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At Alpha Center, we want to empower men like Adrian to learn parenting skills and provide for their families. Through programs like Life Skills Class, men can learn how to positively impact those around them.

This Father's Day, let Alpha Center honor the special men in your life with a Father's Day card. Simply send in your gift of \$150, \$100, \$50 or any amount in the enclosed remittance envelope. Fill in the name and address of each father 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 Adrian, encourage and support his family. When a man walks out the door of Alpha Center, he will have experienced the compassion and love of Christ through our Life Skills Class program.



Adrian & Deanna

For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh

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Our Alpha Center Story

By Adrian

The Beginning

Deanna and I met through friends at a party one night, and ended up going home together. Eventually, we moved in together. Not long after, we found out that Deanna was pregnant. She was 19, and I was 18. Deanna didn't know what to do besides cry, and I didn't know what to do besides tell her, "Everything will be ok. I will not leave you. I'll help take care of this baby." We were two scared teenagers expecting but not knowing what to expect.

Amelia

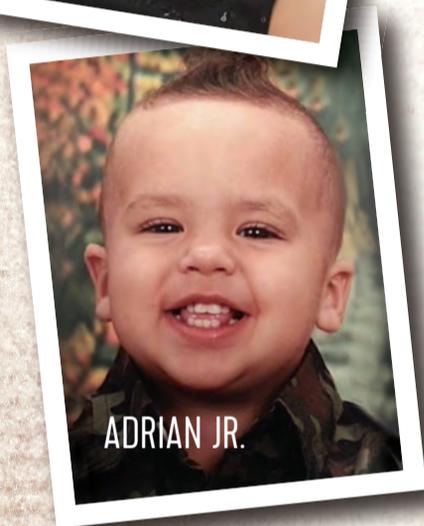
On January 2, 2010, our beautiful baby girl Amelia was born. I wish I could say this was the fairytale ending to our story, but it wasn't. After our daughter was born, we both continued to battle with drug and alcohol addictions. We also had been physically aggressive and unfaithful to one another. Little Amelia was the only thing holding our family together. Deanna and I both grew up in fatherless homes, so staying a family was the one thing we both agreed upon. When we got pregnant again, we decided to go to Alpha Center for support during the pregnancy and enrolled in the Center's weekly Life Skills Class.

Seeds of Change

I vividly remember our first time attending class and meeting the Life Skills Class Coordinator. She was full of excitement, joy and a love that we were not used to seeing. Each week she would open in prayer. I grew up with Christian grandparents and had a little knowledge of the Bible. Deanna was abused as a child and could not bring herself to believe that there was a loving God who would allow her to go through the things she had experienced. I witnessed the compassion flow from the Life Skills Class Coordinator each time she would pray for the parents and their babies. Alpha Center's classes prepared us with knowledge and parenting tips, and we were able to earn baby items that we could not afford on our own. In addition to practical support, seeds of change were planted in our hearts.

A Life Changing Moment

After our second child Adrian Jr. was born, we thought everything would be fixed, but the addictions and fighting continued. Then one night while out with friends, Deanna was invited by someone to go to church the next morning. Surprisingly, she went. God used the worship music that morning to change her heart, and He eventually changed mine as well. I felt an overwhelming love I had never felt before, and I began to cry. I told Deanna that I could not continue to live my life the way I had been. We quit our unhealthy habits and got married two weeks later. Jesus taught us forgiveness and true love – a love that we initially received at Alpha Center from the Life Skills Class Coordinator and the other staff. We are raising our children to love their neighbors and Jesus. I know Alpha Center had a part in planting the seeds that eventually blossomed into the beautiful life that we now have as a family.



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