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# "I was sure I was going to get an abortion,"

He was jumping and bouncing."

Nicole says, "Women's Care 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!"

Baby Elliana Estella

THANKS TO YOU, Baby Elliana Estella loves her visits to Women's Care Center with her mom, dad and big brother.

# IT IS YOU WHO LOVE BABIES!

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

"Whenever I come to Women's Care 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



"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

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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!

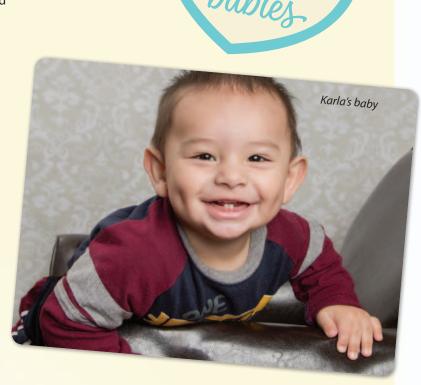


## "THAT'S WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH MY SON,"

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.'



## 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!

What you have helped us establish here has now spread to 32 locations in 11 states. And over the last year, women made over 100,000 visits to our centers nationally. 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



"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."



### **BUILDING FAMILIES**

With support from the Catholic Foundation, we are developing a brand-new parenting curriculum, Raising Kids with Character. It explores eight topics: peace, gratitude, respect, creativity, kindness, honesty, hope, and joy. These attributes help foster the deep and sustained hope needed to carry families through inevitable personal challenges. Parents who work to instill character in their children also find those same qualities growing in themselves.

Baby Leah

## HER MOM IS GRATEFUL TO YOU

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





This is just one way your support of Women's Care Center is building families into the next generation and beyond.