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Fany and baby Julia

"I can't do it."

I was leaning towards abortion. I'll be all alone. I don't have anything to offer this baby."

But, thanks to you, Fany learned that wasn't true. She had everything to offer. "My counselor heard me and listened to me. She told me to take it day by day. She slowed me down and let me know I had time.

"In the ultrasound, I saw how small everything was, but her heart was already there.

"Having those ultrasound photos to keep looking at, kept me from making a rash decision.

"Initially, I thought about the negatives, the obstacles, but you reminded me of how much joy and laughter a baby brings."

Fany's baby Julia

You Build Strong Fathers!

"I was pretty mad, actually. We were young and it's such a big thing to have a baby," says Dad Peyton.

"But seeing that first ultrasound, it's kind of shocking. You see the screen and know, 'That's the start of our baby!' It's crazy how much you could see, even when he was just a little bean.

"I came to almost every class and appointment. I learned a lot here, things you don't learn at school. When I was in school, I took classes on child development. But it was nothing like here!"

Peyton says, **"I was thinking about it too hard, at the start. It's not what I thought it would be. Everything worked out — he's going to be a daddy's boy!"**



Peyton's baby Rowen



You Change Hearts

"We never talked about it," says Haley. "I simply said, 'I don't think we should do this. I think we should get an abortion.' And Dylan went along with it."

"It never even crossed my mind to go anywhere but here. Maybe I secretly wanted him all along, but at first I was just so scared. At the ultrasound, we heard his heartbeat and saw it flickering. It was then I began to think, 'We can do this.'"



"Eventually, our minds just changed from, 'We're not going to have a baby' to 'Hey! We are going to have a baby!'"

"If I could meet the donors...I feel like you don't get a lot of credit, that you are doing this just because you want to help people. You are doing amazing work."

Haley and Dylan's son Levi

You Help Every Step of the Way

"I didn't think there was anybody who cared about me at the time," says Taylor.

"It took me a few buses to get here. But at my first appointment, I smiled for the first time in six months. My counselor cared about me in a way nobody had before."

Despite the distance from her house, Taylor continued to come back. "It was worth the trip. My doctor told me all my issues were connected to being pregnant. I didn't like that. The pregnancy wasn't the problem, it was the fact that I was alone. At Women's Care Center, you wanted to know what was actually going on. You listened to me."

TO YOU, Taylor says, **"Thank you for baby Caleb!"**

I love every moment, every milestone. Women's Care Center is just a really good place. It's genuine care you can actually feel!"

Taylor and Caleb



You Build Families

"I was a first-time mom. I was excited, nervous, crying...all at the same time. And I thought, 'Now what am I going to do?'"

Elizabeth and her husband Louis first came to our center when they were expecting three-year-old Sophie.

And here, they found the support they needed to have a healthy baby and learn to parent.

Of Sophie, Elizabeth says with a grin,

"She has my hair, my eyes, my smile!"

And more seriously, she says,

"I've learned so much about teamwork, being a better mom and communicating with my husband. I love it here!"

Elizabeth, Louis, Sophie and baby Nathan



Because of You...Record Ultrasounds!

You are saving more lives than ever before at our center in La Grange. This year has seen a massive increase in ultrasounds performed, even in the midst of COVID-19.

The center performed 991 ultrasounds over the last year, a 42% increase over pre-COVID levels.

Because of you, our center stayed open for in-person care during the pandemic when many other organizations were closed or just doing virtual care.

It is only because of your love and support that we are able to serve so many women and save so many babies.

