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## Half a World Away

"I was an international student from Madagascar. I felt hopeless. I was researching abortion when I found Women's Care Center," says Fanentenana.

"After about 40 minutes of talking with my counselor, I knew I would keep my baby. And once I saw him on the ultrasound, I thought, 'He is so cute!' I was moving quickly to abortion. But here, I remembered I have always believed that babies are a blessing. I kept coming back for classes or just to have someone to talk to.

**"It can be overwhelming to be a student and parent a baby. I found peace here."**

**AND TO THE DONORS,** she says,

"I just want to say thank you, because you saved me and, at the same time, you saved my baby."



Baby Andrew with mom Fanentenana

"My baby wouldn't be here if it weren't for you.

# YOU SAVED US!

"We were happy with the two kids we had, and I was back in school to become a nurse," says Ashley.

"After my ultrasound, I told my counselor, 'I don't want to talk about it.' But she looked at me so genuinely and her eyes showed so much love.

"She prepared me with Kleenex and said, 'If you need to cry, cry. If you need to laugh, laugh. I am here for you.'

**"I shared my heartbreak and everything in between, and she sifted through those pieces and put them back together.**

**"I could finally breathe again."**



Ashley's baby Isaiah



Nicole and baby Dean

## Continuing Your Legacy

*Do you ever wonder what happens when your babies grow up?*

Thanks to donors like you, this “baby” Nicole grew up to graduate college, become a teacher, get married and have a baby of her own! Nicole’s mom was pregnant at 18. Nicole says, “My mom had no money, no driver’s license, no place to live. You made things possible for her and my dad with the classes and everything you offered. A few years later, although my parents were doing better and they bought a house, they always came here for support.

“So when I got a positive test, I called and you got me right in for an appointment and I felt so supported. I started coming to classes. I’m comfortable here. I’ve made friendships here.

“When I’m freaking myself out, I call and ask my ‘baby questions’ and the counselors make me feel better!”

## “Planned Parenthood was Closed...”

So I came to Women’s Care Center,” says Chelsey. “The first face I saw was my counselor. She was so welcoming and compassionate. I spilled it all. She never judged me. She listened intently and reassured me that I could do this thing called ‘motherhood’ and that I was strong.

“And then, I had an ultrasound with one of the kindest souls I’ve ever met. Without that ultrasound, I don’t know if my daughter would be here today.

**“You knew me less than an hour and gave me the validation and strength I needed to prevent what would have been the biggest mistake of my life.**

**“If I could speak to the donors,** I would say ‘Thank you!’ It’s people like you, who give people hope. My daughter might not be here today, if it wasn’t for you.”



Chelsey and baby River

## You Can Save Babies FOREVER!

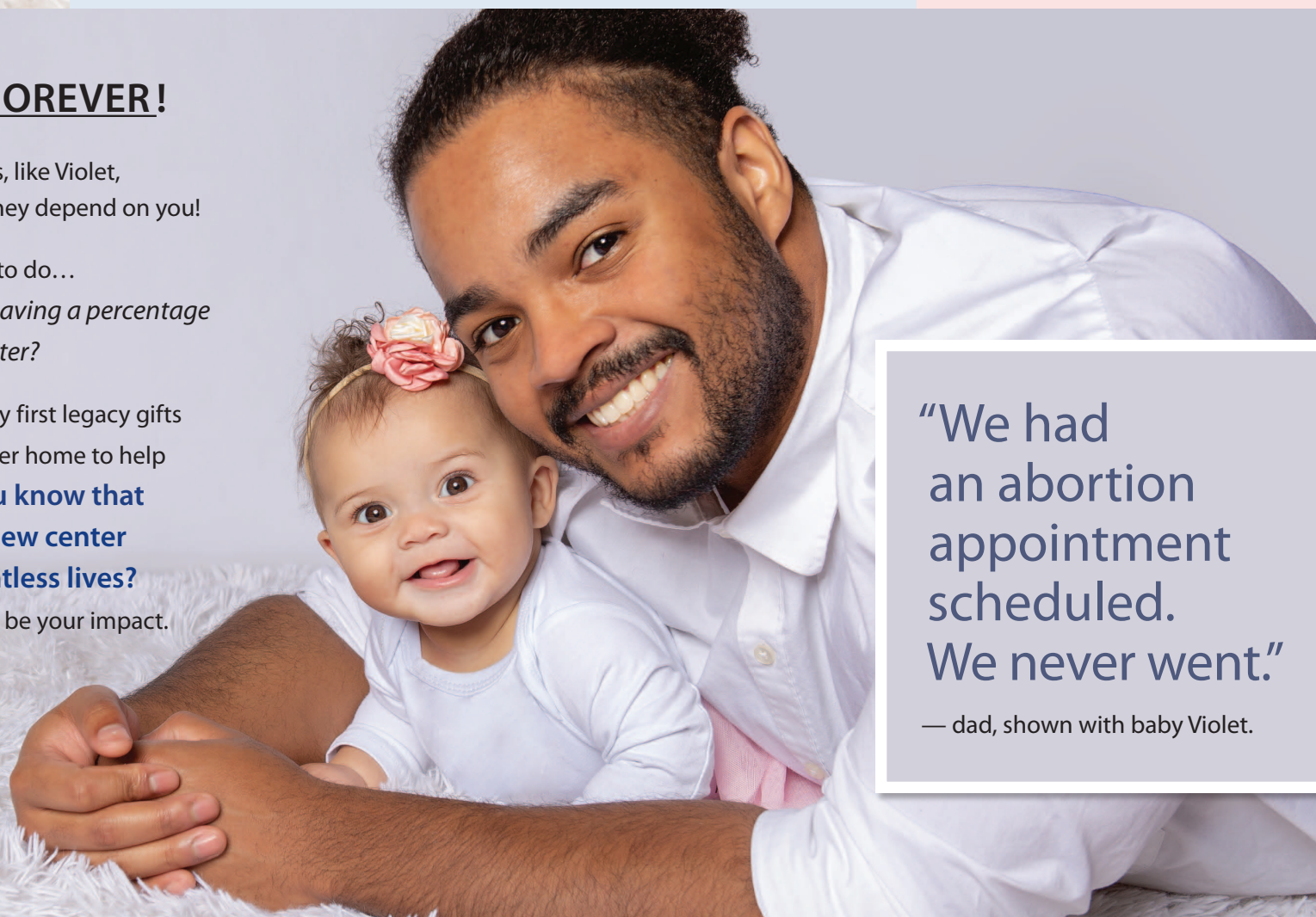
So many women, families and babies, like Violet, depend on Women’s Care Center...they depend on you!

It’s never comfortable to ask or easy to do... *but have you ever thought about leaving a percentage of your estate to Women’s Care Center?*

Twenty-five years ago, one of our very first legacy gifts was from a schoolteacher, who left her home to help our moms and babies. **And do you know that her gift multiplied to open a new center and has already touched countless lives?**

This can be your legacy too. This can be your impact.

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**“We had an abortion appointment scheduled. We never went.”**

— dad, shown with baby Violet.

## A Thank You Note ...Meant for YOU!



*When my family disowned me, I had no one to turn to. As soon as I reached out to the center, I had a family again. I was a full-time student. Sophia Marie was a blessing I never knew could change my life. **I was in the middle of finals week; I took my last two finals in labor. And Sophia was able to see her mommy walk at graduation!***

Thank you! Kaley

*P.S. Here is a picture of the prettiest baby ever — although I may be a little biased.*