿🌿🌿 **Ann** 🌿🌿🌿

Ann became pregnant just prior to beginning her freshman year in college. Her family and boyfriend were supportive but she had no plans to marry her high school sweetheart. So she could begin college as planned, Network counselors found her a Nurturing Home, doctor and counselor in the city where her college was located. Ann chose adoption for her baby and has now finished her college education. Her parents have since become active supporters of the Nurturing Network.

"The Nurturing Network made a very difficult time in my life much easier. I don't think I could ever begin to express how much your support and understanding have meant to me. You gave me the courage to keep going when I wanted to give up. This is something I can never thank you for enough."

While you are counting your blessings . . . will you consider becoming one?

- 🌿 **E**ncourage your friends, colleagues, family members and other associates to support TNN by offering employment opportunities, medical services, a Nurturing Home, professional counseling or a financial contribution.
- 🌿 **F**acilitate the distribution of TNN Client brochures at a university Student Health Center or local Women's Clinic and encourage counseling that consistently includes the Nurturing Network as a resource for women with unplanned pregnancies.
- 🌿 **P**rovide an introduction to college administrators, students or faculty members at your own Alma Mater or at a nearby college.
- 🌿 **I**ntroduce leaders in your faith community to participate in TNN's mission of practical compassion.
- 🌿 **C**ontinue to pray for our Staff, volunteer Members and all women in crisis who are in need of our support.

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We would be happy to mail our Information Packet to you along with recent articles and suggestions about how you can share in this life-affirming work.