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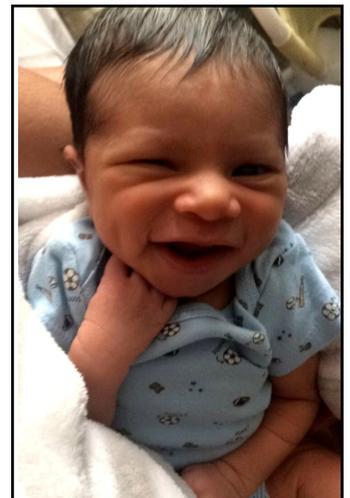
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“You Have Arrived”

When Khaliah found out she was pregnant she was devastated. She called her best friend, and they decided since the relationship with the baby’s father was over and her new job was about to begin, abortion was her best option. Even though she had always thought she would never do anything that drastic, it was what came to her mind immediately as her solution. So she and her friend got busy; they searched online for clinics and even made a few appointments. When she put the address of a clinic in her GPS, it took her to a deserted area - there was nothing there - just an empty piece of land. Her GPS

said: You’ve reached your destination - “But it was empty....literally nonexistent.” Khaliah shared. Isn’t it just like God to be so obvious even when we’re not paying full attention? She said she circled around three times trying to find the place—it just didn’t exist. Her friend then found the number of The HOPE Center. The difference just over the phone made a huge impact on Khaliah - she could tell we really cared. She said the ultrasound was a game changer — seeing the heartbeat and speaking with the nurse about her situation made her realize her child had a purpose. “It’s an amazing thing; how I walked in this building thinking abortion, and then how I walked out resolved for life. I told my friend that she wouldn’t believe what had just happened.” Khaliah said that it was just like a God set-up for her to even come here in the first place. **“This place is a part of the reason I’m even holding him. I knew that empty lot was a sign.”** Hearing Khaliah tell her story reminds us why we do what we do. Her story could have had a totally different ending had The HOPE Center not ranked as high as it did in her friend’s online search. We are so grateful for the generous donations that help us keep that a reality. Her son is now 2 months old and she beams as she tells us how special he is to her. Thank you for supporting our marketing efforts so we can reach girls like Khaliah!



The Least Likely Places

“Brandy” came into the mobile clinic with one thing on her mind: getting an abortion. With only three weeks before she was scheduled to join the military, she had plans for her future that did not include being pregnant. Plus, what would her father think? Although she and her community were Christians, she used no uncertain terms to describe how she would be “publicly ridiculed” if she were to keep this baby. Her father would be crushed and shamed by her pregnancy. Her mind was made up, she just “had to have” the abortion. She was too early in the pregnancy for us to provide an ultrasound that day, and she was very honest about not wanting to wait for one to be provided before having the abortion procedure done. We listened intently and painstakingly unfolded the specific needs for an ultrasound “no matter what she decided to do.” She agreed to pause and allow us to schedule an ultrasound for the following week. With a plan in place, she began to relax a bit and tell us more of what her heart truly desired – which was to parent under a different set of circumstances. As we listened, we also encouraged her to envision parenting this



little one. We encouraged her with stories of other clients who’d received unexpected support from the least likely places. She left the appointment with her original plan intact, although with some new questions that needed answers. Would her father surprise her with unexpected support? Was abortion what she truly wanted? When we followed up with her, we were surprised by a completely different response. She stated, “Spoke to my number one supporter, my dad. He’s fine with it and my boyfriend said he’s okay.” She was now happy about the pregnancy and kept thanking us for being there. A little unexpected support from the men in her life was all it took for this brave woman to choose life.



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Heartbeat :: Change of Heart

"Anna" came in to the HOPE Center with her boyfriend. Together they heard the news that her pregnancy test was positive, and immediately her boyfriend made it known that he was not interested in becoming a parent to this child. They spent a long time talking to one of our advocates, and though he professed to be a Christian, he was convinced that God would be okay with the decision to abort. He was slightly agitated and raised his voice several times during the discussion, but the advocate did not let that bother her as she calmly responded in a loving and graceful manner to all he had to say. When the nurse explained the importance of having an ultrasound, he refused to take part in it and stated that he did not think his girlfriend should see it either. Anna did end up having an ultrasound that day, but was too early in her pregnancy to see the baby. Two weeks later, they returned together for a second ultrasound and Anna stated that a lot had changed since their previous visit. "We really needed to talk things out, and it was a good thing we came here for that. **Now we are on the same page and we plan to keep the baby,**" she said as the nurse began her ultrasound. They were both able to see the baby and hear the strong heartbeat, which solidified even further their decision to keep their child. We will remain in contact with this couple and hope that they participate in *Earn While You Learn*, as they will still face large hurdles in telling their family and friends about the pregnancy. However, the impact that The HOPE Center has had on them so far through talking with the advocate and seeing the ultrasound has been incredibly significant in their lives as well as the life of their child. Please pray for this family!



What the Enemy Meant for Evil

"Jenny" climbed aboard the Mobile and would barely look at us. When we asked how she was doing she said she wanted an abortion. She told us that she had been sexually assaulted and did not want anything to do with the baby. She did not know who the father was. She was a victim of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. After a bit, her mom came on the Mobile and also confirmed that her plans were to take her daughter to the abortion clinic but was referred to our ICU Mobile by a friend. The mom stated that she felt that abortion was wrong, but she just could not face letting her husband know about her daughter. We encouraged the mom to listen to her conscience. During the ultrasound we saw this beautiful 3rd trimester baby. Jenny would not look at the ultrasound at first, but her mom was in awe and started talking about the possibility of them raising the child. Near the end of the ultrasound Jenny finally looked at the baby. She just stared as she watched it kick and move in her body. Jenny left with her mom stating that she would just have to talk with her dad and deal with the consequences. Jenny's mom kept in touch with us and we were able to visit with them after the baby was delivered. Jenny's mom stated that **"If it were not for you, he would not be here today."** She wanted us to take pictures with him and thanked us for being there to keep them from making a bad decision since they already had an abortion scheduled.



ICU Mobile's Sylvia & Freddy
with Jenny's new baby boy



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