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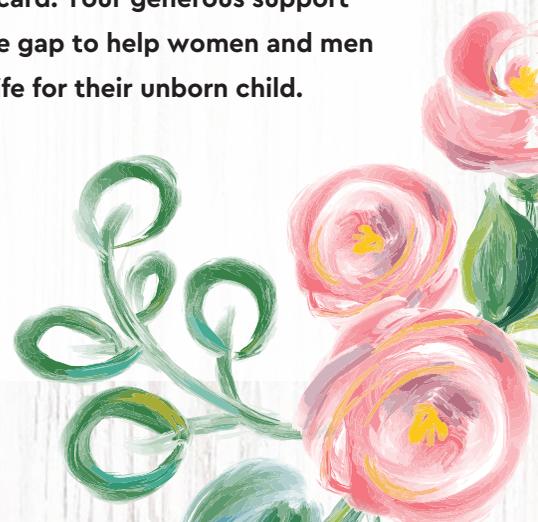


This Mother's Day, honor the special women in your life with a Mother's Day card. Simply give a gift of \$150, \$100, \$50 or any amount in the enclosed remittance envelope. Fill in the name and address of each mother you would like to honor, and we will send them a special Mother's Day card. Your generous 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



ANGIE'S STORY



Angie & Mollie

Throughout childhood, my mom was my number one supporter, hauling me around the region for basketball tournaments and encouraging me to work hard in school. However, when I moved away to college our relationship became strained. My mom became an empty-nester, which was tough for her to cope with as I became more independent.

In 2019, several life-changing events led me to contact Alpha Center. Shortly before finding out I was pregnant, I was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. Following this diagnosis, my engagement ended, and I was left reeling. My ex-fiancé made it clear he did not want to parent our child, and I did not have support to continue the pregnancy from a majority of my family members, including my mom. I realized that

if I wanted to have this baby, I would have to do it all on my own, a scary thought for a 24-year-old with a chronic illness. I couldn't navigate my own emotions without some help and I needed information on adoption and abortion. Thankfully, I found Alpha Center. The compassionate care I received, in addition to the opportunity to see my 8-week-old baby on the ultrasound screen, strengthened my decision to continue my pregnancy.

I felt so alienated from family and friends during the majority of my pregnancy that the support I received at Alpha Center proved invaluable. I took advantage of the programs to help prepare me for motherhood including *Earn While You Learn*, *Life Skills Class* and one-on-one mentoring. As I went through the chapters of the book study *Life Unstuck* with my mentor, Brittany, I discovered God's love and the strength He gives to navigate hard relationships and conversations. After months of receiving encouragement solely from Alpha Center, I began to see my mom's heart change. As a result of my Crohn's Disease, I had become extremely sick during my pregnancy and was unable to work. Consequently, I needed to move back to my parents' home in Minnesota. Even though I wasn't able to go into Alpha Center for appointments anymore, the staff and volunteers still kept in touch and prayed for me.



Angie & Mollie



Alpha Baby Mollie

On October 14, 2019, my parents helped me welcome their granddaughter, Mollie Kay, into the world. She is the most beautiful girl I have ever seen. I am still trying to manage my Crohn's and regain health, but Mollie and I are both doing well. She loves the time we have been able to spend living with Grandma and Grandpa, but I hope we will be able to find a place of our own soon.

Becoming a mom has given me a brand new appreciation for my own mom. I always knew my mom worked hard to take care of my sister and me, but I never truly realized the sacrifice of being a parent until having my daughter. I feel incredibly blessed by the knowledge and courage I gained from my time at Alpha Center, as well as having my mom by my side to help me navigate these first years of motherhood.



Grandma & Mollie