

YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS LIFE-SAVING MISSION HELPS MORE YOUNG MOMS, LIKE ISABELLA'S, CHOOSE LIFE FOR THEIR BABIES.

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### **ULTRASOUND "CHANGED EVERYTHING"!**



"I'm so glad I didn't listen!" Amanda says now.

She had a goal to be the first person in her family to graduate from college. She was studying radiology when she found herself unexpectedly pregnant. People close to her told her, "You can never be a mom and finish your degree." They told her abortion was the only way out of her situation.

But when Amanda came to Women's Care Center for an ultrasound, she says, "I heard his heartbeat. *It changed everything."* 

Our counselor helped Amanda find the confidence to choose life. "So many people told me to just quit school, that I couldn't do both."

But because of partners like you, Amanda is still following her dream, going to college full-time, just now with baby JJ by her side.

"I heard his heartbeat! It was a life-changing moment!"

— Amanda

#### **ELI IS JUST ONE!**

One of 1,333 babies born to our Peoria moms since we opened in 2013. And their moms have made over 9,000 visits. All possible because of generous partners like you!

Throwin' it back to 1984 and our very first center, "the little blue house" in South Bend, Indiana. Founded by Dr. Janet E. Smith when she was a young professor at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Smith saw the need to provide love, hope and encouragement to pregnant women to help them choose life for their babies.

Women's Care Center now serves 26,000 women annually from 28 centers in 10 states.





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#### YOU CREATE FAMILIES

When you support Women's Care Center, you not only help women choose life, you help them create a family! Moms and dads are encouraged to work hard, attend parenting classes, set goals and stay in school.

And thanks to your generous support, every small child who visits one of our centers leaves with books to encourage a love of reading!



Baby Chloe loves to "read"...thanks to you!

#### YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S CARE CENTER HELPS OUR COUNSELORS KEEP LIFE-SAVING PROMISES.





# YOU PROMISE TO WELCOME ALL WHO WALK THROUGH OUR DOOR AS THOUGH THEY ARE FAMILY



### YOU PROMISE TO BE WITH HER EVERY STEP OF THE WAY — FROM CONFIRMATION OF PREGNANCY THROUGH YEARS AFTER BIRTH

#### **PROVIDING WELCOME**

"My wife Sharmila and I are from South India.

We came to know my wife was pregnant...
this was still a new town for us, and we had
no friends or relatives. I googled and found
Women's Care Center. Before visiting, we had
no idea or information about pregnancy.
But after each session, we had a good
knowledge. Also, Connie (our counselor)
was so sweet and kind to us that my wife
didn't feel she was missing her relatives
and friends. As a family, we are so
grateful to Women's Care Center.

Thanks, Karthick"



Sharmila and baby Murshikki



Pamela and baby Abigail

#### **EVERY STEP OF THE WAY**

"I'm so thankful for a place like this!"

Jamison cradles her newborn son as she shares her experience.

This young mom eagerly took part in our goal-setting program and soaked up all the information she could about parenting and caring for a newborn.

Just after New Year's Day, Jamison delivered a healthy baby boy! Hawthorne Asher weighed in at nearly 8 pounds.



Jamison and baby Hawthorne

"I love the knowledgeable staff at Women's Care Center," continues Jamison. "They assisted me and gave me support during my high-risk pregnancy... I can come for support, information, and knowledge about pregnancy, my baby and nursing. Thank you again!"



YOU PROMISE PRENATAL CARE, TANGIBLE ASSISTANCE
AND ONGOING PARENTING SKILLS EDUCATION

#### **MEET MOM PAMELA & BABY ABIGAIL**

Pamela made dozens of visits to our center when she was expecting Abigail. She received prenatal vitamins and healthy pregnancy education. She also participated in many of our classes where she learned how babies communicate, how to teach patience, and early childhood development. Pamela is now married to Abigail's daddy, Arturo, and is loving every minute of being Abigail's mommy!



## YOU PROMISE TO LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY EVERY WOMAN SERVED



Zoe and her baby

### **CONTINUING TO LOVE**

When Zoe first came to our Peoria center, she was certain she would have an abortion. She was teary

during the ultrasound, but still convinced she had already made her decision.

But Zoe's counselor, Connie, didn't give up. She let Zoe know that whatever her decision, Women's Care Center was there for her. And ultimately, Connie got a joyous response, "I've decided to keep my baby.

100%! I was wondering if we can meet up and talk sometime."

Connie helped Zoe make a pregnancy plan. Zoe says, "I could not stop thinking about that heartbeat!"

And she says of her baby girl, "I've never felt so much love in my life."



Our Peoria center is "next door"

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

21 times! That's how many times Women's Care Center has opened near an abortion clinic or Planned Parenthood. All thanks to generous partners like you! Every single time, women's hearts are touched, babies are saved, and abortion declines are phenomenal. Most recently, in December, we opened near the large Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Merrillville (the last abortion clinic in northern Indiana).