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"I WENT TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD FIRST."

You helped Jennifer choose life.

She says, "My husband said, 'No, I don't want another baby.' He was nasty and that's not his usual disposition," says Jennifer. "So on top of being worried about having a baby at 43, this was a side of him I'd never seen before."

Her daughter was finishing college, and Jennifer and her husband were enjoying their newfound freedom.

"I went to Planned Parenthood first.

You can go there and deal with an aftermath of sadness and regret or **you can stay here and have a beautiful baby."**

"If I never came here, I would have gone to my (abortion) appointment. **I would never know how beautiful my son could be!"**



Jennifer and baby Maverick



DESTINY MADE **77** VISITS ...BECAUSE OF YOU!

"Being a teen parent, you get a lot of negativity..." says Destiny.

"But I never felt too young or judged here. I just got to be another mom who was trying my best for my child.

"When Annslee was born, the world was different suddenly, even though nothing had really changed. A lot more things were scary and my love for her made me want to protect her. Classes have helped a lot with the parenting anxiety. And we have been able to earn a carseat, stroller, and so many cute clothes!

"I love seeing Annslee learn things. She says new words, claps, waves. It is amazing to watch her grow."

TO THE DONORS, Destiny says,

"You put a smile on a lot of faces of people who are struggling. This is such a necessary place for people who do not have a support system."

Destiny's baby Annslee

"I met with the abortion clinic..." says Anne.

"I never wanted to abort, but I was afraid that all I would have to offer my baby was life in a homeless shelter with no promise of his next diaper.

"I walked in here with really nothing to my name. Each step of the way you encouraged me that I could be a good mom.

"I attended all the classes, and was able to earn everything I needed for my child. I still have never bought diapers and wipes, because of what I was able to earn. You helped us have a stable and comfortable life. You also provided us a community and education. I had to cut out all my friends and get sober. **Now, all my friends are other moms that come here.**

"THE DONORS ARE THE REASON WE MADE IT.

There are a lot of great moms who depend on this place."



Anne and baby Zeke



Donor Leaves a Beautiful Legacy

Carolyn Jedd, a retired home economics teacher, loved seeing the photos and hearing the stories of our moms and babies. And when she died earlier this year, she bequeathed her home near the University of Notre Dame. Because of Carolyn's generosity, a new Women's Care Center is one step closer to opening. **Her gift will save moms and babies...FOREVER!**

For information on how you can leave a legacy gift like Carolyn (to help in Anoka or where needed most), please contact Katherine Kelly at Katherine@supportwcc.org.

YOU BUILD FUTURES

"Nine years ago, I was crazy and partying. I wanted an abortion..." says Irania.
"So I called Planned Parenthood, and, for some reason, someone there said, 'Go to Women's Care Center. You're better off with them.'"

Because of you, Irania chose life for Selena who is excited to be back in school this fall.

"If I didn't have Selena, I wouldn't have this wonderful life." She met Reuben and they have two more children. Irania says, "Reuben works two jobs, and he still comes to classes. Other moms tell me, 'Aw, I wish my husband came to classes' and I think, 'How did I get so lucky?' My counselor helped us a lot with our relationship. She cares about more than just the babies.

"And because of Reuben, I found God and we now go to church. I think God always had a plan for me."



Pictured left: Irania's first baby Selena, now nine-years-old, is the loving big sister to new baby Daniel, shown above.

"My doctor wouldn't see me, because she didn't want me being pregnant again so soon after we lost our son," says Kayiona. She and her husband had two boys and had just lost a baby to anencephaly (a birth defect). "I was so scared of being pregnant again. We had to find a new doctor and we weren't sure where to go.

"That's why we came here. I remember my counselor saying, **'We are going to take care of you' and you quickly found us a specialist.** You were here for me when I needed it most."

Because of you, Kayiona had a healthy pregnancy.

"Layla is a little firecracker! My boys are very chill, and Layla is the boss. Our sons love her so much. They call her, 'our baby.' She is everything to us."

Kayiona's baby Layla

