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Gemma and baby Derek

You bring the joy of motherhood to so many Women's Care Center moms. But more and more seek us out every day.

Please double down on love.
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Mia's Mom is thankful for you!

"When you're in a spot where you're not really sure or decided, you can always come here for support. That's why I'm so grateful to the donors. You can't find another place like this," says Jodi, Mia's mom.

This young mom describes an environment of love.

"I thought it would be just like the doctor's office. I never expected this place to be so friendly! It feels like home. You can tell everyone really wants what is best for both the mom and the baby."

And for women facing unplanned pregnancies, this means a lot. Because of you, they find much more than just a comfortable space. Jodi says, "Sometimes, you go places and feel judged. That's what I love about coming here. I never feel that at all!"



Baby Mia

"I took my pregnancy test alone in the Walmart bathroom."

Erica was a frightened college student studying animation. She says, "When I looked at that positive test, I decided to have an abortion and just not think about it anymore."

But fortunately, during that scary time, Erica had you. You gave her a counselor that she could trust. You gave her love and support every step of the way.

Erica describes seeing the ultrasound with her boyfriend. "We were shaking, we were so scared. My eyes were closed shut because I was too afraid to look. The next thing I knew, I heard heartbeats filling the room. Twins! As soon as we saw them, we knew we could never abort! Those thoughts were just gone. These were our babies!"

Today, Erica is engaged to be married, still in college, and finishing up even faster than she had planned.

And Erica has donors like you to thank for saving her babies and transforming her life.



"As soon as we saw them, we knew we could never abort."

Erica's twins Skylar and Paislee

You Help Dads Too

"She puts this fire in my stomach. When I look at her, I realize — I do have something to look forward to. She makes me work harder. She gives me purpose every single day," says Marquis about his baby daughter Kya.

And coming to parenting class was not easy for Marquis. "I used to take three buses just to get here. I came to every class! Every single one."

At Women's Care Center, Marquis learned how to be a good father. "I want to do more than just be there. I want to teach her, protect her innocence, make sure she has everything she needs to one day venture into the real world." And when speaking about you, Marquis says, "If I could meet the donors, I would just want to praise them."

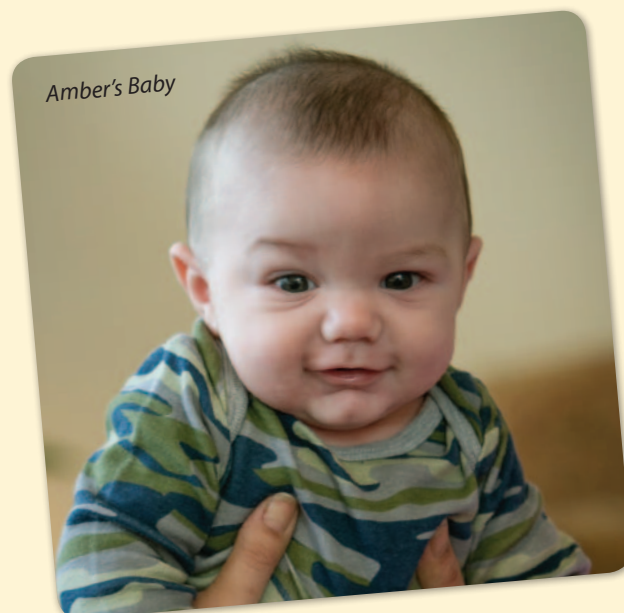
"When I picture her future, I imagine she has on a gold princess crown or tiara, because she deserves it! I want her to be happy wherever she is,"

says Marquis of his baby Kya.



A Very Grateful Mom

Amber was 40. Worried about being a single mom. Worried about starting over. Abortion seemed like the only option.



But because of you, Amber found a loving counselor. And to her surprise, the obstacles "began to fall away." She says, "You provided so much support. You helped me focus on what was at hand and overcome it." Amber is so thankful for the decision she made. She wishes other women would know the joy that has come from it. "I'm in such a better place now and so happy to have my baby."

The staff enjoy frequent pictures and visits from Amber, and want to share them with you.

You are the one who helps women like Amber say "yes" to life, every day.

You Help After a Choice For Life

You may not know the critical role you play in helping moms have healthy babies. At Women's Care Center, many of the women we see are not able to access prenatal medical care in the first trimester.

But thanks to your support, they get free prenatal vitamins and ongoing education. Right from the start! They learn about having a healthy baby, nutrition, first time moms, safe sleep and infant care.

And it works. Since inception, women who visited our Baltimore center 1-2 times had babies weighing an average of 6 pounds 10 ounces. Those visiting 5 or more times had babies weighing an average of 7 pounds 3 ounces.

Thanks to you... those extra visits translate into some pretty big extra ounces for our tiny babies!



Healthy baby Alan

Meet "Your Baby"

"I was in a really dark place..." says Rebecca. She had scars from a past abortion and now she was reluctantly about to have another one. Her relationship with her baby's father was rocky. Her business demanded much of her time. And at 38, she thought she was too old.

But thanks to you, at our Baltimore center, Rebecca started to see herself in a new, more positive, light. She says, "You changed my life. For the first time, I was able to see that I could be strong, and that being older and wiser could be a good thing in a parent."

Today, Rebecca is full of smiles as she cuddles baby Ashton. She gratefully calls him "your baby" because without Women's Care Center, Ashton might not be here today. Rebecca's business is thriving, and her relationship with her baby's father continues to grow.



Rebecca and baby Ashton



Kattie, Nick and their baby Bexley

A Thankful Email

"You probably don't remember my husband and me..."

This was the first line of an email from Kattie. *Of course, we did!*

A year ago, they were newly married and shocked to be pregnant so soon. Both were civil engineers in the Air Force. Complicating matters, the couple was about to be deployed to Japan. They desperately needed encouragement and an ultrasound to calm their fears. Kattie says,

"We wanted to send you a picture of our little family now."