

You Touch Hearts and Build Families!

# FROM COLLEGE ATHLETE TO STAY-AT-HOME MOM

"I didn't get the support I hoped for from my family," says Brisa.

"At Women's Care Center,  
nothing felt like a mistake anymore.

You helped me get through the obstacles and we were engaged a few weeks after our son was born."

Brisa is now married to Elijah, and says, "I am living a completely different life now. I was in nursing school and an athlete, and my identity was really defined by that. Now I'm a stay-at-home mom. I was recently confirmed into the Catholic Church, so that has become a big part of my life. And I go to daily Mass with my son. **I appreciate life so much more now.**

"Everything worked out perfectly...which is something I didn't quite imagine at the start. **There is no question — Women's Care Center changes lives."**



Brisa, Elijah  
and baby Rowen

## You Turn Lives Around!

Ariell grew up on the streets. But thanks to you, Ariell found Women's Care Center.

She says, "I was unsure if I wanted to continue my pregnancy. That's when I met my guardian angel.



Ariell's baby Junior

"I was scared to be a mom, scared to make mistakes, scared that I wouldn't be good enough.

"But my counselor held my hand and told me, everything was going to be ok. And I trusted her. I started to attend parenting classes and found support from the other moms."

*Baby Junior is here today because of you!*

Ariell has since become a certified medical technician and works as a caregiver. She still attends parenting classes at Women's Care Center.

## After a Baby Is Born, You Continue to Help!

"I had a lot of anxiety," says Destinee. "When my counselor brought me a little baggie with a tiny onesie and a little baby hat, I cried.

"In this world, nothing is calm, and then you come here. I have never seen anyone flustered or scrambling here. It was a nice adjustment."

Destinee's counselor helped her make a pregnancy plan to take it one step at a time, enrolling her in prenatal classes and her husband in our Strong Father's program.

"You still reach out to me, and she is 8 months old and crawling!"

"You didn't stop once my baby was delivered. You kept caring about me!"

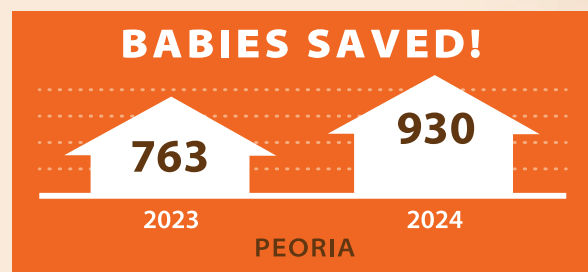


Destinee's baby Ellouise

## You Are a Hero for Babies like Kaylynn!

Yes, you. This mission doesn't exist but for YOU!

52% of the women served by Women's Care Center this year in Peoria came to us thinking about abortion. But thanks to your love and support, **87% chose life!**



On average, it costs \$427 to serve one woman...from cradle to kindergarten.

*And every mom and baby needs a hero like you!*

Please be as generous as you can this year.

You will find no greater impact for your Christmas giving.



Baby Kaylynn



Elena and baby Renesmee

## You Put Babies on a Path to Learning!

"My favorite thing about Women's Care Center is the classes. I go to almost every one!" says Elena, a teen mom, who has needed a lot of help.

Because of you, we now also have **Mommy and Me classes** that help nurture babies too...*in those important first 1,000 days of life!*

Elena says, "My daughter loves music class! I call it school. I always ask her, 'Are you ready to go to school?' She knows exactly what I mean, and she lights up. We look forward to going and my daughter is doing so well.

"She is already taking little steps and is ahead of the game in every area!"



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# GENUINELY THANKFUL FOR YOU!

"I went to Planned Parenthood with the thought of aborting," says Lyndsey.



But thanks to you, she found Women's Care Center.

"When I walked through the door, I immediately felt welcomed and understood. Everyone at Women's Care Center was cheering me on.

**"The most valuable thing you offered me was love and understanding.**

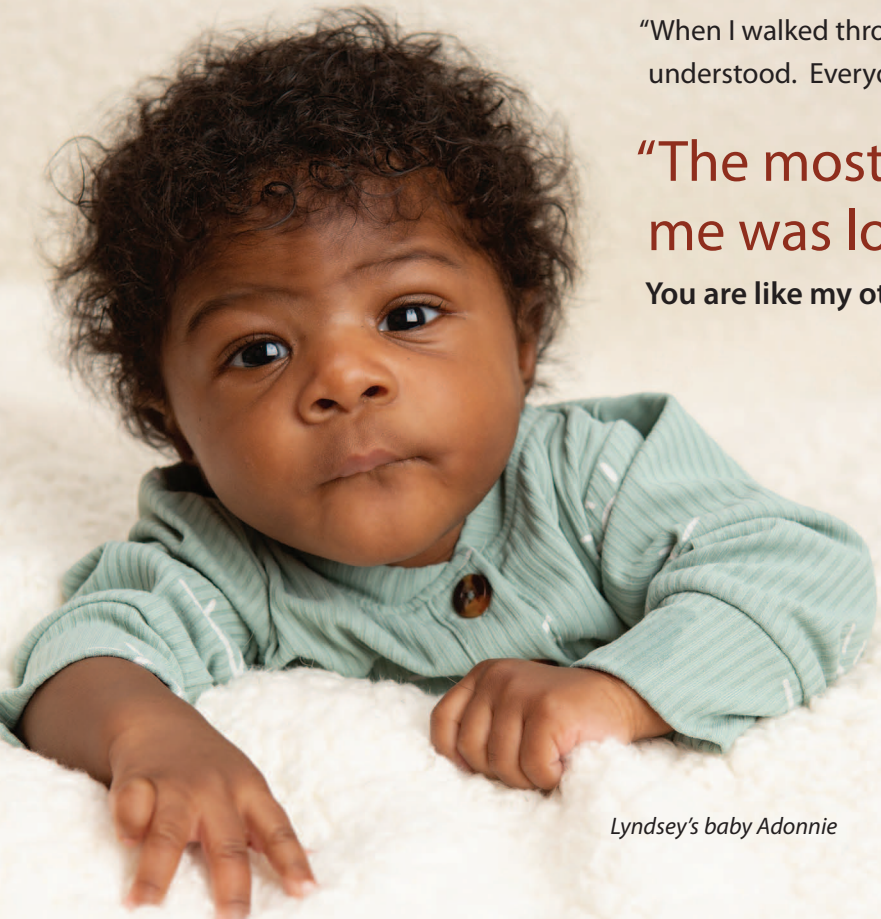
**You are like my other family now.**

"I thought once I became a mom, I would have to give up a big part of myself, but it has not been that way."

**TO THE DONORS,** Lyndsey says,

**"Please continue to help.**

There are a lot of women who need support. Women's Care Center is what they're looking for."



Lyndsey's baby Adonnie

*Thank You*