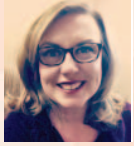We would love to hear from you!

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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

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 Support Women

Brittney wanted to keep her baby. But her boyfriend Danny really wanted her to have an abortion, and made her feel that she was being selfish to want another child.

She says, "I was so nervous coming into the center. I worried that you would be judgy since I was considering abortion. But everyone was so nice, and I felt so welcomed. My counselor helped me navigate my options.

Brittney's baby girl

"And the ultrasound made things completely clear for me.
Once I saw the ultrasound, that made my decision so much easier.

"It was so important for me to have someone to talk to regularly. I didn't have any family or many close friends. I needed that continued support from my counselor throughout my pregnancy. I felt loved here."

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

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

Because of You…the Lifesaving Continues!

Even though a fire destroyed our building on May 3, thanks to you, we are serving more women and saving more babies than ever. **YOU DID IT!** Since the fire, women have made over 1,000 visits to our temporary center…and we have performed 619 life-saving ultrasounds!

And our planned new center near Planned Parenthood on Knoxville Avenue will save even more babies. *But we can't do it without you!* We need to raise over $500,000 to renovate and purchase a second ultrasound machine. If you can help, please contact Christine at (309) 370-4662 or Christine@supportwcc.org.

Proposed new Peoria center