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*WCC, You guys are amazing! You have no idea just how much you have helped me!  
Love, Brittany*

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## MARRIED & LIVING "HAPPILY EVER AFTER"



Martina and children

*(In her own words, Martina tells a beautiful story of hope.)*

"Women's Care Center changed my life completely. I was 22 with two kids, single, just feeling hopeless." When Martina came here, she knew something had to change, but she didn't know what or how. "After talking about my choices, I became abstinent. **I needed to love me more.**"

With a pensive look, she says, "I don't think I could've gotten through without Women's Care Center. **You helped me to value myself.**"

"I waited until marriage. With all the resources, great staff, and genuine hearts, I don't think I would've gotten my fairytale ending without you guys. Thanks so much." Today, Martina is married to her "best friend." She lightheartedly speaks of some humor they found together in the unlikely context of recent dental surgery, and her eyes brighten as she recalls details of the moment.

**It is clear that the steps Martina has taken to improve her life have brought her joy. And her joy continues.** Martina and her husband are expecting a baby in early September.

## BRYSON SAVED ...THANKS TO YOU!

Sabrina says, "If it wasn't for Women's Care Center, I wouldn't have my son right now."

Sabrina's mom originally called our center looking for an abortion. She thought her high school age daughter was too young to have a baby. However, in the loving environment of our center, Sabrina, her boyfriend and their families bonded with her tiny unborn baby ... *and Sabrina chose life.*

A "smiley happy" baby, Bryson (*shown*), is now a blessing to the whole family.



Baby Bryson



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## BEYOND A DECISION FOR LIFE

You know and support our mission of helping moms choose life for their babies. But you may not realize how much of our work happens **after** a decision for life. In counseling, Martina (*above*) gained insights about herself, her goals and her relationships. This helped her wait for a partner who would respect her and share her values.

**INSIDE READ MORE STORIES** of moms who learned to parent, became more self-sufficient and earned necessities through the Crib Club.

## YOU HELP WOMEN BECOME...

### FROM FRIGHTENED STUDENT TO CONFIDENT MOM

Lauren recently told our counselor, *"It's so crazy to think about when I first came here and how scared I was. You have been my rock."*

A 20-year-old college sophomore, Lauren was terrified to tell her family. She said, "I am a planner, and a baby was not in my plan."

Coming here, she says, "was so helpful to be able to talk to someone, cry, and talk about options." During her ultrasound, she saw her baby. "I saw her little arms waving and I thought, this is my baby, and I can't go without her."

Lauren chose life. "I worked, continued college, and it was hard. But every single day, I did it for her." She also managed to squeeze in 45 visits to learn about baby care, birthing, and being a first time mom. She laughs, "I wanted to be really prepared." A self-professed "coupon fanatic" Lauren earned over 300 diapers and lots more from the Crib Club. Lauren says, *"I went from not knowing anything about babies to being a confident mom!"*



Lauren's baby Brooklyn Ella

### HONORED BY THE STATE

Women's Care Center has been selected to participate in an exciting pilot program to offer wellness health care vouchers, **free**, to ANY AND ALL uninsured woman 18 years and above. These "vouchers" will help with annual physicals and other preventative health care.

### WORKING ON GOALS

When a baby is born, in many cases, Women's Care Center's work just begins. Anahi sums up the important follow-up care you help us provide.

*"For me, you are the angels that God sent us. This center is not only for pregnancy testing, free ultrasounds...it's more than that. Women's Care Center has parenting classes, nutrition classes, counseling; they give you all the information you need to prepare for your baby."*

Anahi has been coming to our center for over a year working on goals. In January, she just achieved one of her most important goals by earning her high school equivalency degree.



Anahi and baby Elizabeth

## ...MORE NURTURING AND SELF-SUFFICIENT MOMS.

### A JOYFUL MOM

It's always a good day when Jesi comes in. Although she found herself in an unplanned pregnancy, she was positive and determined to make it work. Many obstacles followed. Gestational diabetes, no insurance, husband working dual odd jobs, and no transportation! But this client and her husband attended numerous parenting classes, each time expressing their appreciation. They even did "homework" together! **Baby Sarah Rose Lee is the happy end result.**



Jesi and baby Sarah Rose Lee

### MOMENT OF *Grace...* ADOPTION

Occasionally, a special client comes along, one you connect with on a personal level. This was Cheyenne. Very soft spoken, educated, very polite and grateful for any kindness. She came pregnant with twins. Tears always accompany our counseling sessions, but her resolve to give her babies a loving family was always shining through her tears. **I am reminded that adoption is such a loving option.** The strength it takes to give birth and then give a "blessed" life to a child is amazing. Birth moms experience indescribable loss, while another family experiences indescribable joy. I was on the receiving end of this joy 29 years ago with my son Jake. I can hardly describe the overwhelming love and gratitude I have for our birth moms like Cheyenne.

— Gerri Rorick, Director

**THANKS TO YOU...**  
our Vero Beach center has **more adoptions per capita** than any of our other 25 Women's Care Centers in 8 states.

### FIRST TRIPLETS!

Our sonographer Tiffany just did an ultrasound on a first-time mom and dad...**TRIPLETS!** **Two are identical and one in another sac!** You should have heard the hoopla going on in the room and then it spread to the entire center. The dad was here for the first ultrasound when she found out she was pregnant, then came the second where they discovered twins, and today the third ultrasound showed three babies! He laughingly said, *"I'm not coming to any more ultrasounds here!"*

