Melissa is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Despite the initial concerns regarding her future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived.

• A former College Outreach Speaker with Feminists for Life, and Patron of Real Choices Australia.
• Has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, and the Australian Parliament.
• Is on the Board of Directors for the Vitae Foundation, a national organization which uses media to advance a culture of life.
• Founded The Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). ASN seeks to educate the public about failed abortions and survivors while providing emotional, mental and spiritual support to abortion survivors. Since ASN’s inception, Melissa has been in contact with over 210 survivors.
• Is the author of You Carried Me, A Daughter’s Memoir, which was released in January of 2017.

After years of searching for her biological family and offering them forgiveness for the decision that was made to end her life, Melissa’s story, and her life, is so much more than one of survival. It’s evidence of the intergenerational impact of abortion on all of our lives. More importantly, it’s a testament to the beauty of God’s grace in our lives, the power of love, and the transformational power of forgiveness and in answering God’s call for your life.

Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her from the certain death of the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless.

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