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Baby Elliana Estella

THANKS TO YOU, Baby Elliana Estella loves her visits to our center with her mom, dad and big brother.

Thanks to you! Thanks to your support! Thanks to your prayers!

We have found the perfect location and are moving forward in Bismarck.



When you helped us open nine years ago, we never dreamed that so many babies in our community would now start with our center.

It is amazing that so many women do find us through word of mouth even though we are hidden in a large office building. **BUT THAT IS ABOUT TO CHANGE.** With your help, we are moving downtown to a highly visible new site at 614 N. 4th Street. And this new site is not only convenient and walkable for so many who need us, it's homey and charming. **It will be a magnet for pregnant women.** So many more babies will be saved. With your support, we hope to close on this location mid April and be open at the beginning of June.

IT IS YOU WHO LOVE BABIES!

Serena and her husband Noel can't even get a sentence out about our center without the words "GRATEFUL" and "BLESSED." About to become first-time parents, they started coming to weekly parenting classes.

"Whenever I come to your center, I think about how someone is behind all this, supporting this, and I think, 'somebody around here really loves babies!'"



Whoever gives money here, they must really care about families. I think about those people all the time."

Though they might never meet you in person, Serena and Noel wish they could tell you directly, **"Because of you, we have a happy family.** We have a happy baby. For you, who are keeping this center open, we want to say that you are *amazing!* **WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!"**

Pictured left: Serena, Noel and baby



614 N. 4th Street



We are grateful to be moving into our new home, but are still in need of capital gifts.

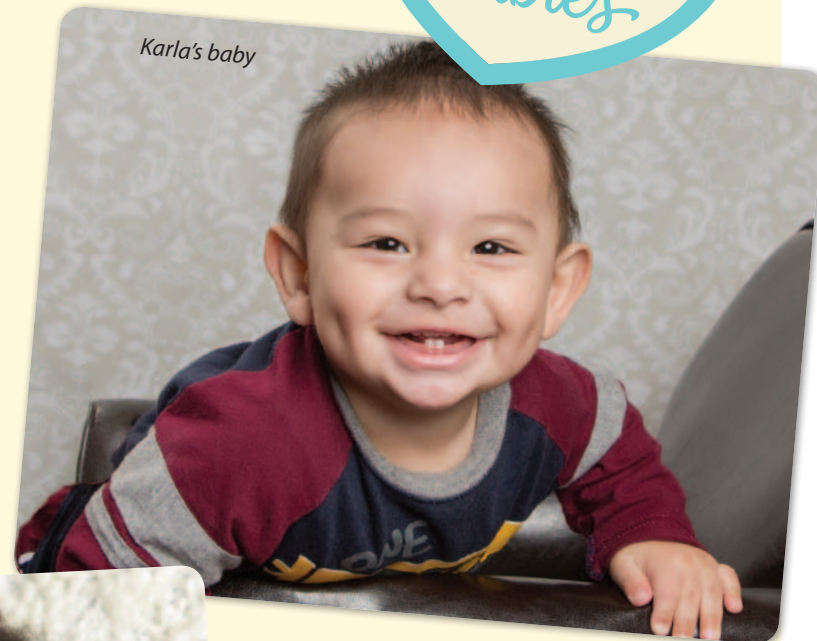
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"THAT'S WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH MY SON,"

says Karla of her ultrasound.

Not long ago, Karla was a scared college student, worried about being pregnant and disappointing her parents. She says of her counselor, "I told her everything. I remember I was crying and said, 'I don't know what to do, because I haven't even graduated yet.' I remember she just listened to me and made me feel like everything was going to be ok." **Thanks to your support**, Karla chose to keep her baby and marry boyfriend Brandon.

"When I look at my son and my husband, I think, *'I've done this. I've come so far. I am going to school. I'm being a mom at the same time. I'm being a wife. I'm strong enough to do this.'*



"Now I see it was always part of God's plan for Korey to be here. He gives me so much joy. Every day, I look at him and it breaks my heart to think he almost wasn't here."

~ Baby Korey's mom, Nicole

"I WAS SURE I WAS GOING TO GET AN ABORTION,"

says Nicole, looking back in time. "But then I got an ultrasound and heard his heartbeat. He was only nine weeks old at the time, but he was already feisty! He was jumping and bouncing."

Nicole says, "Your center made me rethink, made me dig deeper and think, *Maybe I really can do this! It's not the end of the world. It'll be ok!* You never judged or pressured me either. You respected me, treated me with dignity, and gave me options."

"I'm thankful to the donors, too. Lots of girls don't have a place or even a person to go to. **Thank you for making a place for people like me to always come to!"**



HER MOM IS GRATEFUL TO YOU

"I tell everyone who's never heard of your center that they need to come here," says Maria, mom to baby Amely Grace.

"Thank you for thinking about others like me — it's the kindest thing that people can do. It's amazing to me. You're doing just what Jesus says — loving others as yourself! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to watch all the stages of my baby growing up. **I LOVE IT ALL!"**



NATALY'S STORY

"I was 17 and scared. I had plans to go to college. I didn't know what to do! I was so nervous! But when I saw my baby on the ultrasound screen, tears just fell. I knew then it wasn't going to be easy, but it was going to be worth it.

"My counselor made me feel like I had support. I was so scared, but she helped me. Part of that was telling my parents. When I came back a few weeks later, my counselor was right — they were happy!

"I'm now in college. I want my daughter to look up to me. **I don't want her to grow up thinking she changed my life in a negative way or stopped any of my goals.** I want her to know that I got to do everything I was working for...*with her!* She didn't stop me from anything. **She makes things better.** I want her to know she can grow up and do anything."



WOMEN'S CARE CENTER WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Evangelium Vitae Medal is the **nation's most important lifetime achievement award for heroes in the pro-life movement**, and Women's Care Center won it.

Thanks to you, we have joined this highly effective network and are serving more women and saving more babies than ever before. This honor from the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture will be celebrated with a Mass and banquet on April 27, 2019. If you are able to celebrate with us, please go to: ethicscenter.nd.edu/evforwcc



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our annual walk

MILES for MOTHERS
on Saturday, April 6
at Sertoma Park.

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