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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, Founder



Mackenzie's Story

The day after Mackenzie* and Connor* got engaged, something felt off. The nagging suspicion prompted Mackenzie to take an at-home pregnancy test at 4 AM, and the positive result scared her. She wanted to have kids in the future, but this was at least a year too early. She was starting a new job and planning a wedding. She was not emotionally ready, and they were not financially prepared to have a child. She questioned whether or not she could go through with the pregnancy.

Days later, Mackenzie happened to drive by Alpha Center and saw "Abortion Information" on the sign out front. She made an appointment thinking she would come in and leave with a plan to have an abortion.

However, almost immediately upon arriving at Alpha Center, Mackenzie discovered her expectations had been wrong. **"I didn't know anything about abortion," Mackenzie recalls. "I thought it would be an easy thing. I didn't know everything that could go wrong. They didn't try to talk me out of an abortion, but gave me realistic information about it."** She left her appointment with an ultrasound scheduled and a lot to think about.

Connor accompanied Mackenzie to her ultrasound, desiring to support her and their baby. Mackenzie continued to juggle her emotions. **"I couldn't wrap my head around having a baby. I was still going back and forth about what to do."** They left the appointment, and Mackenzie contacted Planned Parenthood. She discovered abortions were only performed there once a month, and she had just missed the date for that month.

Shortly after this realization, Alpha Center's nurse contacted Mackenzie with the physician's review of her ultrasound. Mackenzie was very early in her pregnancy and the scan could not confirm a viable pregnancy. The nurse also explained the possibility of a miscarriage or an ectopic pregnancy. With the new thought of potentially losing her baby, Mackenzie felt an overwhelming sadness and sudden desire to be a mother to this child.

A couple weeks later, after receiving confirmation of a viable pregnancy, Mackenzie and Connor decided they would parent. To begin preparing for the arrival of their son, they signed up for *Life Skills Class* and the *Earn While You Learn* program at Alpha Center. Connor summed up their experience stating, **"I started getting excited as the date was getting closer. I was still nervous, but the classes helped me feel more ready. I was learning something new at each one. I also enjoyed being around others who were going through the same thing."**

Then on June 9th, they got to hold the baby they almost didn't have for the very first time.



Now C.J.* tags along on all their outings and adventures. Life was a little crazy as they planned their wedding and purchased a house, but today, Mackenzie looks forward to celebrating her first Mother's Day as a family in their new home.

"I am so glad I just happened to drive by and that I came here even if it wasn't what I thought I was coming for. The Alpha Center definitely made a scary situation un-scary. I can't even imagine not having him."

*denotes names have been changed