

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

## YOUR LOVE CONTINUES. MILESTONES 2015

MEET LILI AND CULLEN (STORY INSIDE)

## Every day at Women's Care Center, you help us listen and love. It is your love that helps women see past the crisis of the moment and choose life for their babies.



Lili and Hayden came to us scared high school seniors.

Lili says at first she was "insanely uncomfortable." But every minute that went by, she says, "I felt more and more relieved."

"Not that having a baby this young is the best way to go, but this has really put a lot of things into perspective." After dozens of visits and parenting classes, Lili and her boyfriend Hayden are excellent parents and both will start college this fall.

Hayden says the ongoing help is so important. *"It's nice knowing that you are not just here until the baby is born and then, 'See ya!'"* 

Lili agrees, "I feel like I've gained friends and it's awesome."

"Just because the sign outside says Women's Care Center, doesn't mean that you all don't help out the dads too."

— Hayden (shown with Cullen in parenting class)

Lili and Hayden's baby Cullen

# YOUR LOVE.



Women made 3,054 visits to our center on Indianapolis Boulevard in 2015.

Thanks to your love and support of this mission, our Hammond center served 21% more women this year.

> Over 97% chose life. Since you helped us open in 2012, abortions in our community have declined 38%.

But most of all, you have helped save hundreds of moms and babies in Lake County.

## This is the end result of **YOUR LOVE**.

"If it wasn't for Women's Care Center, my girls wouldn't be here today," said the mom of these sweet twins.



## BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE, we get to celebrate a lot of 1st birthdays!

It wasn't the ideal time for a baby. Jessica was working full-time and had plans to go to college.

She says, "the ultrasound made it so real. He kept moving his little arms like 'hey, I'm here!'"

Jessica fell in love with her baby and chose life. She also got busy preparing to be a mom.

Jessica attended classes and worked on goals throughout her entire pregnancy. She earned a car seat and "LOTS of diapers." Jessica says, "I started saving all of the sizes starting with newborn, and didn't buy any diapers until he was in size 3!"

Jessica still has plans to start college this fall. She wants to study something in the medical field to be able to work with babies.

Jayden (*shown*) is one of our 2015 babies who recently celebrated his first birthday.

"I knew that there was help and that I was not alone,"

Jessica says of meeting her counselor.

Special thanks to Jaclyn Grace Photography for many of the photos included in this report.

#### EMAIL FROM A YOUNG MOM

### Subject: Thank you!

"Hello! I visited your center last January [2015]. I can't thank you enough for everything you did to help me. I was terrified that I would not be able to finish college if I had a baby. I come from a very religious family and I was terrified of what they would think of me as well. After seeing my son's ultrasound and hearing his heartbeat, I knew I could never end his life.

My life is filled with so much happiness now and my family adores him. I am still attending school full-time, finishing my third year of college with a 3.75 GPA. I don't have a lot of money; however, I would love to volunteer if you ever need one. Thank you for all that you do every day for women like me. My son, Noah, might not be here today if it wasn't for you!"

— Abigail

Abigail and Noah

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long after the baby is born — oftentimes for years.

## You not only help women choose life, you also help them create a life.

Moms and dads are encouraged to work hard, attend parenting classes, set goals and stay in school. Through their efforts, they also earn needed baby items (cribs, diapers and clothing) from the "Crib Club" baby store.



Over 30 moms and dads attended classes weekly at our center in Lake County (in 2015).

## "This is a place where you can **discover who you are**,"

says Diana, shown at right with her baby. Diana worked on goals with our counselor. She is currently in college studying human services.



#### WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR 2015 DONORS!

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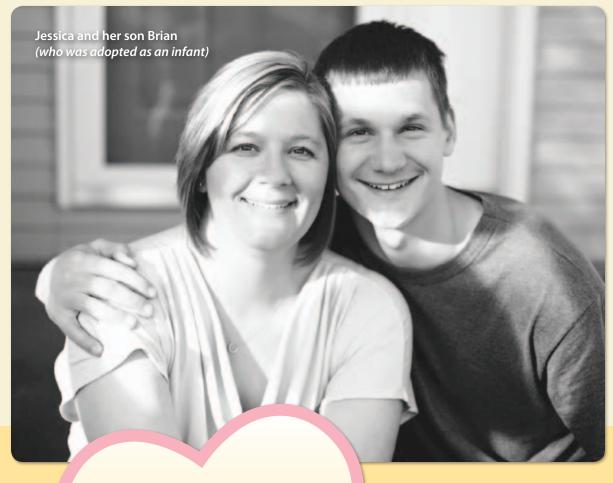
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"I cannot explain what this child has done to me. He changed me in every single way!" says Marlen (shown left with son Jordan). "I think if I didn't have my child, I wouldn't work as hard as I do."



It was twenty years ago that Jessica came to us 15 years old and pregnant. After meeting with our counselor, Jessica courageously decided that adoption was best for her baby.

She says, "I always kept hope that someday he would come back to me."

Imagine her joy when a year ago, he did.

He wanted to meet her. She says, "Now I have two memories of holding him. That's a memory you never forget!"

Women's Care Center is the #1 source of referrals for ADOPTION IN INDIANA. As a donor to Women's Care Center, you have helped love and save so many moms and babies.

This mission only exists because of generous people like you.

If in addition to all that you already do… If you want this mission of love to continue, **if you want to save moms and babies forever,** please consider an estate or endowment gift earmarked for the Women's Care Center endowment fund.

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## **BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE...**

Women's Care Center babies like the one here will start kindergarten in 2020.

Our Lake County babies alone will fill **16 of those kindergarten classrooms.**