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Baby Liam

Thanks to you, **458 babies**, like Liam, were born to Women's Care Center moms in Peoria over the last year.



Meki's baby

In her own words,
thank you!

MEKI WANTS TO THANK YOU!

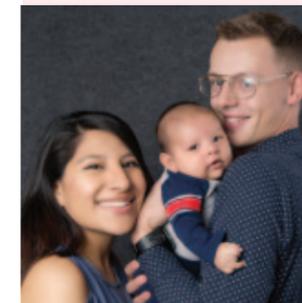
"You helped me gain confidence to be a good mother. **Women's Care Center is the reason my baby is here. He is here because of you.**

"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!"



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."

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."

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

There is no more life-saving location than "next door" to the abortion clinic. And thanks to you, we are there every day serving women and saving lives.

Sarah came to our center after a consultation at the abortion clinic. She told our counselor, "There's no way I can go to school and have this baby."

But thanks to your support of our mission, Sarah completely changed her mind. **"When I saw the ultrasound, Crib Club, and all the things you do to help people, that really assured me."**

SARAH CHOSE LIFE...and chose to keep her plans for school as well! In fact, she submitted her application the day she went into labor. Looking at baby Libby, Sarah cannot even think of the decision she almost made without crying. "What I love most is the support I get here. I didn't really have anyone to talk to about this, and you provided that for me."



Sarah and Baby

YOU SUPPORT WOMEN

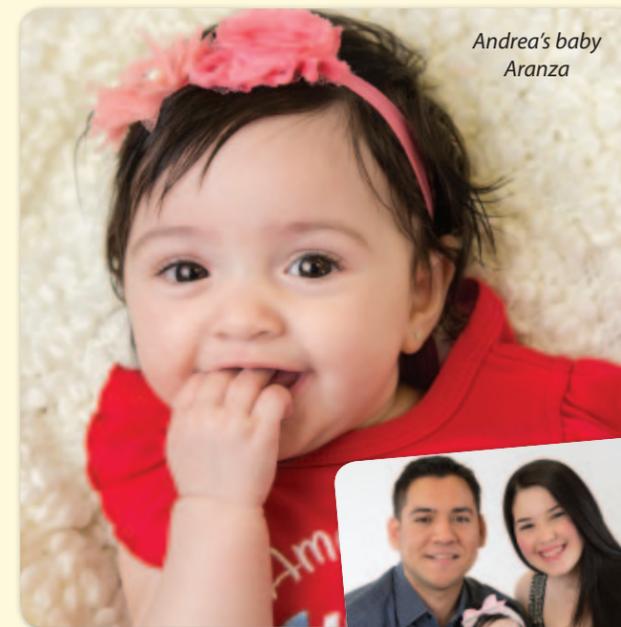
"I have continued to do the right things, and everything just started falling into place for me.

"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.



Bernette and Baby Breon

YOU EDUCATE MOMS

Where do you go when you have nowhere else to turn?

For Bernette, it was our center in Peoria. Bernette was 35 and pregnant for the first time. She was worried and very anxious about this pregnancy.

In the loving environment of our center, Bernette felt immediately calmer. Our counselor encouraged her to take it one day at a time. So she did. And many of those days were spent here at Women's Care Center learning about having a healthy pregnancy, baby basics and parenting.

By the time Bernette delivered baby Breon, her original worries had been transformed to **overwhelming love.** She gushes that there are no words to describe how she feels about him. She tears up saying, "He is an amazing little human — he is everything."