"My counselor told me not to be scared, because **I'd never be alone.** You would always be here for me."

~ Mom Sarai, shown with baby Ameliz

So many moms like Sarai are grateful to **YOU.** 



LA PORTE AND LAKE COUNTIES

**GRATITUDE REPORT** 2 019

# Reannin made two phone calls.

One to Planned Parenthood and one to Women's Care Center. Planned Parenthood told her they could see her next week. Women's Care Center told her we could see her <u>right now</u>.

"If I hadn't gotten an appointment at Women's Care Center first, I would have gone right to Planned Parenthood and I probably would have aborted."

~ Reannin, mother of baby Agnes (shown)



#### We live in increasingly challenging and difficult times.

You see the incredible sadness coming out of New York, Virginia, Illinois, and many other states that are making abortion more available than ever before...even up to, and after the moment of birth. It's like nothing we've ever seen before. It's scary. It's sad.

But, at Women's Care Center, you help us stay out of politics and instead double down on what works. Because of donors like you, we focus with great love on the next woman who walks through our door. Because of you, we double down on love.

In communities with Women's Care Center, life is winning.

Saving more babies than ever before.

Thanks to you!

## Our clients feel it. They feel your love.

Over 7,000 times a year, a young woman walks into one of our centers in Lake and La Porte Counties. A woman who, with just a little bit of hope and support, changes her mind and chooses life. A woman who is supported through pregnancy and beyond, and then builds a nurturing family or places her baby for adoption.

And it is one person — like you — who makes this possible.

It is no wonder that every community with a Women's Care Center has seen exceptional abortion declines. **Locally, abortions have been cut in half.** 

And this would not happen without you.



**Baby Jerica** 

#### LAST 365 DAY

(La Porte County)

1,071 women 638 ultrasounds 4,125 visits

(Lake County)

1,206 women 942 ultrasounds 3,251 visits

## BOTH COUNTIES 93% choose life

"At Women's Care Center, I really needed support. I went from total unhappiness at the start to

## 'this is so Wonderful!'''

~ Angela, mother of baby Jerica (shown)

#### KAHRI'S STORY

"I was working 60-70 hours a week. I wanted to get an abortion.

I've always been pro-choice. But seeing everything at Women's Care Center with this pregnancy completely changed my perspective.

In the ultrasound, I got to see my baby!

After that, whenever I felt weak and thought about abortion, I just kept pulling out that ultrasound picture.

That picture reminded me, this baby is here. She's real. Here's her little body. Here's her heartbeat. This baby, Lexzie, is my angel, because she saved me. She saved my family life. I still work hard to provide for my kids, but now I know that work is not everything.

Every single day, I gather them together and tell my kids, 'you are smart, you are strong, you are beautiful, and you are loved.' That's the kind of unconditional love I want them to grow up understanding.

Now, I can't believe I ever even thought about abortion. It would have ruined my life."

## Your love does not stop when a baby is born.

This is when Women's Care Center's work really begins. It is important to offer women a path to becoming a successful mother. Those who visit our centers more frequently have healthier babies. They find parenting skills, adoption support and self-sufficiency. The goal is to build a family.

"Now that we're married, everything is different. Before, we were two people who loved each other and had a baby. Now, we are a family."

~ Karla, Brandon and their growing family



The mom in the middle shared a message for you:

"You might never know the stories of all the moms you have helped, but you need to know what a blessing you are.

Every one of us can come here and know that we will be welcomed without judgment. You'll never know the impact that your donations have had. But in Heaven, you will know. We are happy thinking that one day you will finally get to see all you've done for us."

Mommy and Me Music class at Women's Care Center

#### **KIARRAH'S STORY**

"I was searching on-line, and Women's Care Center in Hammond just popped up!" says Kiarrah.

During her ultrasound, the sound of heartbeats began to fill the room. Not one heartbeat. **But two.** Kiarrah was expecting twins! She says, "I saw them, and their hearts were beating, and they were feisty!"

"I think God made me brave. He made me love these babies so I couldn't go through with the abortion. Without Women's Care Center, I probably wouldn't have them today."





Founder Dr. Janet E. Smith and President Ann Manion

## WOMEN'S CARE CENTER WINS NATIONAL AWARD...THANKS TO YOU!

The University of Notre Dame de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture presented Women's Care Center with the 2019 Evangelium Vitae Medal, the nation's most important lifetime achievement award for heroes in the pro-life movement.

Accepting the award, President Ann Manion said, "This gives us the validation and courage to continue to grow this mission on a national level. But it always starts with one. One woman at a time. And one baby at a time."

## Because of you, life is winning.

534 babies like Lexzie were born to our moms in La Porte County, with another 720 born in Lake County. *(full story inside)* 

There is so much opportunity to save <u>more</u> babies like Lexzie. *But it won't happen without you*. Consider expanding your support for Women's Care Center.

### Double down on love.

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## "I don't even know how to say thank you to the donors.

I keep thinking of what my life would be like without Women's Care Center. It makes me cry, because I just love this baby so much."

~ Kahri, mother of baby Lexzie (shown)