



# Happy Father's Day



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**HONOR  
THE MEN IN  
YOUR LIFE WITH  
A SPECIAL GIFT!**



This Father's Day please consider allowing the Alpha Center to honor the special men in your life with a Father's Day card.

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Simply send in your gift of \$150, \$100, \$50 or any amount in the enclosed remittance envelope. Fill in the names and addresses of the fathers you would like to honor and we will send them a special Father's Day card.



Your financial gift to the Alpha Center can help a father, like Lavar, encourage and support his family. When a man walks out the door of the Alpha Center, he will have experienced the compassion and love of Christ through our Fatherhood Mentor program.

For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh

# LAVAR'S STORY

## *A Path of Healing & Forgiveness*

I met Danzi in 2012, and we had been dating for a while when she called one day. The strain in her voice was evident as she said, "I'm pregnant." Since we had only been together ONE time, I was reluctant to believe the baby was mine. I **went over to her house, and after a test confirmed her pregnancy, I immediately told her to get an abortion.** I already had a child from a previous relationship and was struggling with some other issues. She looked at me with disgust and tears in her eyes. **I turned my back on her and left, knowing I was being heartless, but unable to deal with the situation.**

As the months passed by, I was still in denial that the baby was mine, so I had no contact with Danzi. I didn't know that she had turned to the Alpha Center for the support she needed to continue her pregnancy or that a nurse there performed an ultrasound and showed Danzi pictures of a baby tucked safely within her womb. **I didn't know that a client advocate spoke with her extensively about forgiveness and how important a father was in the life of a child.** The seeds that were planted during those visits would one day take root and allow us to parent our baby together as husband and wife.

I spoke with Danzi the day Jaydrielle Lynnae was born. At my request she consented to a paternity test, which proved I was indeed Jayd's father. **I had a decision to make, and thankfully I recognized that I needed to be part of my baby's life.**

Over the next few years, Danzi and I worked at parenting Jayd and healing our relationship, which ultimately led to our marriage in 2016. I wondered and now believe that Jayd was conceived for a reason – so we would get married and raise our angel baby together!

*Being a father means a lot to me. It means establishing a loving, caring, understanding relationship with my children and being a provider for them. I also make mistakes and show my kids that we all make mistakes, and through God's grace He can change a bad situation and turn it into good!*

