Turning Kami’s Worry to Hope
by Gayle Irwin, Patient Resources Director

“I have three kids already, and I’m struggling,” 25-year-old Kami told her Advocate. “I don’t know how I’ll handle a fourth.”

Kami was a previous patient and had gone through True Care’s Baby & Me Program, so she once again sought our free services to confirm this pregnancy. Although she said she had no support to get an abortion, her Advocate could tell our young patient was not very excited to be pregnant again. The two discussed adoption.

“I don’t think the father would accept that – he wants us to parent,” Kami said.

Her pregnancy test positive, Kami received an ultrasound from the nurse on duty. The image of a 10-week-old appeared on the screen. Her unborn’s picture seemed to capture her attention, and Kami remained quiet, listening to the nurse explain what she was seeing.

Afterward, Kami told her Advocate, “It was really neat to see that little baby. I know I’ll find the strength and courage to be a mom again. Finances are just a real concern.”

Kami left our Center planning to parent. Along with prenatal vitamins and brochures provided by the nurse, Kami also took with her a personal resource list, which included information on career training programs and employment services.

Here, women with young, and even older children find the strength and courage to once again be moms after seeing the image of their unborn and allowing that image to touch their hearts and their minds.
CEO Commentary

We hear a lot of talk about investments these days; especially as the stock market rises and so many are giving opinions on which investments are “the best” in today’s shifting economic climate.

With so much happening in the financial world, investment firms are rolling out new ad campaigns designed to create trust from potential clients. This makes perfect sense. In any business, trust is essential.

Beyond the ad campaigns however, all of us want to know those things we invest in are trustworthy—that our investment will provide a positive return.

What about a ministry like True Care? Is ours a good investment of your time and resources? Do we deliver on what we promise?

These are important questions. A ministry doesn’t deserve support just because it exists; it should earn that support through a proven track record of making a difference in the lives of those it serves.

To answer these questions, we could share a plethora of statistics (we do this at times), but perhaps it is more important to lay out two simple truths under which we operate:

*First, we believe in stewardship: Every dollar raised, and every volunteer hour given here is used as wisely as possible. We want to see lives changed through the power of God, and lives saved in the process. That’s where we invest our time, and our resources.

*Second, we believe in effective ministry. While God is ultimately responsible for creating results in the lives of our patients, we understand it is our responsibility to consistently review all our services and programs to find ways to be more effective in reaching abortion-determined, abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable women. It’s not enough to try; it is imperative that we try with purpose and clarity.

Ultimately, our desire is to be a ministry which changes the culture around us; turning hearts toward life and leading many toward a true relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

If you are looking for a ministry that is not only saving lives today, but is also providing eternal value in the lives of those we see, this is the place. We’re looking for those who will invest their time—and their resources. If this is you, drop me an email at info@truecarecasper.org. Let’s talk about a great investment.

What Our Patients Say About Us

“Great people, good services”

“You all help so much and are supportive.”

“Best care I’ve had.”

“Very helpful and comforting. Never been to a better place!”

“Wonderful place. Free of judgement. Confidential.”

“Great resources. Kind, caring staff.”

Giving Opportunities!

Will YOU do good on #Giving Tuesday?

We’re kicking off our year-end campaign on Nov 28, #GIVING TUESDAY.

We need to raise $10,000.00 on one day, #GIVING TUESDAY, to kick off our year-end campaign. And, here’s some great news--everything you give will be matched up to $10,000.00! (Don’t forget to ask your employer if they will match your gift, too!)

Of course, the best return on your investment is the babies saved from abortion--more than 170 so far this year!

Go to TrueCareGiving.net and let us hear from you on November 28,
I started working for True Care in December 2012 as the Resource Coordinator for the Early KinCare Pregnancy Resource Program. The purpose of EKC is to prevent learning disabilities and delays by helping the mother obtain prenatal care and connecting her with the appropriate resources early in her pregnancy. EKC is funded by a grant from the Healthy Birth and Infant Brains Foundation (HBIB), a local, private foundation.

