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MARRIED & LIVING "HAPPILY EVER AFTER"



Martina and children



(In her own words, Martina tells a beautiful story of hope.)

"Women's Care Center changed my life completely. I was 22 with two kids, single, just feeling hopeless." When Martina came here, she knew something had to change, but she didn't know what or how. "After talking about my choices, I became abstinent. I needed to love me more."

With a pensive look, she says, "I don't think I could've gotten through without Women's Care Center. You helped me

"I waited until marriage. With all the resources, great staff, and genuine hearts, I don't think I would've gotten my fairytale ending without you guys. Thanks so much." Today, Martina is married to her "best friend." She lightheartedly speaks of some humor they found together in the unlikely context of recent dental surgery, and her eyes brighten as she recalls details of the moment.

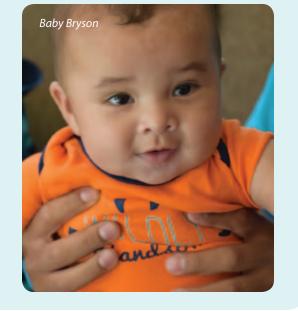
It is clear that the steps Martina has taken to improve her life have brought her joy. And her joy continues. Martina and her husband are expecting a baby in early September.

BRYSON SAVED ...THANKS TO YOU!

Sabrina says, "If it wasn't for Women's Care Center, I wouldn't have my son right now."

Sabrina's mom originally called our center looking for an abortion. She thought her high school age daughter was too young to have a baby. However, in the loving environment of our center, Sabrina, her boyfriend and their families bonded with her tiny unborn baby ...and Sabrina chose life.

A "smiley happy" baby, Bryson (shown), is now a blessing to the whole family.



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BEYOND A DECISION FOR LIFE

You know and support our mission of helping moms choose life for their babies. But you may not realize how much of our work happens after a decision for life. In counseling, Martina (above) gained insights about herself, her goals and her relationships. This helped her wait for a partner who would respect her and share her values.

INSIDE READ MORE STORIES of moms who learned to parent, became more self-sufficient and earned necessities through the Crib Club.

YOU HELP WOMEN BECOME...

FROM FRIGHTENED STUDENT TO CONFIDENT MOM

Lauren recently told our counselor, "It's so crazy to think about when I first came here and how scared I was. You have been my rock."

A 20-year-old college sophomore, Lauren was terrified to tell her family. She said, "I am a planner, and a baby was not in my plan."

Coming here, she says, "was so helpful to be able to talk to someone, cry, and talk about options." During her ultrasound, she saw her baby. "I saw her little arms waving and I thought, this is my baby, and I can't go without her."

Lauren chose life. "I worked, continued college, and it was hard. But every single day, I did it for her." She also managed to squeeze in 45 visits to learn about baby care, birthing, and being a first time mom. She laughs, "I wanted to be really prepared." A self-professed "coupon fanatic" Lauren earned over 300 diapers and lots more from the Crib Club. Lauren says, "I went from not knowing anything about babies to being a confident mom!"



THANKS TO YOU...

the Crib Club provides an incentive for pregnant moms to take steps to have healthy babies and become more nurturing mothers.



Anahi and baby Elizabeth

WORKING ON GOALS

When a baby is born, in many cases, Women's Care Center's work just begins. Anahi sums up the important follow-up care you help us provide.

"For me, you are the angels that God sent us. This center is not only for pregnancy testing, free ultrasounds...it's more than that.

Women's Care Center has parenting classes, nutrition classes, counseling; they give you all the information you need to prepare for your baby."

Anahi has been coming to our center for over a year working on goals. In January, she just achieved one of her most important goals by earning her high school equivalency degree.

...MORE NURTURING AND SELF-SUFFICIENT MOMS.

"SECOND OPINION" FOR LIFE

When our sonographer, Amy, checked in with Briana a few days after her counseling session, she said excitedly, "We are keeping the baby!"

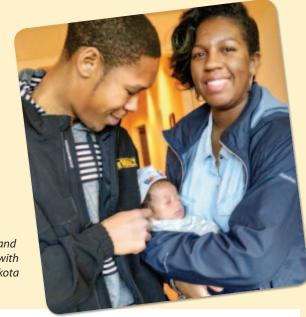
A few days earlier though, Briana and her boyfriend, Reggie, came to us from the abortion clinic. They were conflicted and seeking a second opinion. She was not feeling any pregnancy symptoms and was in a state of disbelief that she was 15 weeks pregnant. Amy offered her an ultrasound to see how far along she was. Reggie and their daughter



Briana, baby Ginae and her big sister

also were invited in. Together, the family got excited when they saw their new baby on the screen. They seemed to bond with the tiny life growing within, but Amy was still not sure if they had firmly decided to parent or not.

However, Briana did choose life. Little Ginae Charlene (*shown above*) was welcomed into the family on December 29, 2016.



Davian and Montrel with baby Dakota

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~ Millie

A SHORT TIMELINE

Davian knew she was pregnant when she came to Women's Care Center, but she never dreamed she was in her third trimester. Worried about what their families would think, she and fiancé Montrel were surprised by their support and enthusiasm. With very little time, Davian came in twice a week to learn to be a mom. She also did extra reading on parenting and submitted chapter reports. Through her hard work, Davian earned a crib and all the baby items she needed in time for her baby's birth. Davian stopped in with baby Dakota to thank us. She said, "I felt very prepared." She says the hospital staff was shocked by how calm she was considering this was her first baby. Davian believes the confidence stems from the knowledge she gained at Women's Care Center.