# Returning for Kind, Compassionate Care



Touching Many Lives Jan-Mar 2022

Patients With a Positive Pregnancy Test:	93%
Ultrasound Scans: (includes repeat scans)	71
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	Patients With a Positive Pregnancy Test: Ultrasound Scans: <i>(includes repeat scans)</i> Sexually Transmitted Disease Tests: Baby and Me Program Participants: Resource Program Participants: Abortion Recovery Program Participants: Babies Saved:

Every number represents a person right here in our community that needed our help. Take a look at what you've made happen in recent months! Thank you for partnering with us.

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Because of the unique nature of our services, it's important to protect our patients' confidentiality. Actual names are changed in our stories unless we are granted permission by the patient to use their real name.



Twenty-eight-year-old Becca was a previous patient; she gave birth around Christmas last year. She and her boyfriend were still together, but she reported to her Advocate that he had become emotionally abusive and that members of his family threatened at times to physically harm her. Our

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Gayle Irwin Patient Resources Director

compassionate Advocate provided Becca with several safety resources, including the Casper Police Department's Victim

Services brochure and the Self Help Center's hotline number. She encouraged Becca to seek help immediately, not only for her safety, but for the safety of her children.

When she came to our Center, Becca said she was "undecided" about the outcome of her pregnancy because of the abuse and threats. She worked a minimum wage job and was living with a friend. She came



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to Wyoming to be with her boyfriend a few years ago; she said she was "uncertain" if she would stay.

The True Care Nurse offered Becca an ultrasound after giving our patient her positive pregnancy test results. The screen showed our patient's seven-week-old. The heartbeat and movement she witnessed brought a smile to Becca's face. Afterward, our Advocate

"No matter what happens with this relationship, I'm so glad I came back to True Care." asked the young woman her thoughts and how she felt seeing the ultrasound. Becca smiled again and said, "It's amazing, and I feel good."

After the Advocate reviewed the three pregnancy options with Becca and asked what her intention was now, our patient responded, "I'll be continuing the pregnancy and parenting. Being reminded through the ultrasound the baby has a beating heart and is a living being, I can't have an abortion. My circumstances aren't great, but I'll figure things out."

The Nurse made an appointment for Becca to speak with True Care's Resource Coordinator. The young woman thanked her Nurse and Advocate for their help.

"No matter what happens with this relationship, I'm so glad I came back to True Care," Becca said before she left. "You all have been so helpful for this pregnancy and my previous one. I so appreciate your kindness and caring."

Many patients return to True Care, knowing they will receive compassionate care and no judgement, no matter what choices they make.



Jessica Baxter President/CEO





## Heroes of the Bible

Heroes of the Bible. When you hear those words, you might think of Moses, John the Baptist, or the Apostle Paul. All of which are godly, heroic choices. However, you may be surprised to hear my choice. In 2 Kings 5, we read of Naaman, a commander in the king's army. Although he was "a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded," (2 Kings 5:1) if you can believe it, my hero isn't Naaman. Stick with me here...

As we continue in Naaman's story, we learn that he was stricken with leprosy, a shameful and debilitating disease. Now, in his home, lived a young captive from Israel, a servant for his wife. This young girl mentioned to Naaman's wife that Naaman should go and visit the prophet Elisha for healing. As the story goes on, Naaman doesn't like Elisha's instructions. But eventually, with some wise counsel, Naaman decides to dip in the Jordan seven times, just as Elisha had said. Imagine his shock and relief when he emerged for the 7th time and was completely healed. The Bible says that "his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy." (2 Kings 5:14) What a glorious miracle! But Naaman would never have sought healing from Elisha had it not been for the heroic actions of a young servant girl.

Here's what I'd like you to notice. This young servant was a captive. She had no clout, no position with which to give this suggestion. In fact, she would have been considered quite lowly in the household. Yet, she spoke up, and although the Scriptures don't specifically say it, we know from the results of the story that her instruction was from God. She felt an urging from the Lord, and she acted on it. We do not know her name or her family lineage. We don't know anything more about her than this one seemingly small action. But she did as the Lord directed, and she will forever be included in God's Word. She did what she could in the place where she was. That's a true hero and someone I want to emulate!

So, what about you? What is your circumstance? What is God urging you to do? We all have opportunity to follow God's leading and be heroes in any number of ways; doing what we can in the place we are.

In just a few weeks, we will gather together for the True Care Heroes Walk for Life. Although it may seem a simple task; gather some friends, family, and sponsors, and come walk a couple of miles. Just like the actions of the servant girl, your participation in that walk will have ripples upon ripples of impact. As you share with those sponsoring you, you are spreading the great news about True Care's impact on our city. When you bring a friend or family member to the walk, it ties them into the work and mission of True Care. Your support for True Care helps save lives every day. You are a hero for the women, babies, and families served at True Care, and we are so excited to see you on June 11th!

Enclosed you'll find a sponsorship form. You can also set up a personalized fundraising page through Qgiv by visiting https://secure.qgiv.com/event/202herwalfolif/ Thank you for being our heroes!

