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# WRONG DOOR!

Gigi and Melissa came through the "wrong door" on Farwell. Both were pregnant. Both were headed to the abortion clinic.

Our counselor, Elena, met with Gigi. Gigi was really upset about finances and was dealing with the trauma of an accident that had occurred nine months ago. The pregnancy seemed overwhelming to her. Recognizing that all Gigi needed was support, Elena shared all that Women's Care Center could do to help her in her pregnancy and beyond.



As Elena met with Gigi, our counselor, Sheryl, met with Melissa. Melissa, too, was worried. She was happily married, but had three other children and expenses were tight. Sheryl encouraged her and offered her the opportunity to come to our educational classes, birth preparation and baby basics. Sheryl also explained that by participating she could earn coupons and "spend" them in the Crib Club. She could earn a crib and other vital necessities for her baby. Sheryl lovingly told her that everyone at Women's Care Center would be there for her during her journey through motherhood.

The women met up in the ultrasound room and both had the opportunity to see their babies kicking and moving. They found they were due only one week apart. Both chose life and haven't looked back from that day. They chose to do this journey together.

Since then, both women have come in together weekly and have truly had fun earning the coupons and shopping in the Crib Club store. They have attended all the educational classes and are bringing their husbands along to share in the fun of their pregnancies. Ultrasound tech, Krys, remembers the first time they participated in the birth preparation class as couples. Krys did an ultrasound and both men had tears in their eyes when they saw their tiny unborn babies.

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Gigi later told counselor Elena, "I chose life because you were there to listen to me and to help me."



## LIFE-SAVING PICTURES

**The new Farwell center is the only pregnancy center in Milwaukee that offers free full-time ultrasounds for pregnant women.** With two ultrasound technicians on staff, a young woman can view an ultrasound every day of the week, whenever needed. This most powerful tool helps young women really bond with their babies and most often choose life!

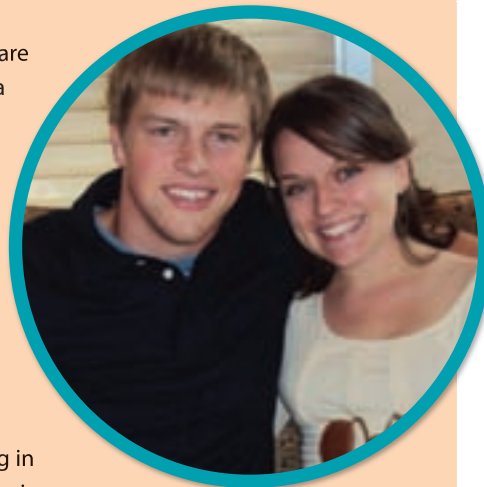


## THANKFUL PARENTS!

Jessica and Brian came to see us on Farwell. Both are in their final year of college. She is studying to be a lawyer; he will be a civil engineer. They were high school sweethearts who were married about a year ago.

Jessica and Brian are happy to be pregnant. However, as poor college kids, they needed a little helping hand. Our ultrasound tech, Krys Crawley, met with the young couple. She helped them enroll in prenatal medical care. They are also learning "Baby Basics" with Krys, a nine week program for first-time parents and are participating in one-on-one birth preparation, which focuses on having a healthy pregnancy. In the process, they are earning Crib Club coupons that they can redeem for a crib, car seat and other vital necessities for their baby.

Jessica and Brian's baby is due in February 2011. The couple frequently thanks Krys saying, "This mission is so important. When we graduate and get good jobs, we want to give back for the kindness we have received."



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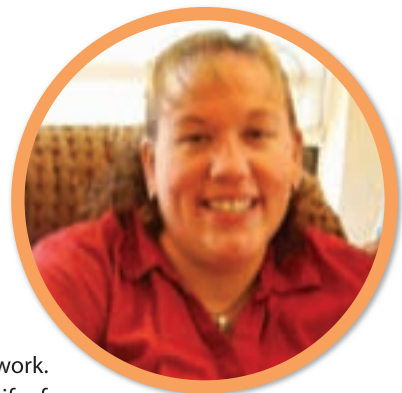


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# A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

Jennifer came to Women's Care Center for an ultrasound the day before her scheduled abortion. She told our counselor that she felt she had no option but abortion. She had a demanding job and a rocky relationship. She had also always dreamed of marriage and a family and being a single mother just wasn't in the plan.

However, a few days before her abortion, Jennifer requested time off from work. It was a very busy time and her supervisor wasn't sure she could spare Jennifer for the day. Reluctantly, Jennifer explained her situation. Her supervisor took Jennifer aside and encouraged her to get all the facts and better understand her options. "I know the kind of person you are and I know you won't be ok with this," she said.



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Jennifer took the advice and came to Women's Care Center for an ultrasound. Our staff stayed after hours to see Jennifer the evening before her abortion. When Jennifer saw her baby girl moving on the ultrasound screen, she bonded immediately. With tears in her eyes, she chose life for her baby.

Since then, Jennifer has attended parenting classes, and continues to work with her counselor on baby basics and parenting. Jennifer has also earned a crib and other vital baby necessities from the Crib Club store. And recently, she was even able to put a down-payment on her own house. Jennifer's baby will be named Nevaeh, which is "Heaven" spelled backwards.

