

"I can do things you cannot do, and you can do things that I cannot do; but **TOGETHER** we can do great things."

~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## **GREY SAVED** ...THANKS TO YOU!

Cicily had only one year left in graduate school. Tears flowed as she told our counselor, "I am terrified." Abortion seemed like her only choice.

Here she says, "I didn't feel judged or pushed to make a decision." But during her ultrasound, she knew. "I could not go through with the abortion." She says she started thinking practically. "Not all the negatives."

Cicily graduated with her master's degree just a month after having baby Grey. She says, "I can't imagine my life without him." The first grandchild, Grey is adored by Cicily's mom who "loves him to pieces and sees him every day."



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# FINDING HER VOCATION THROUGH ADOPTION

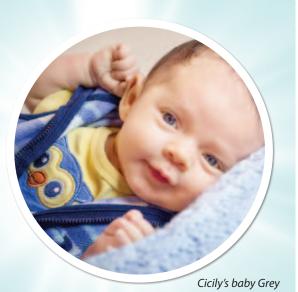


### **A RIPPLE EFFECT**

Thanks to donors like you, counselors like Kelsey's just LOVE.

This creates an environment that empowers a young woman to make a decision about her pregnancy rooted in her own goodness, strength and beliefs. And a decision for life leads to so many other good decisions.

This newsletter is dedicated to sharing with you some of the miracles we witness that emanate from this most important decision for life.



Today, Kelsey is Director of Marketing for a large adoption **agency** and an avid proponent of adoption.

But back in 2015, Kelsey was sitting in a counseling room at Women's Care Center facing an unplanned pregnancy. She had googled "Someone to talk to about abortion," and our center was first to show up.

"The people at Women's Care Center were warm, loving and non-judgmental. I bonded with my counselor who encouraged me to talk to my mom." Opening up to her mother was the best thing. Her mom became her #1 supporter, and Kelsey chose adoption. She says adoption is "worth every ache in my chest, and I would not hesitate to do it all over again."



Her adoption work brought her back to the counselor who helped her so much two years ago. They talked for hours, like old friends, with joyful tears. Kelsey says, "I am so honored she remembered me."

**"ADOPTION** is worth every ache in my chest, and I would not hesitate to do it all over again." — Kelsey (story above)

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#### **YOU** create a Ripple Effect...

#### **NEXT DOOR SAVES LIVES**

Christina<sup>\*</sup> sat paralyzed in the parking lot of Planned Parenthood unable to go in for her abortion. She walked over to our center next door in tears and told the counselor who met her at the door. "My boyfriend wants me to have an abortion."

For the first time in her pregnancy, Christina felt listened to. **Supported.** Loved. She was also able to see her tiny baby on our ultrasound and find the confidence to choose life.

Today, Christina smiles down at her new baby, filled with gratitude.

#### \* name changed for confidentiality





#### THANKS TO YOU,

Christina is just one of many moms who found hope in our pink sign.



Shana and baby Bailey Rose

#### **BROUGHT TOGETHER BY BABY**

"The minute I walked in the door, I knew this is where I belonged," says Shana of Women's Care Center. New to Milwaukee, without a support system, Shana worried when she found out she was pregnant. And fiancé Ronald was living out of town.

Here she found support to choose life for her baby. And the baby brought her family together. Fiancé Ronald moved to Milwaukee to utilize his mathematics degree. And as a dad-to-be, he researched labor techniques and prenatal care...the memory of which still brings a smile to Shana's already-glowing face.

Shana is now the proud mother of baby Bailey Rose. This selfsufficient family looks forward to marriage and a move to Atlanta, where Shana will pursue a career in pediatric dentistry.

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## FAMILY MAKES ROOM FOR BABY

With Savvoy studying for her nursing degree and three children already at home, she and Daron had all they could handle. Both were also working to support their family. The pregnancy had them reeling and feeling that abortion was the only way out.

But here, this hard-working couple found confidence to follow their hearts and choose life for baby Kharsen. Savvoy found practical help in our parenting classes and Crib Club. Daron joined her on some visits, attending Strong Fathers class while Savvoy worked on goals.

YOU help couples like this overcome panic and open their hearts to another baby.

Baby Logan

## HATS...BLUE OR PINK?

Sindia asked, "The hat is pink, so am I having a baby girl?" Every new mom at Women's Care Center gets a little gift for their baby from our counselors. Sindia's was a pink hat.

Her counselor laughingly responded, "I am not 100% sure, but many women have come back to tell me that I picked the right one." She was right again, and baby Melanie was born in March. The first thing Sindia said after having her new baby girl was, "Where is that pink hat? I need to put it on my baby!"

## **BECOMING A BETTER PERSON**

Sindia's baby Melanie in her pink hat!

In hindsight, Rayna says it was "divine intervention" that initially brought her to our center thinking about abortion. A successful professional, Rayna had always put career first. Her boyfriend had children from a previous marriage and said, "I'm not starting over with a baby." Rayna also worried about letting her parents down.

But the ultrasound changed Rayna's outlook. She fell in love watching her tiny baby on the screen. And when our sonographer gently told her, "You are already a mother," Rayna surprised herself and thought, "I can't wait to be a mother."

Today, Rayna is a successful mom to six-week baby Julian. Rayna says coming to Women's Care Center helped her make room in her heart and become a better person. She says, "It helped me become more open and willing to change my outlook on life."



Daron and son Kharsen



Rayna and baby Julian