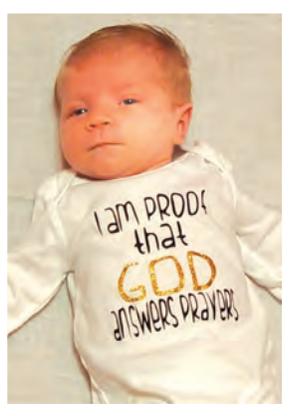




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*Mother's Day*



Alpha Grandbaby Hannah

This Mother's Day, honor the special women in your life with a Mother's Day Card. Simply give a gift of \$150, \$100, \$50 or any amount in the enclosed remittance envelope. Fill in the name and address of each mother you would like to honor, and we will send them a special Mother's Day card. Your generous support allows Alpha Center to stand in the gap to help women and men in difficult circumstances choose life for their unborn child.

For HIS Unborn,  
*Leslee Unruh*  
Leslee Unruh, Founder



# Mother's Day

## LOVE STORY



I was one of Alpha Center's very first "Alpha Babies," but I like to refer to myself as "The A-Babe." My birth mom knew she would not be able to raise a child at the time and arranged for a closed adoption. A question I am often asked is, "How did you find out you were adopted?" My response has always been the same: "I wasn't told, I just knew." My wonderful parents had baby books such as *Why Was I Adopted?* lying around the house. My adoption was never a secret, and my parents constantly affirmed that I was special and loved. They would even say things like, "We would like to meet your birth mom someday to tell her thank you for the best gift we could ever ask for."



**Jenny With Her Mom & Birth Mom**

I grew up with Alpha Center as part of my life and have always had a special bond with Founder Leslee Unruh. During my senior year of high school, I volunteered every day after school at Alpha Center and their sister organization, Abstinence Clearinghouse. I even had the opportunity to go out in public and speak on behalf of Alpha Center, which was always fun for me, even as a girl with stage fright.

Fast forward to April 2018. After being married for almost four years, my husband and I miscarried our first baby. Completely heartbroken, I tried to fill the hole in my heart with any distraction I could find. I took an ancestry DNA test to find out my ethnicity. Since my adoption was closed, I had never had the opportunity to know anything about my heritage. What I found out was fascinating.

I realized I could go back five generations and that it might even be possible to figure out who my birth mother was. After months of research and help from a good friend, I was getting close. My good friend reached out to somebody that we thought could be a biological cousin of mine. It turned out that she was actually my biological half-sister.

Through a series of God-ordained events, I met my birth mom in October 2018 and it has been such an adventure. My birth family has been welcoming and loving and I could not have dreamed of a better story for my life. Things got even sweeter when my husband and I were blessed with a beautiful baby girl in November 2019. Hannah, now one of Alpha Center's very first "Alpha Grandbabies," means "God's grace." Her name was chosen to represent the same grace that God has shown to me and to the world, and represents the way my birth mom's family has loved me.

As I think about this upcoming Mother's Day, especially now after having Hannah, I have come to realize how much a mother can truly love a child and sacrifice for him or her. I am ecstatic that Hannah will have my mom and birth mom to cherish and teach her about life. You can never have too many people to love you!



**Alpha Grandbaby Hannah**

