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Valerie's baby Londyn

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#### You Helped Annie Make a Heroic Choice...ADOPTION

"I flipped over the positive pregnancy test and fell on my knees bawling," says Annie. "But by my second ultrasound I thought, 'Wow! That's incredible. I'm blown away — a little person inside of me.' Then I really looked at my situation — I had difficulties with the father, no place to live, tough finances, I was so young.

> "When I saw those ultrasounds and watched him moving around, I knew I loved this little boy so much. I can't give him less than he deserves."

> > When Annie met Ashleigh's family, she said to future big brother Kaiden, "I have your baby brother in my tummy!" Placing baby Remy was not easy, but

"the strength came out of my love for him."

> Ashleigh says, "We wanted an open adoption, because we want Remy to always know that he was given out of love. That he was always wanted."



Birth mom Annie and baby Remy (shown above)

"Kaiden prayed for a baby brother every single night for a year," says adoptive parents Ashleigh and Adam (shown with their family at left).

### A Love Letter to YOU!

"TO THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THIS PLACE: Londyn would not be here today without you, and that's the honest truth.

"How could I not have wanted her at first? What would I do without her? She is joy.

"People often say, 'this place changed my life,' but I want to say,

'No, you don't understand — this place really did change my life and my heart, and I now carry that love with me always."

— Valerie





#### You Care for Worried Parents

"We went to another clinic but left our appointment feeling so confused, very distant with no direction," says mom Margarita. "But on the way out of the clinic, we found Women's Care Center.

"We had very little money, no insurance, and no doctor.
You guided us through prenatal care and provided material assistance."

Dad Felix said, "During the ultrasounds, I became very emotional, but guarded myself to protect my wife in case anything would go wrong.

"The continuing communication with Margarita impressed me most. The texts and phone calls, asking how she was doing and if there was anything she needed.

This was of great comfort to her."

#### You Build Strong Fathers Too

"Tobia and I started going to classes right away," says Sharese, mom of baby TJ. "We were scared. We wanted to know all about having a healthy baby. And a lot of things we were worried about, you would discuss in class and it calmed us down.

"The ultrasound was awesome — to see him moving around.

I knew right away he would be a busybody, because he would not sit still! He is just a ball of joy!

"We started talking to TJ while he was still in my stomach. I'd say, 'If you're in there, go ahead and start kicking around for me!'

"He recognized his dad's voice especially.

When his dad sat on one side, I could feel him swimming right over towards him."



Tobia shown with baby TJ

## Your Love Continues...Beyond a Choice for Life.

#### You Crea<mark>te Nu</mark>rturing Moms

Natalie had a wild past and was alienated from her family. All alone and pregnant, Natalie needed a support system. She says of our center, "Oh gosh, it was like family instantly. I was finally able to cry. A little tear of fear, but also joy. I hadn't cried until I came here.

"I was joyful and scared to share the news with somebody who actually cared."

Natalie came to 21 parenting classes.

Along the way, she reconnected with her faith and her family. She says, "My mom babysits for him once a week. I have my family's blessing now, which is so nice."

Natalie and baby Mathias





## A Baby Shower for Valerie

"My counselor asked me if I was having a baby shower, I told her I wasn't, because I didn't have anyone to even ask — no one would show up. She said: 'Oh yes, you are going to have one, and it's going to be full of people!"

When hospital bedrest prevented Valerie from attending the shower, the counselors brought the party to her. The counselors invited their friends to wrap Valerie in even more love.

"Thinking about that baby shower still makes me cry to this day.

It was so nice to feel like I was finally the center of love for a moment."

