

More than ever, an unplanned pregnancy can feel like a crisis.

But because of you, Women's Care Center remains open.

ESSENTIAL



PEORIA, ILLINOIS

GRATITUDE REPORT

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"I was searching for an abortion. I was still in school and someday wanted to be a doctor. I was uneasy. I remember feeling like I was going to be sick," says Abigail. "But right when I walked into Women's Care Center, I got this feeling that it was **all going to be OK.**"

Abigail and baby Addison



Against all odds, thanks to you, miracles are still happening.

Women choosing life after a conversation over the phone. Car side deliveries of diapers and emergency supplies to needy families. Ultrasonographers in protective gear showing our most vulnerable clients their growing babies.

One previously abortion-bound mom said, "I'm so glad you're open. If you weren't open, people would be out here making rash decisions. Whatever you need to stay open, I will be here. If you need Clorox wipes or someone to answer the phones, I'll come."

Now, more than ever, you are transforming hearts and lives.

You are essential!

In addition to essentials, every family who comes to our center for emergency supplies goes home with a brand-new children's book.

"I can tell you — I don't want it to sound extreme, but it is true — you donors saved my daughter's life!" *says Robin.*

"Without your support, without having someone waiting there to talk to me, I wouldn't have made the decision I did. I never expected one-on-one counseling. My counselor really listened to me. And because you listened, you could tell that my mind wanted an abortion, but my heart wasn't in it."

The day of her scheduled abortion appointment, Robin just sat in the parking lot.
"I couldn't go in. I wanted to be back at Women's Care Center."



Robin's baby Mariah

Because of you...

Peoria *(last 365 days)*

1,004 women

1,307 ultrasounds

3,224 visits

13 women every day



Nina's baby Jack

"My counselor told me my feelings of being scared were completely normal — just hearing her say that out loud made such a difference," says Nina. "Women's Care Center really guided me. You helped me find a doctor, prenatal care and offered classes. I'd come to classes even without the incentives — coupons are just the added benefit!"

"There is nowhere else around like this. How does a place like this even exist? I see the plaques on the walls around the center and think of the donors. I would want to meet you, thank you. Saying you 'helped' me doesn't even sound strong enough!" — *Nina*

“The classes are so good that we just keep coming! This place is way more than just help to have a baby — it’s help through your kids growing up,”

says Humberto.



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And even now, classes are continuing online.

We just received this email from Ashley: “We miss you all so much! My life was saved when I first set foot in Women’s Care Center. You gave me the tools then and you continue to help me be a better parent than my own. You are heroes everyday, not just in this crisis. I found that watching your YouTube classes helps me remember my promise to myself and each of my children to love them as Jesus and our mother Mary does.”

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Because of you, 594 babies were born to our Peoria Women’s Care Center moms over the last year. To make a contribution, go to supportwomenscarecenter.org or text **PeoriaBabies** to 91999.

Thank you to OSF HealthCare for their generous support of our services.



Humberto's family

