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Adoption

The Loving & Courageous Choice

By Deborah J. Laws

Rianne was 14 weeks pregnant when she made the call to our office. People where she worked were beginning to notice and ask questions. She had considered abortion and was once again feeling the pressure, as she put it "to hide her pregnancy." Abortion seemed like her only choice.

We set an appointment for the next day. She was a small, tired looking woman. She had a couple of close friends but no family in the area.

She wanted to get out of the "situation," but as we spoke and I was able to share with her about the baby she was carrying and the services of the CPC, she began to soften and to relax.

She wasn't ready to be a mom but didn't know what to do. We discussed adoption.

The more we talked about adoption, the more certain she became that it was the right choice for her.

Week after week we met; she was also able to meet with several of the adoption agencies from the list we have here at the CPC. She finally settled on the agency for her and began to make a real plan for herself and the baby.

Each week she came in, excited that she had found a family she wanted to adopt her child. She was relived that she would be able to get some pictures of the baby from the adoptive family and that she would be able to communicate with them.

She wrote a letter to her son explaining that she had made an adoption decision because she loved him and knew that the family she chose could give him all the things that she was not able to give and that someday if he wanted to meet her she would welcome that opportunity.

Several weeks later she gave birth to her son and placed him in the arms of his new family.

She knows that her choice was loving and courageous and that he will be brought up in a loving family. She is at peace with her decision.

Connecticut "Choose Life" License Plates Helps to Support the CPC

Connecticut was the first state in the Northeast to offer the "Choose Life" license plates to our drivers.



The money raised by this program will help promote and support adoption as a loving choice for an unwanted pregnancy or newborn in the State of Connecticut.

Less than 2% of women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy choose the course of adoption," said Elizabeth Rex, president of the New York-based group Children First, which supports 'Choose Life' license plate efforts.

"The purpose of The Children First Foundation and of our 'Choose Life' license plate in Connecticut is to help raise funds and public awareness of the fact that adoption is an excellent and positive choice for women with unplanned and unwanted pregnancies," Rex said.

Founded in 2001, The Children First Foundation has raised and awarded over \$50,000 to charities including Pregnancy Centers throughout the Tri-State Area to help promote and support adoption as a positive choice for unwanted pregnancies or newborns.

To order please visit: www.ctchoose-life.org or call (860)464-5361 or e-mail: info@TheChildrenFirst.org

Be sure to indicate "CPC" on your application in the Original ID# box!

***The "Choose Life" Plate is on
the Road in Connecticut!
Order Yours Today!***

Good Search for the CPC!



Surf, shop and support the CPC all that the same time!

What if the CPC earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to **www.goodsearch.com** and be sure to enter the **Crisis Pregnancy Center, Unionville CT** as the charity you want to support.

You can also easily make Goodsearch your default search engine and add it to your browser toolbar!

Top Ten States With Highest Teenage Abortion Rates

By Linda Lowen

In a nation where abortion remains legal despite ongoing legal and legislative debate, which states have the highest rates of teenage abortion?

There appears to be a concentration of states in the Mid-Atlantic region of the East Coast. However, it's interesting to note that none of the states in this region appear on a ranking of the top ten states with the highest teenage pregnancy rates in the US.

A September 2006 report by the Guttmacher Institute compiled teenage pregnancy and abortion statistics in the United States gathered state by state in 2000. Based on available data, below are listings of states ranked by abortion rates.

States ranked by rates of abortion among women age 15-19 (pregnancies per thousand):

- New Jersey (47)
- New York (46)
- Maryland (38)
- Nevada (36)
- California (36)
- Hawaii (34)
- Florida (33)
- Delaware (31)
- Connecticut (30)**
- Illinois (27)

Your Walk ~ Book Report

Reviewing the Book: Why Pro-Life?

By Randy Alcorn

Eternal Perspectives Ministries 2004 (120 pages)

Always Be Prepared to Give an Answer

By Todd Dickinson

In 1 Peter 3:15, we are called by the apostle to "always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." While this instruction referred to our hope and belief in Jesus Christ, it is sound advice to those of us who believe in and have hope for the pro-life cause.

With his book *Why Pro-Life?* Bestselling author Randy Alcorn offers pro-lifers blocks of sound reason with which to build the foundation of their beliefs. He also gives pro-choice and undecided readers many reasons for pause as they reflect on their own positions.

He begins by asking the question: Why talk about abortion at all? Citing an example from his own experience, he tells of being asked by a high school social sciences teacher to speak to his class from the pro-life position.

Alcorn's visit followed a presentation to the class from a representative of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). Upon arriving for his talk, the pro-choice teacher informed him that after hearing from the NARAL speaker, his students had voted 23-1 in favor of the pro-choice stance.

Undaunted, Alcorn presented his case for the humanity and rights of unborn children. He showed intrauterine photographs demonstrating the development of the unborn at the earliest stages that abortions are performed. After class, the teacher said to him, "If I were to take another vote, the outcome would be different. Minds were changed."

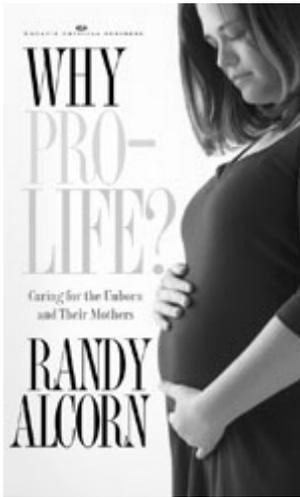
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He then added a statement which Alcorn found remarkable: "You know, until today, I had never heard the pro-life side of this argument."

Hence the need for an apologetic resource like Why Pro-Life? to encourage lifers to engage the culture of death and get in the debate with confidence.

Whether that debate revolves around the question of when life begins, or the right to an abortion

when the pregnancy is due to rape or incest, or the health of the mother, Alcorn lays out the arguments for the pro-life standpoint in a logical, well-reasoned volume.

Interestingly, Alcorn, who is a Christian, doesn't make many arguments from the Bible in this book. (He reminds readers that he has done that (elsewhere). Instead, he uses medical science, psychological studies, and a healthy dose of common sense. Given the fact that two-thirds of the abortions in America are performed on those who claim to be Christians, maybe this is the best approach.

Alcorn's stated hope is that in reading this book, pro-choice minds are changed, fence-sitters are convinced, and pro-lifers strengthened. At only 120 pages, it is a highly readable, fact-packed, engaging vehicle for thought that may just accomplish all three of his goals.

Perhaps the best reason for using this book to polish up your pro-life argument is found in the last sentence of chapter one. It reads: If abortion really does kill children and harm women, then there is too much at stake to stand on the fringes and do nothing.

Book review courtesy of the CareNet Report January/February issue.

OptionLine)))
800-395-HELP

Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and just a phone call away.

Current total number of babies helped by the CPC, Unionville:

1048 and counting!



The Crisis Pregnancy Center needs:

- ◇ New Cribs and Mattresses
- ◇ Size Newborn Baby Clothing
- ◇ Baby Bottle Drive Churches
- ◇ Financial Support- Remittance envelopes are included in this newsletter for your convenience!

Meeting these basic needs can make all the difference for Life! Please contact the Center if you can provide any of these important items. Thank you!

Post-Abortive Counseling Available: If you feel you may be facing issues relating to a past abortion, please contact Debbie Laws at The Crisis Pregnancy Center. We're available to listen to you and to assist you with the help you need.

The CPC offers post-abortive stress healing peer counseling and related Bible Study. All services are free of charge and completely confidential.

2008 Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Please consider blessing The Crisis Pregnancy Center by inviting your church to participate in this year's Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser. It's not too late and we still have several hundred bottles available!

We need your help. You and your congregation can be a part of this vital ministry, helping women to make the decision for Life for their unborn, as well as raising community awareness about the services offered at the CPC.

Without the love, prayers and financial support from our participating churches, we wouldn't be able to continue.

For more information please call Lisa Nolan at (860) 496-7243 or e-mail Lisa@TheCrisisPregnancyCenterCT.org

We would **LOVE** to hear from you!



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