Mandy’s Choice

by Gayle Irwin, Patient Resources Director

Twenty-two-year-old Mandy had already experienced two abortions. She had recently been released from Wyoming Behavioral Institute after suffering major depression and attempted suicide. She told her Advocate she still felt vulnerable to depression and that she was fearful due to her anxieties, including being pregnant and living with her boyfriend and his mother, whom Mandy described as “an addict.” She recognized her living situation wasn’t “ideal,” – “but it’s all I have for now, and I’m afraid he’ll leave me if I ask him to tell his mother to leave.”

She was undecided as to the outcome of her pregnancy due to the turmoil in her life. Her boyfriend wanted her to parent and her father would also support that decision, she said.

As they awaited the outcome of her pregnancy test, Mandy and her Advocate discussed the Lord. Our young patient was raised Catholic and admitted she had strayed from the church’s teachings. She listened as her Advocate compassionately shared the pamphlet “Steps to Peace with God.” When asked if she wanted to receive Christ into her life, she responded, “I’m interested in learning more. Can you send some information home with me?” Her Advocate provided her with the pamphlet, a Bible, and a listing of churches and encouraged her to spend quiet time with God and to seriously consider finding a church.

Our Nurse provided Mandy with an ultrasound, which revealed her six-week-old unborn on the screen. She smiled at the image and asked the Nurse several questions. When asked how she felt about what she saw, Mandy smiled and said, “That was really exciting!” When the Advocate asked her pregnancy intention, Mandy responded, “I’m going to parent. I can’t go through with another abortion.”

Mandy learned about many resources, including the Center’s Baby & Me Program and our Early KinCare Program. She scheduled an appointment to sign-up for these programs. She was also given a referral list for things such as material assistance, physicians, and abortion recovery programs. We pray for this troubled young woman who, though she has chosen life this time, continues to suffer from her previous choices, a victim of the abortion industry’s lie that abortion does no harm to women.
We are a Growing Family!

At our core, True Care is a family of individuals committed to reaching those facing unplanned pregnancies with life-affirming options, building families and building a culture where life is celebrated throughout our community. It’s that simple.

We believe every life is important to God, from the person who walks in our door full of fear and apprehension, to the child waiting to be born. Both are valuable. Both are created in God’s image. Both deserve an opportunity to thrive in this world. It’s what we believe.

In our family, we are not separated into groups such as “staff,” “volunteers,” “donors,” or “board members.” Yes, we must sometimes use these terms for clarification, but one is not more important than the other. Every member of our family plays a key role, whether it is to give our time, our talent, or our treasure—and in many cases, all three.

Many of you reading this are already members of our family, and it is an honor to join with you in this great mission. You give financially, you pray, you offer your time and your expertise. Together, we are better.

However, you may be reading this and thinking, “I believe in what is happening at True Care, but just haven’t had a chance to get involved. Maybe it is time.”

Perhaps it is. And there are so many ways to join our family. To join us, consider the three “T’s” I noted above: Your time, talent and treasure.

If you have time—even if you don’t believe it is much—email me at terry@truecarecasper.org. We have a lot of opportunities open for those willing to join us.

If you have a particular area of expertise, you might be surprised to know we are always on the lookout for a number of professionals who have strengths which fit perfectly with our mission.

Treasure? Certainly. You can join our family of financial supporters by visiting TrueCareGiving.net. Every investment in this ministry is both appreciated and put to work to reach those who need us most.

Yes, we are a family. And we are growing. Join us, and let’s build a new culture together.

Be a Hero!

Join us for the Heroes Run/Walk for Life Saturday, June 3.

The enclosed brochure has everything you need to become a sponsored runner or walker. Yes, we’ve added a 5k run for all of our athletes! Register as an individual or a team. Free pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:00am and fun activities for the kids. Dress up as your favorite hero! Visit www.TrueCareGiving.net to learn more. Our goal is to raise $60,000.00 to save more women and unborn from abortion.

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Resources for our Patients by Cheryl Flores
Sherry’s life was changed, and your donations made it possible!

Cheryl Flores, Resource Coordinator

When I first met Sherry, her main concern was her age. She was over 40 and having her first child. Advanced age can put a pregnant mom at risk for complications. Sherry knew she would need all the support and resources we could provide for her.

For most women, early and regular prenatal care promotes a healthy pregnancy and delivery with few complications. The purpose of the Early KinCare (EKC) Program is to prevent learning disabilities and learning delays by helping a pregnant mother receive the best care she can and to connect her early on in her pregnancy with appropriate resources.

During our initial appointment Sherry told me, “I really thought I couldn’t get pregnant. I didn’t believe the test. When I saw my baby on the ultrasound screen I was so happy, but then panic set in! What am I going to do? I can’t believe I am having my first baby at this age!”

We met for over an hour addressing all of Sherry’s fears, concerns and doubts. I helped her complete the Medicaid application. This was a huge weight off her shoulders— to know her OB appointments and delivery were fully covered. Her baby would also be covered for the first year.

“I am really scared about being a mom. I don’t know anything.”

“I think back to when I first came to True Care and I was so scared,” Sherry recalled. But look at me now! I can’t believe all the things True Care and the Early KinCare Program have done 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 666 patients in the program and made more than 2,972 patient contacts. She has completed 576 Medicaid applications. So far, 430 babies have been born to women who enrolled in the program.

Welcome Sara Beer, our new staff nurse

Join us in welcoming Sara Beer to the True Care team. Sara is an excellent nurse and is perfecting her skills in limited obstetrical ultrasound.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Results

Thanks to you, the Baby Bottle Boomerang brought in more than $28,000.00.

Hymn Sing for Life brings in more than $16,000.00!

The First Annual Hymn Sing for Life took place on Sunday, April 2 at First Presbyterian Church. Thanks to Pastor Mark Tippin, the many volunteers who helped make this event a success, our MC, Ashley Bright, as well as the Zimmerman Family Foundation who gave a $5,000.00 matching challenge gift.

We love the Cottage Café!

A big thank you to Tom Colburn and the folks at the Cottage Café. They provided a delicious meal for our annual staff appreciation dinner on April 3.

Babies Go to Congress

Just one month after surviving an accident that nearly took her life, 26-year-old Acacia Boyes learned she was pregnant. Having recently lost a job and with no place to call home, the future looked bleak. Medical and legal bills were piling up, fallout from her self-destructive lifestyle. The relationship with her child’s father was faltering. He and many of her friends told her there was no way she could be a mother. Yet she made a decision she says saved her life once again: to continue her pregnancy and give birth to her son, Axton.

Acacia shared her story in Washington, DC on January 26.

Acacia traveled to the nation’s capital with Terry Winship, True Care’s President, to participate in Babies Go to Congress, a program designed to provide not-for-profit pregnancy centers the opportunity to visit the offices of senators and representatives to tell about the work they do and to introduce the women and children they serve. On January 26, Acacia and Terry visited with staff members of Wyoming senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso and Congresswoman Liz Cheney. The trip was fully underwritten by several generous True Care donors!
**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.

**Volunteer Advocates, Follow-Up Specialists 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 472-2810 or gayle@truecarecasper.org for more information.

**Sponsors**

You can Sponsor a Day at True Care for just $75.00 a month. Pick a date such as a birthday or anniversary. We will make this your special day! See the enclosed response card and this page for more information.