# WOMEN'S CARE CENTER PROGRAMS

## A young woman decides to choose life, then what?

The center offers many programs to help young women have healthy pregnancies, become better parents and ultimately become more self-sufficient.

**ONE-ON-ONE BIRTH PREPARATION** — individualized counseling to help young women take better care of themselves and their babies during pregnancy. Topics include nutrition, exercise, labor and delivery and dealing with pregnancy.

**BABY BASICS** — 9 week program that addresses many practical concerns of first time moms, including how-to take care of an infant, baby-proofing your home, safe sleep, breastfeeding and bonding with your little one.

**GOAL COUNSELING** — Young mothers work on individualized goals of their choosing. Goals can involve relationships/sexual integrity (abstinence), parenting, and/or self-sufficiency.

**PARENTING CLASSES** — Group classes are offered to support new parents.

**CRIB CLUB** — By participating in education, young parents earn Crib Club vouchers that can be redeemed in our Crib Club store for brand new cribs, car seats, baby clothing and diapers.



*Baby Daisy's young mom participated in our parenting skills program. She has been very diligent about attending classes and one-on-one instruction since Daisy's birth. This little girl is always smiling and is a great favorite of our staff. In addition to participating in parenting instruction, Daisy's mom learned about breastfeeding, having a healthy pregnancy, natural family planning and has participated in goal counseling. Her goal was to find a job in a medical field because she is studying to be a surgical technician.*



# SHORT TAKES

## September was a record-setting month!

The number of women coming to the new center on Farwell doubled as compared to the month of August.

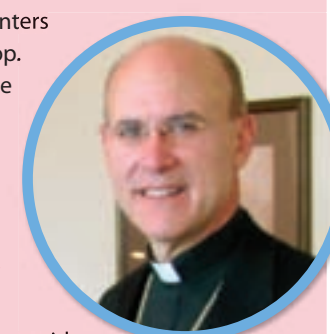
Both centers performed 121 pregnancy tests. Young women made 378 visits to the centers for counseling, classes and Crib Club.



The Milwaukee members of the **Order of Malta** joined together to donate a second ultrasound machine. The Order of Malta is a Roman Catholic lay religious order devoted to the exercise of Christian virtue and charity. This generous gift allows us to have ultrasound at both the new center on Farwell and the existing center on Mitchell Street. There is no more profound tool than ultrasound for touching hearts and saving lives. **Thank you Milwaukee Knights and Dames!**

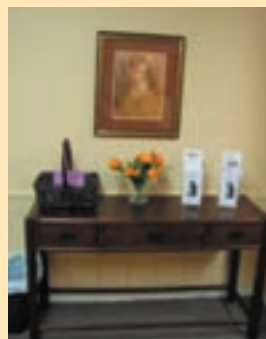
Northern Indiana Bishop, **Most Reverend Kevin Rhoades**, paid a visit to our care centers in South Bend, IN.

Bishop Rhoades toured three centers providing a blessing at every stop. Bishop praised the mission of the center and the unconditionally loving model. Bishop said, **"You can evangelize with words and you can evangelize with deeds, but evangelization with deeds is the most powerful!"** He indicated that this is what Women's Care Center does. Bishop said, the center **"evangelizes with deeds...and with love."**



If your company is collecting donations to **United Way**, you can designate Women's Care Center to receive your gift. Call Sharon Hudy at (414) 550-4855 for additional information.

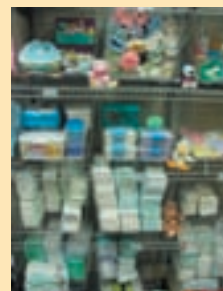
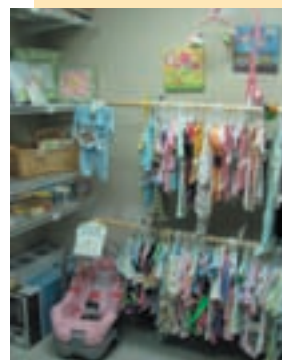
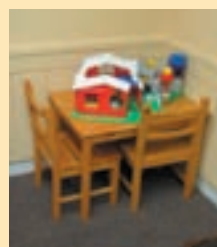
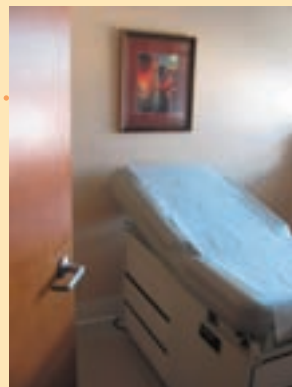
# UPGRADED SOUTH SIDE



The original Pregnancy Help Center on Historic Mitchell Street is seeing some changes. With the help of Lowe's, the Boy Scouts and other volunteers, the center has been entirely renovated on the inside. The center has new carpet, new furnishings and a more welcoming appeal.

A Crib Club has been added. The young mothers coming to this center appreciate the opportunity to earn cribs, car seats, diapers and new baby clothing by participating in vital education. The hours that we are open have been extended and just this month, an ultrasound machine was brought on-site.

The response to these changes has been very positive. Young women are flocking to the center in record numbers. Look for new pink signs in the months ahead as funding allows.



## If you or someone you know would like more information on Women's Care Center, please let us know.

- Please add me to your newsletter mailing list.
- I would like a tour of the new Farwell center.
- Please send me information on the different levels of giving.
- I would like to make a contribution.

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