A resource our patients need most is health insurance, and most qualify for Medicaid. Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that, together with the Children’s Health Insurance Program, provides health coverage to over 72.5 million Americans, including children, pregnant women, parents, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Before I started working at True Care, I had been out of work for a few months. I remember filling out a Medicaid application by hand for my family. I was in tears because the application was so long and hard to understand. I vividly remember telling my husband; “How could I ever help others do this when I can’t even complete it myself?” Thankfully, I received training on how to complete Medicaid and temporary Medicaid (PE) applications. Applications can be filled out online, by hand or by telephone.

Presumptive Eligibility (PE) is an expedited process of enrolling eligible applicants in Medicaid. This gives the patient temporary coverage for 60 days so she can start getting prenatal care while waiting for the Wyoming Department of Health to process her full Medicaid application. Once she has full coverage, she is covered for up to two months post-delivery, and the baby will have Medicaid for one year. Presumptive eligibility is effective right away. My patients often leave True Care knowing they have coverage, and they can call right away for their first prenatal appointments.

I am also an authorized Medicaid representative for my patients. This means I can be their advocate and assist in resolving any application or coverage problems on their behalf. We have had many issues with Medicaid— in some cases I have had to contact Medicaid on behalf of a patient several times over many months.

Obtaining Medicaid is hard for patients to navigate and understand on their own. It is time consuming. Not only is there paperwork to fill out, but there are also many documents that need to be sent to Cheyenne. It is almost impossible to tackle alone. Our pregnant moms often do not have the ability to fax or to scan and email their applications to the Wyoming Department of Health. I am happy to help them navigate this difficult road!

My patients are usually surprised when I hand them their PE letter and tell them, “Congrats, you have health insurance! Now, go make your first appointment for prenatal care.” (Some of my patients call me the Magic Medicaid Fairy! Okay I admit it, I call myself the Magic Medicaid Fairy!!)

I have enrolled 699 women since 2013, and as of the end of September I have completed 625 Medicaid applications! That means 89% of my patients are in need of health insurance.

Your support of True Care makes a huge difference for our mothers-to-be and for their little ones. Thank You!!

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Making a Difference Fundraising Dessert Update

This year’s Dessert was a huge success! Thanks to those who underwrote the costs of this event:

- Stratton Real Estate
- Don and Suzi Cooper
- Dr. Martin Ellbogen Sr
- Women’s Health Associates
- Hilltop National Bank
- Dean and Teresa Dick
- Tim and Lisa Burridge
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- Modern Electric
- Lisa Burridge and Associates Real Estate
- Robert and Celia Kirkwood

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Thanks to the More Than 90 True Care Partners Who Have Sponsored A Day

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TOP 5 Needs

- Volunteers
- Patient Advocates
- Baby and Me Advocates
- Cash
- Baby diapers

Volunteer Patient Advocates and Baby and Me Advocates
We are especially in need of Patient Advocates! Contact our Patient Resources Director, Gayle Irwin, for more information about these volunteer opportunities. 307-472-2810 or gayle@truecarecasper.org

Vision Tour Hosts
Need an idea for your next small group meeting? Invite a few friends or associates to a Vision Tour—a one-hour introduction to True Care. Or—we can come to your office or church! Contact Lilly for more information at 472-2810 or lilly@truecarecasper.org.

Housekeeping Essentials
Paper towels, toilet paper and garbage bags. Call 472-2810 for the best time to drop off these items.

New Baby Clothes and Supplies
New baby clothing for boys and girls, bibs, size 1 diapers, wipes, etc are needed for the layettes we give to our mommies when they bring their babies in to meet us. Call 472-2810, ext 10 for the best time to drop off these items.

Spanish-Speaking Patient Advocates, Follow-Up Specialists and Baby and Me Advocates
Are you fluent in Spanish? If so, we need you so we can serve Spanish-speaking patients. Contact Gayle at 472-2810 or gayle@truecarecasper.org for more information.

Friends of True Care are always asking how they can help. Here we’ve highlighted five specific needs that we could use a little help with so we can serve our patients well:

Mission Statement
We exist to erase the perceived need for abortion in our community through effectively serving pregnant, at-risk women, transforming their fears into confidence.

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