

Your support helps so many young women from our community **choose life for their babies.**

Eriah (shown) made **29 visits** to our center learning about baby basics, breastfeeding, nutrition, budgeting and creating a more nurturing family. Along the way, she earned a car seat and other baby necessities.



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Helping women choose life!

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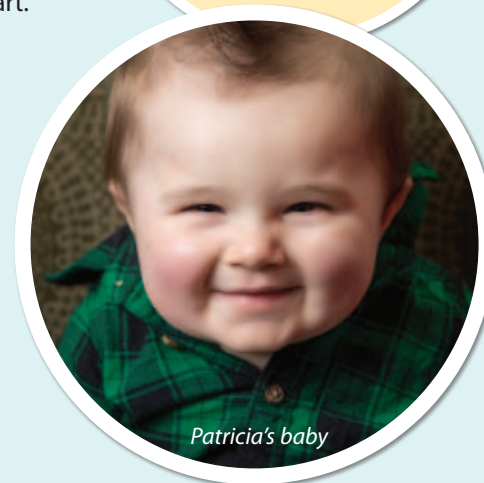
"MY BABY HAS THE HICCUPS!"

Patricia saw her baby hiccup on the ultrasound screen and felt a tug on her heart. She cried and said, "How do I not feel that?"

Patricia wanted to be the first in her family to graduate high school. When she found out she was pregnant, she remembers thinking "my life is over." On the honor roll, Patricia was missing a lot of school with severe morning sickness.

She met with our counselor for over 3 hours saying, "I told her everything!" **Patricia chose life for her baby.** Our counselor helped Patricia get a prescription for anti-nausea medication so she could return to school. Patricia worked hard and graduated on time. She now loves being a mom and still plans to go to college.

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life-saving
ultrasounds.



Patricia's baby



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LOVING THROUGH CYBERSPACE

You may not realize that when women search the Internet for "abortion" or "free pregnancy testing," they find us. And behind the scenes via email, nurse Christa Brown counsels with the hundreds of pregnant women who find us this way. She also schedules pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. An unsung hero, Christa rarely meets her clients in person, but **her impact is utterly life-saving.**

Did you know?
1 in 3
women find us
online.

To the right is an email of gratitude from Fanny, a married mom who did not see how her family could afford a third child. However, after counseling and an ultrasound, Fanny found the confidence to choose life. Fanny reached back out to Christa a year later to say "thank you!"

On Jul 10, 2016, at 8:18 PM, Fanny Rivera Acuna wrote:

Dear counselor, I wish I had the right words to express my feelings in English since my native language is Spanish. Anyway, I really want to thank you so much for helping me out a year ago...
Today, I have my baby in my arms and I can feel how much love he has brought into my life. Even when financially talking this has been so tough, the blessing of having another child in my family is priceless.
I will never regret to have come to you in that time when I was so scared about being pregnant. You helped me so much with your words and showing me my baby in that ultrasound. Thomas is here and he is a happy, smart and easy going baby (he is handsome too 😊)
Thank you again
God bless all you.

Fanny's family enjoys baby Thomas



...and would you believe?

A college student Googled:
"Oh my God I think I'm pregnant what do I do?"

Women's Care Center came up at the **top of her search.**

She said, "After reading the great Google reviews, I felt comfortable to come in for help." Although originally planning on abortion, after counseling and three ultrasounds, the young woman chose to carry her baby to term.

WHEN A DONOR THANKS US!

We received a very generous donation, and sent a note of thanks.

We never expected the note we received in reply:

“Don’t thank me, I THANK YOU!!!

When my daughter became pregnant she knew this was going to be hard on her mother and me because of our strong Christian faith, so she looked for a place to turn. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your organization to be there in her time of need and the assistance you provided until she was able to confront us with the news.

We have taken this in God’s eyes and moved forward each day trying to do what we believe He would want us to with the **results being nothing short of amazing.**

Thanks to the early support of your organization and the continued support of her family and boyfriend’s family, my daughter has grown into a woman I never believed her to become.

As a cross-country truck driver I am not per se a rich man, but **consider myself far more blessed than I deserve** which is why this contribution is what I was able to save over the first three months of this year.”



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Our center is blessed with strong ties to medical facilities, colleges, churches and other organizations in Lake County. Krystyle was referred to us for parenting classes by one of those agencies.

Even though this was not her first child, 12 years in between made it feel this way.

Krystyle says, “I’m truly a fan of Women’s Care Center. **You have given me so much support.** It is hard to be a parent for the first time or even the second, but you give me the motivation to keep pushing. Stefanie [our counselor] is AWESOME! She is like the big sister I never had. It is great to meet people who are extremely passionate about making a difference.”

Krystyle is currently working on her Master’s Degree in Communications attending Purdue University Northwest. **We are so thankful for our clients and the community that connects us to them.**



Krystyle’s baby Ava

SAVING MORE MOMS AND BABIES

38%
ABORTION
DECLINE

You may be interested to know that our **Lake County center leads the pack for centers open three years.** Our newer centers (our Hammond center along with centers in Duluth MN, Madison WI and Peoria IL) all have exceptional abortion declines at the three year mark (averaging 29%). However, **Hammond leads the way with a 38% decline** since you helped us open here.



You may not know that Women’s Care Center opened in **Baltimore, Maryland** in May. There is a great need for “evangelization” of the culture in this community. One of the first clients, a teenager, chose life even though her mother had five abortions before she married her dad. When the mom came to the center for an ultrasound, she pulled our counselor aside and said tearfully, “Thank you for taking care of my daughter when I didn’t.”

In early 2017, Women’s Care Center will open in **Bloomington, Indiana**, immediately next door to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Home to Indiana University, in a community where abortions continue to rise, there is a clear need. If you know anyone in Bloomington who you think would be supportive, *please spread the word.*



REMEMBER MARTHA?

THEN AND NOW

Her baby is now two and she works as a medical assistant. She says,

“Becoming a mother has caused many sleepless nights and dirty shirts, but **I wouldn’t change any decisions I made.** Most blessings are not planned or expected. As a mother, I now have motivation and goals. Pregnancy is very scary. I want young women to know that so much can come from growing up and having a child. Being a mother will not stop you from working or going to school, if anything it should encourage you more. I am 21 and I have a 2-year-old daughter, and **I couldn’t imagine my life being any different.**

Thank you for all you do for women!”



Martha and baby “then”