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Baby Liam



Thanks to you, **162 babies,** like Liam, are already expected to moms served by our new center on La Grange Road.

In her own words,
thank you!

MEKI WANTS TO THANK YOU!

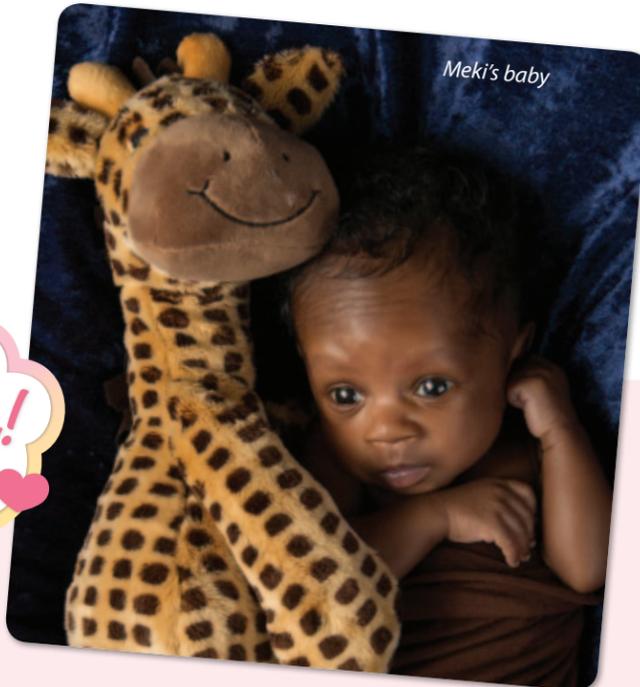
"You helped me gain confidence to be a good mother. **Women's Care Center is the reason my baby is here. He is here because of you.**

"When my mom found out I was pregnant, she said if I didn't get an abortion, she'd kick me out of the house. I came here because I knew you would help me. After coming here, I couldn't choose abortion.

"My mom scheduled my appointment at the abortion clinic, but I told her, *'I can't do this. I saw him on the ultrasound screen! I can't go through with it.'*

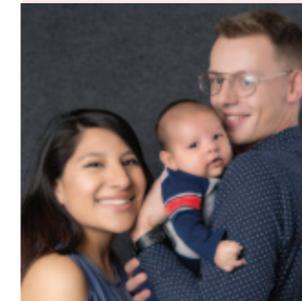
"It was difficult and the odds were against me, but we got through it...with Women's Care Center.

"I got my own place. I started saving money. I came to every class, saved every coupon, and earned my own crib. I never stopped working and went to school full-time. I graduate college this year!"



Meki's baby

THANKS TO PARTNERS LIKE YOU, Karla married Brandon and is starting college. She now says, "Baby Ezekiel is the best thing that's ever happened to us."



Karla, Brandon and baby Ezekiel

"I NEVER BELIEVED IN ABORTION, BUT THEN SUDDENLY IT WAS ME."

Karla wanted to be the first in her family to graduate from college and thought a baby would ruin everything. **THANKS TO YOU,** Karla and her now husband Brandon found loving support at Women's Care Center.

Karla: "I knew that pregnancy made me a mom, regardless of my decision, but I didn't know if I could give this baby the life he deserved. I thought I wanted an abortion."

Brandon: "At Women's Care Center, I learned the best thing I could do for my baby is just to give him a chance at life. I knew he needed to have that chance."

Karla: "When I came in for my ultrasound, I saw the tiniest little thing, like a jelly bean. And I thought, *'I can't do this! I need to keep him! There's literally another person inside me.'*"

Brandon: "When you see the ultrasound, you see — **that is a person in there.** A living person that we created. And he could be something so great one day."

Karla: "The best decision I ever made in my life is coming here...to Women's Care Center."

In their own words,
thank you!



Baby Ezekiel



YOU TOUCH HEARTS

"To the donors, I just want to say thank you so much—you gave me a place to come when I felt all alone. This place is my safe haven. I'm so grateful!"