## 17th Annual Heroes Walk for Life is Saturday, June 11!

Be a hero! Register to become a sponsored walker and start getting sponsors! Our goal is to raise \$70,000.00 to save women and the unborn from abortion. Free pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:00am. Come dressed as your favorite super hero!

The enclosed brochure has everything you need to become a sponsored walker in our 17th annual Heroes Walk for Life. As always, you can walk with us on walk day or walk when it is convenient for you. For more information and to register go to https://secure.qgiv.com/event/202herwalfolif



Thanks to Lisa Burridge and Associates Real Estate, Stratton Real Estate, ABC Mini Storage, McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, Platte Valley Bank, Modern Electric, Bootleggers, Gear Up, and Coldwell Banker, the Legacy Group for underwriting the costs of the walk.



### **Crucial Help for Yasmin** by Cheryl Flores Your gifts make all the difference for women like Yasmin! Thank you!

Cheryl Flores, Resource Coordinator Yasmin walked into True Care and it was immediately clear she was very stressed about being pregnant. Her

two main concerns were finances and the wellbeing of her baby. Yasmin reported she is not an American citizen but has resided in America since early childhood. Yasmin was very concerned about the welfare of her baby since she has had no prenatal care and is starting her second trimester of pregnancy (15 weeks). She was very excited to see her baby on the ultrasound during her first ap-

pointment at True Care. She stated she is unable to go to any OB providers in town "because I owe them money."

When I met with Yasmin, to discuss resources, she shared that she's had "a

very hard life". She was severely abused growing up, including sexual assault. She explained that she has used illicit drugs in her past and also had an abortion at the age of 15.

It was going to take some major brainstorming to figure out how to get prenatal care for her. With some collaboration between True Care and our new partnership with Divine Women's Care LLC (Divinewomenscare. com), we were able to get Yasmin scheduled to see the nurse-midwife, Amber. Amber, a part-time staff nurse for True Care, has opened her own nurse-midwife practice in the True Care building. I completed all the Divine Women's Care intake forms with Yasmin and helped her schedule her first appointment. I will also be able to get Yasmin emergency Medicaid coverage, which will cover delivery costs and I will be able to apply for Medicaid coverage for her baby. Yasmin is enrolled in True Care's Baby and Me program and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program which can help her get formula and baby food for her child. I was able to help Yasmin with several resources to support her in all her needs,

including counseling and abortion recovery

Collaboration with other agencies in Casper is a vital part of the Resource Program at True Care. I am so grateful that we have a very supportive com-

munity and many wonderful partnerships. Yasmin said the help she is receiving from True Care is "very heartwarming to me and you have been so wonderful. I cannot believe everything you have done for me!"

The Resource Program is open to all True Care patients and officially began in January 2013. During this time Cheryl has enrolled **984** patients in the program and made more than **7,192** patient contacts. She has completed **1,042** Medicaid applications. So far, **736** babies have been born to women who enrolled in the program.



## What Our Patients Say about us:

"I love the encouragement, joy, uplifting spirit, and love shown by the staff. So supportive!"

"So many resources to help, no matter what."

"Personalized and attentive, all-encompassing care."

"I liked that the nurse prayed for my situation and to keep me safe and heal me."

## Thanks to You, Baby Bottle Boomerang

## 2022 was our Best Yet!

More than \$45,733 was raised for our life-saving work! We continue to be amazed at how God works through



you, His people, during these uncertain times. Thanks to you, this Boomerang was our best ever! All glory to Him and thanks to you for listening to His call to be generous!

## True Care's Adopt a College Student Program



We have five patients who are juggling new babies and college at the same time. All of these young ladies have

been "adopted" by generous True Care donors who have agreed to pray for them and to purchase at least one text book or other item they need for school. Thanks to these donors, our patients are receiving support on their journey to better futures for themselves and for their babies. For more information on the Adopt a College Student Program, contact Cheryl Flores at 307-472-2810 or cheryl@truecarecasper.org.

## "I cannot believe everything you have done for me!"

### Thanks to the More Than 100 True Care Partners Who Have Sponsored A Day

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ed five specific ways for you to help us serve our patients well:

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### \$25.00 Walmart Gift Cards

Gift cards are awarded to our moms and dads enrolled in the Baby and Me and Resource Programs when they show up for appointments and complete required lessons. Call 472-2810 for the best time to drop off these items.

#### Volunteer Baby and Me **Advocates**

We are in need of Baby and Me Advocates to meet with women enrolled in our longterm patient care program. These meetings take place via Zoom and in-person at the Center. Contact our Patient Resources Director, Gayle Irwin, for more information about this volunteer opportunity. 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.

#### **Bottled Water**

All patients and their guests are offered a bottle of water, so we go through a lot of it! Call 472-2810, ext 10 for the best time to drop off this item.



Providing resources and life-affirming counsel to women and families dealing with a pregnancy.

The Caring Center, Inc. True Care Women's **Resource** Center

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