



LITTLE
EVERLY IS
THE LIGHT OF
OUR LIVES!

- RANESSA -

ALPHA BABY

Everly

O COME, O COME

Emmanuel

AND CHEER US BY THY
DRAWING NIGH;
DISPERSE THE GLOOMY
CLOUDS OF NIGHT,
AND DEATH'S DARK SHADOWS
PUT TO FLIGHT.

Rejoice!

REJOICE! EMMANUEL
SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL

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O COME, O COME

Emmanuel

My boyfriend Jaydon and I had broken up. It was a little while later that I found myself at Alpha Center and was stunned to learn I was pregnant. An abortion would have been the easy answer. However, I knew it was wrong and was grateful to be in a place that would support my decision to parent my child. Unfortunately, I became involved in a relationship with a much older, abusive and manipulative man. I stayed with him, feeling trapped, even as he became increasingly violent. And then, my Grandpa Theodore, whom I was very close to, passed away suddenly and I sank to an all-time low. It was the darkest time of my life.

Burdened under the weight of emotions and anxiety, in addition to being scared for my safety and the safety of my unborn baby, I finally opened up to an Alpha Center advocate at one of my weekly appointments about the details of my unhealthy relationship. I will never forget the hard questions she asked and the way she listened to what I had to say. Our conversation gave me the courage I needed to call law enforcement and experience freedom from the mental and physical trauma I had been enduring. From that day forward, I felt empowered and knew I could put my trust in God who knows and cares for me.



WE ARE
Thankful

God continued to use Alpha Center and others to shine light into my darkness. I got back together with Jaydon and our daughter, Everly Theodore, was born on November 3, 2019. Her life is so precious to us and her middle name is a sweet reminder of my grandpa's legacy. We have continued together in Alpha Center's *Earn While You Learn* program, choosing to do online lessons when COVID-19 prevented us from going into the center this past year. Jaydon and I are getting married in our church next May and understand the importance and privilege of parenting Everly together.

This Christmas season, we are thankful that God's steadfast light shines in our darkest moments, and we are grateful for those who make Alpha Center's light possible in this community. -RANESSA



Shine
LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

In the quiet of your own heart, do you consider lives like Everly's worthy of your sacrificial giving?

When darkness seems to permeate our community, you can be a beacon of God's great light. This Christmas season, reach women and men with a message of hope and encouragement to choose life for their unborn babies by giving a gift of \$500, \$250, \$100 or any amount. Your gift is a generous way to share the good news of great joy, "Emmanuel, God is with us."

For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh

