

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.



**Women's Care Center?**  
Helping women choose life!

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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 **351** life-saving ultrasounds in Peoria over the last year.



Patricia's baby

## 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 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 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.

Fanny's family enjoys baby Thomas



## ...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.



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## 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.”



## GOALS COUNSELING... STARTING A BUSINESS!

**We all have something we’re passionate about, that lifts our spirits when we need it most.**

**Maribel’s is crocheting.** “My mom taught me most of what I know now,” she shares. She’s been working on her homemade treasures for the past couple of years now, making them for family and friends. In goals counseling, Maribel has been taking steps to turn this passion into a business in order to help contribute to her family’s budget.

A sampling of one of her recent themed products is shown right.



**“THIS IS SUCH A GREAT PLACE!**

The atmosphere is so warm and homey.”

~ Tinnea

## MORE MATURE THAN HER YEARS

**Imagine being a teenager who had the courage to choose life with others close to her recommending abortion.** This was the case for this young client. She knew from health class that her baby was a child no matter how small he was. And after an ultrasound, **she knew she could never have an abortion.**

The young woman also completed our entire prenatal curriculum and loves coming to the center. When she asked about continuing to come after her baby’s birth, our counselor smiled from ear to ear. With our 0-24 month curriculum, we have plenty of opportunities for young moms to learn to be nurturing parents and earn baby items through the Crib Club at the same time.



“Women’s Care Center has been a great experience for me and has taught me a lot about being a parent.”

~ Keayja

“Kindness, Caring, Supportive, Awesome. That’s how I define you in a short sentence. Love you.”

~ Agness



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!”*