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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!

