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# "I WENT TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD NEXT DOOR."

**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. It's so crazy  
...only separated by cars and sidewalks!

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 have  
stayed on the other side of the sidewalk.  
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 Madison, Milwaukee or where needed most), please contact us.

**YOU BUILD CONFIDENCE**

Johnnetta’s partner didn’t want another baby and said he would leave her if she didn’t abort. The couple already had two young daughters. Johnnetta was studying early child education at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and working in a daycare. She didn’t know how she could do it all on her own.

**But because of you, she found a counselor who encouraged her to stay strong.**

When she saw her baby on the ultrasound screen, everything changed. Johnnetta was inspired to make positive changes, work hard to finish her degree and find a better job. She says, *“Now I work at a job I love and come home to my kids energized and ready to be the best mother I can be.”*



Johnnetta and family

**“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

