



JOY

and the angel said to him

FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU
GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL
BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

LUKE 2:10 ESV



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Surprised & Stressed

Those are the two emotions that Cassie experienced when she found out she was pregnant. Having been together since high school, she and her boyfriend, Jake, were both overwhelmed and uncertain of what their future together would look like. Cassie wondered if they could handle the financial responsibilities. Jake didn't know if he was prepared to be a dad.

In those first few days, Cassie searched online for answers. **What resources were available? Should they abort or should they parent? How could they possibly pay for a pregnancy and ongoing expenses?** Cassie didn't know if she could follow through with an abortion. Jake wasn't so sure either. Click after click through her Google search led Cassie to find the organization *Let Them Live*. She was able to connect with them and learned how they could help provide some financial support. They also referred her to Alpha Center for in-person support. Seeing Grayson for the first time on the ultrasound screen was surreal. Cassie and Jake chose to continue the pregnancy and begin a new chapter together.



Excited & Relieved

Cassie remembers feeling excited to hear about all the services and programs offered through Alpha Center. It was a relief to know that, through the process of educating herself, she could earn points for the necessary baby items which would help her and Jake budget their other resources. The *Earn While You Learn* program became a valuable source of information about pregnancy and caring for an infant; and now as she navigates the parenting stage of toddlerhood, she is still gaining beneficial advice from the lessons and conversations with client advocates. Furthermore, it was through attending the weekly *Life Skills Class* that Cassie truly found connection. The hands-on learning and friendships formed with Alpha Center staff and other attendees gave her a sense of peace and preparedness.

Now, Cassie describes her pregnancy and parenting journey as a *beautiful experience*; a rollercoaster of emotions shifting between **surprise, excitement, stress & relief**. Holding Grayson in her lap, she shares of the love that she has for him and the irreplaceable joy that comes from believing, **"I just feel like he was meant to happen."**



SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

God created us with the capacity to feel such complex emotions. I too can relate to experiencing conflicting feelings surrounding the news of a pregnancy. **Maybe you can too?** Jesus' mother did. It's through sharing our core emotions that connections are created. I'm honored that your partnership allows Alpha Center to be a safe place to process and connect for people like Cassie, Jake and Alpha Baby Grayson.

This Christmas season, reach women and men with a message of hope and encouragement 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.

For HIS Unborn,

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