



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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A Woman who Avoids Babies?



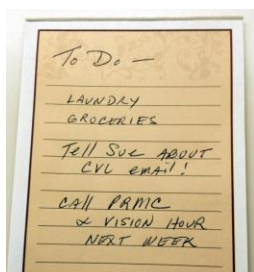
Education: She was 22 and engaged to be married, but she and her fiancé were not ready for the responsibility of a child. Soon after the honeymoon she had the abortion. They never spoke about it. She tried to disassociate herself from what was happening but the sounds of a vacuum and the metal lid of a garbage can clanging shut made her cringe for decades. Her husband left after a few years. She went through life running away from baby showers and children's events, and insisting that she would never have a child with her second husband. She realized that there was something very wrong with her not wanting anything to do with babies as she watched her friends rejoice over each other's children and then grandchildren. After 38 years she attended a party that included a

presentation by a pregnancy center and was confronted by the truth of ultrasound images of a child in the womb. She started reading about abortion and its effects on women and eventually attended a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. At the retreat she wrote a letter to her child, whom she named Chloe, which included the following: "I love you. I miss you. I honor and remember you. I carry you in my heart every minute of every day. No longer are you a secret hidden behind the demons of fear, guilt, shame, and regret. No longer are you silenced. Your voice shall be heard throughout the land."(1) Lynn Potter published her book, "Chloe's Cry" in November 2017, which is available at Amazon.(2)

1. <http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/testimonies/testimony.aspx?ID=3833>
2. https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=chloe%27s+cry



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help all women considering abortion to be informed about the devastating effect abortion can have on their lives. Help them to receive the facts about their child, about help that is available, and about the alternative of adoption. Help them to realize that denial and silence will not erase the reality of their child. The fact that "the procedure" of abortion is done routinely and repeatedly does not change its nature as the destruction of a living child. Thank you Lord for your great love and mercy, and for [Rachel's Vineyard retreats](#) that can bring your love and healing to both men and women who have been traumatized by abortion.



Action: Understand that abortion is most common among 19 -24 year olds, not teenagers. If you see a friend who seems bothered by the sound of a vacuum or who always has an excuse why they can't come to a baby shower, consider that they may be dealing with a past abortion, even one that occurred decades before. Perhaps you can mention to them how you learned about [Rachel's Vineyard retreats](#) and are glad that healing help is available for post-abortive women.