

Your support helps so many young women from our community **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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"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.

YOU helped us perform **1,936** life-saving ultrasounds in Columbus over the last year.



Patricia's baby

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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 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 3 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!"

Fanny's family enjoys baby Thomas



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 ago...

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 😊)

Thank you again
God bless all you.

...and would you believe?

A 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, 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.

As a cross-country truck driver I am not per se a rich man, but **consider myself far more blessed than I deserve** which is why this contribution is what I was able to save over the first three months of this year."



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Special thanks to St. Pius X Girl Scout Cadet Troop #1187

The girls were honored as the **"Bishop's Troop"** for their service work (including a baby shower) at our center. The girls weigh in on the experience.

Agnes said she better understands how Our Lady must have felt (her fears about her unplanned pregnancy), after having toured our center.

Victoria added, *"Women's Care Center helps women say "Yes" to God's gift of a baby. Just like Mary said, "Yes" to Jesus, even though she knew there would be bumps in the road along the way."*

Maureen, said, *"I was amazed at what we heard and saw."* She liked how women "earn" baby items by learning to parent, saying, *"This gives moms a sense of pride and dignity."*

Victoria acknowledges **You — Our Donors:** *"Thank you so much for all of the wonderful things you give!"* adding, *"Whenever I step into the attic (and see the donations), I am in awe with how much people care."*



FINDING CONFIDENCE

"I already made up my mind that I wanted to get rid of my baby,"

Christeina admitted, adding, "I was a single mom and felt like a failure" after a divorce. She'd finally gotten back on her feet — was becoming more successful in her career — but severe morning sickness was clouding her decision-making.

Christeina said that the ultrasound helped her see the direction she should take. "I could see the baby," she said. **"There was a life inside of me!"**

Not only that, but Christeina shared how the loving care she received from counselor Karen helped her to see other avenues and find the internal strength she needed. She has also since married her baby's father.

Now spilling over with joy, Christeina gushes, **"Women's Care Center changed my life!"**

*When your soul just needs some peace,
Yet longs for a gathering space,
and you're craving connection,
some love and some direction,
This is a safe place.*

*~ Counselor Holly Loberg penned this poem
about our center*

**THANKS TO YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT,**
more moms like Christeina
are choosing life
in Columbus than
ever before...**7% more**
than last year!

Christeina's son Noah enjoys his little sister!



Martha and baby "then"

REMEMBER MARTHA? THEN AND NOW

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!"