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Malachai's Story Inside!

Because of you, the fire won't stop us!

Just a week after the fire, our client care team relocated to a temporary location just up the street and have provided services almost without interruption.

And because of 1,500 generous donors from all over the country, we were able to purchase a new location just a few doors down from Planned Parenthood. And there is just no more life-saving place to be!

It will take over \$500,000 and the better part of a year to renovate the new center and convert it into a Women's Care Center. But when it's done, it will provide space to grow like we've never had before, including two life-saving ultrasound rooms!



TWINS x 2!

The first set of twins was a blessed surprise... But the second set? At first, Maria thought it had to be a joke!

"When I looked at the screen, I saw two right away and the sonographer said, 'Oh my goodness! Do you see this?""

Maria was shocked to be expecting a second set of twins in just 13 months.

"I have been leaning on Women's Care Center through all of this. My husband and I were able to earn cribs, car seats, clothes and diapers for all of our twins."



You help from cradle to kindergarten

Maria found Women's Care Center like most women — looking for a pregnancy test and ultrasound. But that was just the beginning!

"I have been coming to classes for a long time now. I've learned everything from how to be a good parent to healthy eating habits. I started taking Mateo to music classes when he was only four months old and he loves it," says Maria.

"My husband loves coming to classes too. He works in recycling and when he saw how much overflowing recycling the center always had, he decided to start picking it up! He is just very grateful for all the assistance we've received here and this is something he can do."

"You were the only one who was here for me..."

says Chesney.

"His father was not the person I hoped he would be. I was leaning towards abortion.

When I talked to my mom, she told me to get one, so I realized I wouldn't have her support.

"My counselor shared that she had her first child young. It inspired me to hear that it was possible and to see her now...it made me feel like I could do it, too.

"Deciding to keep him was gradual. At my first ultrasound, it was just a little flutter! As time went on, I got to see more, and it got more exciting every time.

"I want to say thank you to the donors for supporting a place like this. It is so important for people who aren't sure of their decisions.

"I love everything about being Malachai's mom. He is such a good baby.

I had a good pregnancy, good labor. I don't know how I got so lucky."



Chesney's baby Malachai

Donor finds help

After having her first daughter, Angelica had baby items to donate and heard about Women's Care Center. But when she arrived, she found out we offered free pregnancy tests, and...surprise!

She was pregnant!

"I just needed help parenting and, right away, these classes were <u>SO</u> good, I couldn't stop coming!"

And soon, her husband Andrew started coming too.

"I wanted to be involved as a dad and do something with Angelica. I loved the fathers' classes.

Really encouraging each other as fathers was my favorite.

It wasn't just one-sided.

It was an open discussion, and we were all part of it."

Angelica, Andrew, Elizabeth and Mossimo



"I had a lot of tough stuff in my past. But my counselor has been in my corner from day one. She listens... and she tells me the truth. Now, I'm doing the right things to be a good mom.

"I know how it feels not to have a loving home...to go to your friend's house just because their mom and dad love and care about each other.

But he's not going to need that.

I am going to raise Noah to know he is always loved.

"When he grows up, I want him to be kind, smart, generous, work hard and believe in himself. And I'm thankful to the counselors, but also the donors who made it so I could come here and learn so much."



Edith's baby Noah