"Sometimes I feel like the poster child for Women's Care Center, I come so often. I know everybody here. They are all so friendly. Lots of times, I felt like I didn't have an outlet. Here, I feel comfortable enough to share. I knew they would always lift my spirits. **My favorite part about being a mom is the unconditional love!**"

— Tisha

Tisha's baby Skylir



YOU SAVE BABIES

Friends and family encouraged Julie to get an abortion. But fortunately, thanks to you, she didn't listen.

She said during her ultrasound, "That's not a blob of cells. That's a baby!" Julie reflects, "I've always heard it's just a blob of cells, and I believed it. But there were arms, legs, toes — I could not believe I had a baby inside of me!"

As others continued to encourage abortion and even scheduled one for her, Julie stayed strong. "I kept the ultrasound photos by my bed. I looked at them every night and they kept me strong. When I saw her photo, I forgot everything else. It's all for her."

Now a toddler, Frida is a joyful part of Julie's life.

When Julie looks back on the abortion decision she almost made, she says, "It's hard to even think about, because I love her so much."



Julie and Frida

YOU SUPPORT MOMS

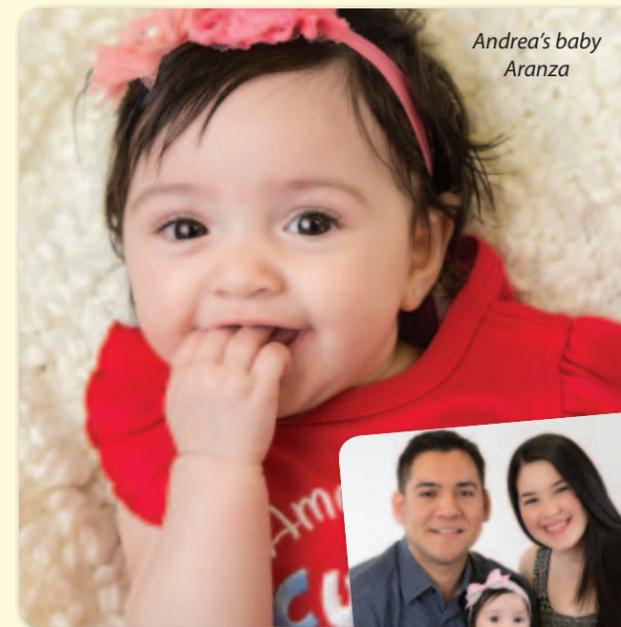
"I have continued to do the right things, and everything just started falling into place for me.

"I've been working full-time. I moved into an apartment. I'm feeling better than I have in years. And the love I have for this baby is almost too much to handle. **Thank you so much for keeping in touch with me and being supportive.** You really helped me to believe that I can do this!"

— Kirsten



Kirsten and Baby Conlin



Andrea's baby Aranza



Victor, Andrea and Baby Aranza

YOU BUILD FAMILIES

Andrea and Victor were new in town when they found out they were pregnant with their first child. Far away from family and friends, Andrea was scared and lonely. **Thanks to your generous support, she found Women's Care Center where she was wrapped in love.** Here, the couple was able to attend dozens of classes to learn about having a healthy baby and parenting. Through classes, Andrea also met a best friend, someone just like her, who was also expecting her first baby.



Shermaine's Baby

YOU EDUCATE PARENTS

A first-time mom, low on resources, Shermaine was in desperate need of help. But wherever she went, she was turned away. As a last resort, Shermaine and her husband walked through the doors of Women's Care Center. **What followed astounded her.**

"I thought they would turn me away too. But I was surprised. You welcomed me. You were so friendly."

Dad DeAngelo admits, "I didn't even know how to hold a baby! But in parenting classes, they taught me everything." When it was time for Shermaine to deliver, one thing was for sure — these parents were ready.

Thanks to you, these first-time parents have been embraced in a way they never could have imagined. "Women's Care Center is our family now," they both agree.