Your gifts to True Care make a happy ending to Hailey’s story possible. Thank you so much!

Hailey’s Story
by Gayle Irwin, Patient Resources Director

“I don’t know who the father is,” 23-year-old Hailey told her Advocate. “I don’t have a job and I’m really not ready to take on the responsibility of a baby.”

She said she was undecided as to the outcome of her pregnancy. She believed she’d have support from her parents to either carry or to terminate the pregnancy. She also thought she’d have emotional support from other family members and from friends.

As she and her Advocate waited for the result of her pregnancy test, they discussed faith. Hailey said she had attended church as a child, going with her parents. She listened to the Gospel presentation and tears formed in her eyes. She accepted a Bible offered by the Advocate and “seemed very touched to be reminded of God’s love and grace,” the Advocate noted.

The ultrasound revealed the image of a seven-week-old on the screen. When she met with the Advocate afterward, Hailey said, “I’m overwhelmed. This is a lot to take in.”

Her Advocate encouraged her to take time to re-read all the literature she was given, including information on abortion, adoption, and parenting, to read the Gospel of John and reflect upon what Jesus said and did.

“You have time – you don’t have to make a decision today,” the Advocate said.

Our compassionate Advocate also provided Hailey with a pamphlet about post-abortion syndrome.

“You may be interested in reading this,” she told our young patient.

Hailey agreed to return for another ultrasound and possibly bring someone, like her mother or a friend, with her. So, the Nurse scheduled her to return the next week.

Hailey called later and postponed her return visit, saying her work schedule changed. She said she would call back to reschedule.

We pray she does, that she takes the time to read, to reflect, and not rush into a decision she might later regret.

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A Journey to Hope

She came to us distraught over a breaking relationship, then within minutes found out she was pregnant as well. She could not sense hope, but only despair and discouragement.

I still remember her eyes, almost blank with shock over what she was facing.

That was 15 months ago. She’s spent a lot of time with us during this time; enrolling in the Baby and Me Program and calling or coming by to say hello and update us on where she is headed.

She has found a safe place to live and now has a good job. And while the relationship with the birth father ended, she’s focusing on her new responsibilities as a parent and learning to be the best mom she can be to her baby boy. She recently shared with me that her unplanned pregnancy, which was once a crisis and a terrifying set-back, is now an incredible blessing. Her baby is the light of her life!

Once again, I noticed her eyes. They sparkle when she smiles. And these days, she smiles a lot. Life is new; full of joy and full of a renewed faith in the God who loves her.

This is her story. Yet it is yours as well. Your commitment to True Care opened the doors to her. It was you who chose to give so that there were people to walk alongside her during this time.

You may not have known it, but in every sense of the word, you were with her every step of the way on a journey to hope.

Your gifts don’t simply sustain a ministry; people like her are new and different—because of you.

Thank you. And thank you again. Looking into this young woman’s eyes now, I remember why we do this. And I’m reminded that because of you, more stories just like hers are waiting to be told.

If you would like to learn more about how True Care is creating a culture of life and erasing the perceived need for abortion, one woman at a time, go to TrueCareGiving.net and sign up for one of our monthly Vision Tours. A Vision Tour is a one hour tour of True Care from the patient’s perspective. Or, call me at 473-2275 and I will be happy to get you on the invitation list!

An Update on MotherCare

The MotherCare Program connects True Care patients to mature, Christian women from local churches who provide friendship, mentoring and discipleship during pregnancy and after the birth of the baby. So far more than 30 patients have been referred to local churches. If your church would like to become involved or for more information contact True Care’s Program Director, Rebecca Tharp at 307-472-2810 or rebecca@truecarecasper.org.

What Kind of Legacy Do You Want to Leave?

We recently learned that a donor who passed away on Christmas Day had included True Care in her will. When the estate was settled, we received a nice sum of money. We are honored to be a part of this donor’s beautiful legacy. Who knows how many unborn lives will be saved due to her generosity and long-range planning!

You, too, can ensure that True Care is here for many years to come! The Future Care Fellowship is a group of folks who have made plans to give a gift to this ministry through a bequest in their will or in some other way. If you have already arranged for a future gift, let us know! If not, we invite you to consider it. For more information call Terry at 307-473-2275 or send in the enclosed response card. Our legal name is The Caring Center, Inc and our tax ID number is 74-2458697.

Thank You Knights of Columbus!!

A big Thank You to Knights of Columbus Council 9917, who observed Respect Life Month in October by handing out Lifesaver lollipops at church and taking donations for True Care. They raised $540.00 for this lifesaving ministry!
Sometimes you just connect with a patient in such a way that you feel as if you have been friends forever. A bond is quickly formed. That is what happened with Tara.

Twenty-two year old Tara is pregnant with her first baby. The first time we met I just let her vent for a few minutes so she could tell me all her concerns. “I am not ready to have a baby right now. You have no idea how scared I am to be pregnant. I am such a mess,” she said.

As we made our way through the many questions I ask during the intake process for the Early KinCare Program, I quickly discovered Tara had many stressors in her life. She admitted to using pot daily, something we have seen an increase in since Colorado legalized marijuana. She had also been drinking on a regular basis and had recently used crack and LSD. She was also a heavy cigarette smoker. Her living situation was terrible and she needed to find new housing quickly.

We took the next hour to address each of her concerns and make the necessary referrals. I helped her apply for low income housing as well as for food stamps. She also enrolled in True Care’s Baby and Me Program. I was able to get her signed her up for Medicaid. She had coverage that very day and was able to make appointments for prenatal care and counseling.

Tara also enrolled in Early Head Start’s Pregnan-
cy Program and Public Health’s Welcome Home Program. Both of these programs will provide Tara with home visits.

I told Tara she could call me anytime, day or night if she was struggling or was tempted to use drugs or to smoke. She is very motivated to be healthy for her baby and sees her pregnancy as a turning point in her life.

She has kept her promise to be healthy and has not used since she found out she was pregnant. Her baby will be here soon and Tara is looking forward to being a mom. She is in counseling and has quit smoking pot and cigarettes!! She recently remarked, “I had no idea True Care did all this. You have helped me so much. Thank you for being there for me.”

The Early KinCare Program is open to all True Care patients. The program is funded by the Healthy Birth and Infant Brains Foundation and officially began in January 2013. During this time Cheryl has enrolled 606 patients in the program and made more than 2,680 patient contacts. She has helped 517 patients obtain insurance. So far, 389 babies have been born to women who enrolled in the program.
Thanks to the More Than 90 True Care Partners Who Have Sponsored A Day

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**TOP 5 Needs**

**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 307-472-2810 or lilly@truecarecasper.org.

**Housekeeping Essentials**
Paper towels, toilet paper and garbage bags. Call 307-472-2810 for the best time to drop off these items.

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

**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 307-472-2810 or gayle@truecarecasper.org for more information.

**New Baby 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 307-472-2810 for the best time to drop off these items.

Want to Sponsor A Day?
See the enclosed response card or call Lilly at 472-2810 ext 17.