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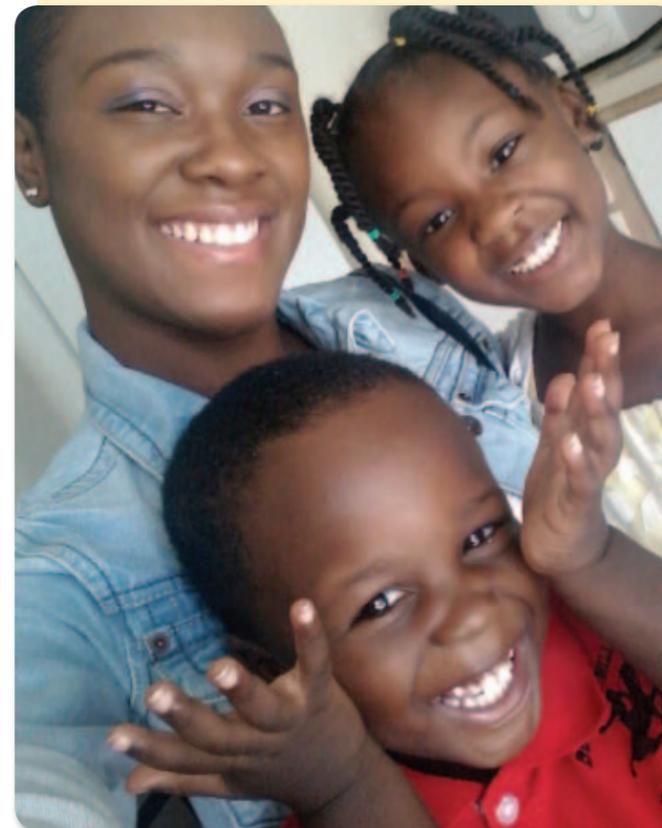
WCC, You guys are amazing! You have no idea just how much you have helped me!
Love, Brittany

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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 to value myself.**"

"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.



Baby Bryson



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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!"*



Lauren's baby Brooklyn Ella

YOU MAY NOT KNOW...

30% of the women we serve in Peoria have a college, masters or doctorate degree. After making a decision for life, this extra education helps them create nurturing and self-sufficient families.

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.



Anahi and baby Elizabeth

...MORE NURTURING AND SELF-SUFFICIENT MOMS.

PAYING IT FORWARD IN ALABAMA

Eight months after counselor Brittany Morales left us, she is still receiving wonderful thank you notes from grateful clients. See recent note below. This extraordinary young lady is now working with her mom Ingrid to open a Women's Care Center next door to the abortion clinic in Montgomery, Alabama. If you know anyone who could help with this effort, please let us know. Contact Christine at crdcmd527@aol.com or (309) 370-4662.



Baby Mahogany

"Hi Brittany! How are you? I hope all is well with you and that your journey is going great. I've been super busy and loving life. Mahogany is 6 months old and Autumn will be starting second grade. Time is really flying by. We miss you and Autumn says 'hi.' Keep God first and anything is possible. My prayers are with you."

LAWYER CHOOSES LIFE

On the surface, Yolanda may seem unlikely to come to Women's Care Center. A recent law school graduate, she is just starting her corporate career. But like any first-time mom facing an unexpected pregnancy, there are always worries.

At our center, she found much-needed affirmation and support to choose life. Yolanda comes from a surprising background. When she was five, she was taken from her mother and placed in foster care. Yolanda ultimately lived in 22 different foster homes. But this did not deter this hard-working woman from reaching her goals. She laughingly says now, *"If my mom could give me life with her circumstances, I think I can give a good life to this baby."* Yolanda is smitten with her precious daughter Zyon.



Yolanda and baby Zyon

MORE BABIES SAVED ...THANKS TO YOU!

You may know that **abortions have been cut by over a third in our community** since Women's Care Center opened next door to Whole Woman's Health. But this year, thanks to your generous support and our dedicated counselors, we are poised for an even greater decline. In the last year, our center performed **558 pregnancy tests**, a 70% increase over the year before. We also performed **542 life-saving ultrasounds**, an increase of 127%. This is the largest growth of any of our 25 centers in 8 states.

Thank you for helping us save so many babies and their young mothers!