



Our mom Alejandra and her baby (shown)

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"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."



Cicily's baby Grey

FINDING HER VOCATION THROUGH ADOPTION



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."



Birthmother Kelsey and Graham. Kelsey has an open adoption and gets visits with her baby.

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.

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 — Kelsey (story above)

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YOU create a Ripple Effect...

NEXT DOOR SAVES LIVES

Christina* sat paralyzed in the parking lot of the abortion clinic 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*



Christina's baby



THANKS TO YOU,

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



Baby Logan

...a decision for **LIFE** that leads to so many other good decisions!

FAMILY MAKES ROOM FOR BABY

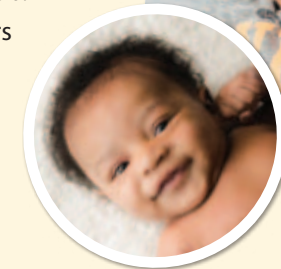
With Savvoy studying for her nursing degree and three children already at home, she and Daron had all they could handle. Both were also working to support their family. The pregnancy had them reeling and feeling that abortion was the only way out.

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.



Daron and son Kharsen



Sindia's baby Melanie in her pink hat!

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!"

FROM THE BIRTHING SUITE

Our counselor received a special "Thank You" email and photo.

To: wcccounselor@gmail.com

Subject: Gabriel Alexander

Hi Connie!

You may not remember me, but and I began visiting with you back in November. I want to thank you for your support and encouragement during one of the darkest and most challenging times of my life. There will always be challenges, but many of your words remain with me, and I want you to know that you were a saving grace throughout that time. I named him Gabriel Alexander, he was 8lbs 7.4oz, 21 inches long! Again, thank you for what you do. **I can only imagine how many women you've helped!**



Krissy holding baby Christian

UNPLANNED

"He wasn't planned, but sometimes blessings aren't planned," says Krissy of her son Christian. When she found out she was pregnant, the news couldn't have been a bigger shock. However, even more shocking was the lack of support from her friends, most of whom encouraged abortion.

That all changed the day she walked into Women's Care Center. A pregnancy that once seemed overwhelming became manageable with the step-by-step approach she found here...and counselors who embraced her with open arms. When asked what made the difference, Krissy said it was "the personal touch," adding "Here everyone knows me by name!"

Krissy now sees Christian as the greatest miracle in her life.