Your support helps so many young women from our communities choose life for their babies.

Eriah (shown) made 29 visits to our center learning about baby basics, breastfeeding, nutrition, budgeting and creating a more nurturing family. Along the way, she earned a car seat and other baby necessities.



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life-saving ultrasounds over the last year.



"MY BABY HAS THE HICCUPS!"

Patricia saw her baby hiccup on the ultrasound screen and felt a tug on her heart. She cried and said, "How do I not feel that?"

Patricia wanted to be the first in her family to graduate high school. When she found out she was pregnant, she remembers thinking "my life is over." On the honor roll, Patricia was missing a lot of school with severe morning sickness.

She met with our counselor for over 3 hours saying, "I told her everything!" Patricia chose life for her baby. Our counselor helped Patricia get a prescription for anti-nausea medication so she could return to school. Patricia worked hard and graduated on time. She now loves being a mom and still plans to go to college.



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LOVING THROUGH CYBERSPACE

You may not realize that when women search the Internet for "abortion" or "free pregnancy testing," they find us. And behind the scenes via email, nurse Christa Brown from LaPorte County counsels with the hundreds of pregnant women who find us this way. She also schedules pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. An unsung hero, Christa rarely meets her clients in person, but her impact is utterly life-saving.

Did you know? 1 in 4 women find us online.

To the right is an email of gratitude from Fanny, a married mom who did not see how her family could afford a third child. However, after counseling and an ultrasound, Fanny found the confidence to choose life. Fanny reached back out to Christa a year later to say "thank you!" On Jul 10, 2016, at 8:18 PM, Fanny Rivera Acuna wrote:

Dear counselor, I wish I had the right words to express my feelings in English since my native language is Spanish. Anyway, I really want to thank you so much for helping me out a year

Today, I have my baby in my arms and I can feel how much love he has brought into my life. Even when financially talking this has been so tough, the blessing of having another child in my family is priceless.

I will never regret to have come to you in that time when I was so scared about being pregnant. You helped me so much with your words and showing me my baby in that ultrasound. Thomas is here and he is a happy, smart and easy going baby (he is handsome too i)

Thank you again God bless all you.



...and would you believe?

A local college student Googled: "Oh my God I think I'm pregnant what do I do?"

> Women's Care Center came up at the top of her search.

She said, "After reading the great Google reviews, I felt comfortable to come in for help." Although originally planning on abortion, after counseling and three ultrasounds, the young woman chose to carry her baby to term.

WHEN A DONOR THANKS US!

We received a very generous donation at our Elkhart center, and sent a note of thanks. We never expected the note we received in reply:

"Don't thank me, I THANK YOU!!!

When my daughter became pregnant she knew this was going to be hard on her mother and me because of our strong Christian faith, so she looked for a place to turn. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your organization to be there in her time of need and the assistance you provided until she was able to confront us with the news.

We have taken this in God's eyes and moved forward each day trying to do what we believe He would want us to with the **results being nothing short of amazing.**

Thanks to the early support of your organization and the continued support of her family and boyfriend's family, my daughter has grown into a woman I never believed her to become.



Our Mishawaka center recently got some new furniture. One of our old couches was put out on the sidewalk with a "free" sign. In about 20 minutes a young man stopped in to ask if he could have it. He said, "My wife loves that couch. She remembers sitting on it when she found out she was pregnant!"



DARE TO BE A DAD

Monday evenings you will find Anthony Douglas leading a **Strong Fathers** "class" just for the dads. The discussion focuses on the **critical importance of fathers** in the lives of their children. The dads work on practical strategies to create more nurturing families.





SAVING MORE MOMS AND BABIES

You may be interested that locally Women's Care Center is serving more abortion-bound women than ever before — 17% more women in St. Joseph County this year. Although there is still an abortion clinic a short car ride away, more women are coming here first. And nine out of ten of them choose life!





You may not know that Women's Care Center opened in **Baltimore**, Maryland in May. There is a great need for "evangelization" of the culture in this community. One of the first clients, a teenager, chose life even though her mother had <u>five</u> abortions before she married her dad. When the mom came to the center for an ultrasound, she pulled our counselor aside and said tearfully, "Thank you for taking care of my daughter when I didn't."

In early 2017, Women's Care Center will open in **Bloomington**, Indiana, immediately next door to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic.

Home to Indiana University, in a community where abortions continue to rise, there is a clear need.

If you know anyone in Bloomington who you think would be supportive, *please spread the word*.





REMEMBER MARTHA

Her baby is now two and she works as a medical assistant. She says,

"Becoming a mother has caused many sleepless nights and dirty shirts, but I wouldn't change any decisions I made. Most blessings are not planned or expected. As a mother, I now have motivation and goals. Pregnancy is very scary. I want young women to know that so much can come from growing up and having a child. Being a mother will not stop you from working or going to school, if anything it should encourage you more. I am 21 and I have a 2-year-old daughter, and I couldn't imagine my life being any different.

Thank you for all you do for women!"