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Brittany's baby Brady



"IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED..."

A year ago, Christina was in her second year of medical school and Charles was just starting his career. Both were from close-knit Christian families. They thought news of her pregnancy would crush their parents. Although it went against their beliefs, Christina scheduled an abortion.

But at Women's Care Center, thanks to your support, she decided to reschedule her abortion. She didn't decide against it, just to push it back so that she could take her time to think about it and maybe tell her parents.

At her next visit, Christina heard her baby's heartbeat, and for the first time began to let herself feel cautiously excited. She made a plan to finish medical school on time, attend every parenting class and deliver a healthy baby.

Two months later, Christina walked in for her regular appointment with a huge smile. She and Charles got married. Everyone (parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles) were thrilled. Shortly after that, they welcomed baby Channing into the world. Now, Christina is working through her clinical rotations as a doctor.





Baby Amely Grace is the picture of Thanksgiving!

Because of **YOU**, 1 in 6 babies born in Duluth now start with Women's Care Center.

BRITTANY WANTS TO THANK YOU!

"My first thought was: there is no other option. I have to abort. I can't have a baby when I can't even provide for myself.

"I called the abortion clinic and made an appointment. Before I went for the abortion, I came to Women's Care Center. My counselor told me I had options. She said, 'We are here to help you in every way, every moment, every step of the process.' And that meant everything to me...to have someone on my side.

In her own words,

thank you!

"When I heard the heartbeat, it scared me in a good way. I realized, 'I have another person to worry about besides myself. I can't live this way anymore. I have to be better.' After that ultrasound, I married my husband and turned my life around. I became a different person.

"When I look at my son Brady, I wonder, 'What would I have ever done without him?'"

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BECAUSE OF YOU, Dr. Christina chose life. She recently stopped by our center in her lab coat and through tears said, "Some women don't have this. I am forever thankful."

A Million Thank You's!

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Because of you, this month we topped 1,000,000 visits to Women's Care Center nationally. But it always starts with ONE. ONE woman, ONE counselor, ONE baby and ONE partner, like you, who makes this important work in Duluth possible.

BABY ROSALEE IS ONE!



Baby Rosalee

"I just want to thank the men and women who donate to Women's Care Center, because it is really such a great place. You may not be physically present, but your presence is definitely felt!" — Rosalee's mom

Please remember babies, like Rosalee, in your year-end giving. Visit supportwomenscarecenter.org and select Duluth.

YOU GAVE THIS BABY A FAMILY

On the day of her baptism, baby AnnaBeth's parents were married!

But not long ago, they were facing an unplanned pregnancy, and it was terrifying. Her mom Kammye says, "Abortion was never something I wanted to do, but I've never been in this situation before."

Looking for a second opinion, she came to Women's Care Center. "Being here was therapeutic and calming." Because of your love and support, Kammye found the confidence to choose life.

And after the birth of her baby, Kammye had an important realization. Seeing her boyfriend Jason interact with AnnaBeth changed everything. "He was such an amazing father; it solidified our relationship." The two got married.





YOU GAVE THIS MOM HOPE

That was the case for Christy, now the mom to energetic baby Peyton. Recently, she came back to our Duluth center with a message of gratitude to YOU!

Christy's baby Peyton

YOU GAVE THESE PARENTS CONFIDENCE "I feel wanted here. I'm not judged."

When Kayleigh came to our Duluth center, she was looking for help during a terrifying time in her life. Afraid to tell her parents, Kayleigh didn't know where to turn.

In this moment, all that mattered was this one young mother and her baby. With thoughtful focus on Kayleigh, her counselor just sat and listened. And Kayleigh noticed. "You make me feel like I'm not alone," she said.

Kayleigh and boyfriend Aaron chose life for baby Brantley...and decided to get married! "Thank you so much," Kayleigh says. "You were always there for me!"

she was desperate.



Baby Zayden

At Women's Care Center, follow-up care for each mom is routine. It's just one part of the love offered by our model of support. But to some women, this level of care comes as a surprise.

"Women's Care Center was welcoming and supportive. I wasn't used to that at first, so I distanced myself. But you would check on me and showed me that you genuinely care. Women's Care Center is my biggest support system. You have been here <u>WHENEVER</u> I need you. My family also loves Women's Care Center, and we recommend you to everyone!"

In her own words thank you.



Baby Brantley

YOU SAVED THIS BABY

When Michelle first came to Women's Care Center, she was thinking about abortion. Already overwhelmed, Michelle couldn't imagine adding a baby to the mix. Simply put,

But thanks to the support YOU made possible, Michelle was wrapped in hope. A few more counseling sessions and ultrasounds solidified her strength. Suddenly, she wasn't scared anymore. In fact, she was excited! Now mom to baby Zayden, Michelle beams, "What changed my mind was coming here!" Although Michelle's story is miraculous, she is just ONE of the women we served in Duluth. Thank you for allowing our counselors to be ready to serve the next woman who walks through our doors.