

I often find myself at a loss for words at True Care. For those that know me at all, it's quite a miracle to find me without words. But it happens here...a lot! God and His people are so incredibly generous to us and I am left speechless.

When we need willing hands and hearts, volunteers show up for hours to get the work done. When our layette closet begins to look bare and we need baby items, we find our doorbell ringing throughout the day with bags of baby clothing, handmade blankets, and diapers coming through the door. When we have a special need, not a small one, a big, audacious need...like a walk-in clinic...God and His people show up and give selflessly to make it happen.

Each time I see God's hand providing and His people responding, I'm overcome (and yes, often brought to tears). But, while the volunteer hours, financial support, and material donations are beautiful and helpful, we never lose sight of the foundational call... to bring light to the darkness. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." -John 8:12

#### True light and life come only from God.

In 2023, we served over 250 women. When you add in their significant others, family members and their babies, more than 600 individuals came through our doors for pregnancy appointments, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, education classes, and resource program assistance. The need remains great and your support remains vital!

We are surrounded by forces that want to snuff out the work of True Care. They want to snuff out the light that we carry. They want to snuff out life. That is not possible, because as the Psalmist boldly states, "The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?" Let us not be tempted to fear what is happening around us. Our God is still in control. He is still the light of the world, and He is still leading His people to do great works that He has prepared in advance.

Thank you for being the light in the darkness. Thank you for allowing us to do the same each and every day at True Care.



Jessica Baxter, M. Ed. President & CEO





#### 2023 Patient Statistics



186 BABIES SAVED

## Opportunities Aor Involvement

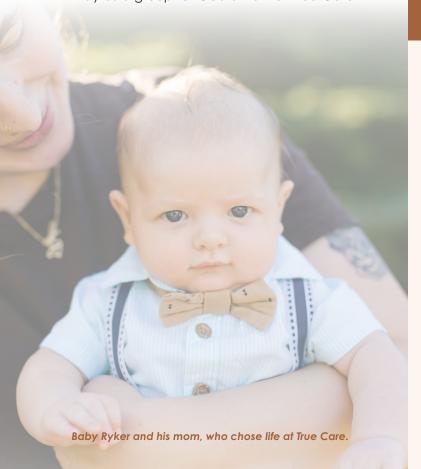
#### INDIVIDUALS:

- Prayer the foundational need of a successful ministry
- Volunteer Become a Baby & Me Advocate,
   Follow-Up Specialist, or volunteer behind the scenes in our advancement department
- Vision Tours join us for a 1-hour look behind the scenes...and invite your friends!
- Financial Investment Your financial support allows us to reach women first with real help, real hope and the love of Christ

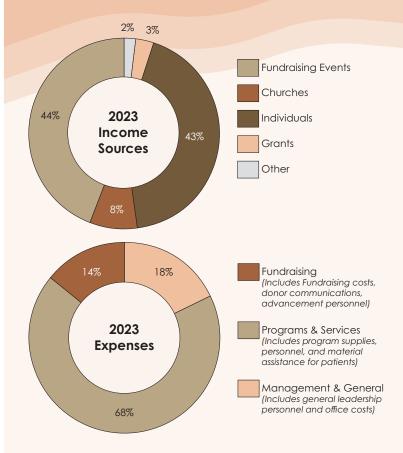
#### **WE NEED EVERYONE!**

#### **CHURCHES AND GROUPS:**

- Host a table at the Dessert Event in October
- Organize a team for the Walk for Life
- Host a baby shower or ingathering for our baby closet
- Invite a True Care speaker to present at your church or small group
- Pray as a group for God's work at True Care



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## Why We Give

We give to True Care because they help change a mother's fear to the realization that her baby is a gift from God.

#### -Bill & Karen Fehringer

Our church has been giving monthly to True Care for years. Partnering with True Care is a great way to know that our financial support is going to kingdom work and saving the lives of the unborn right in our community. We know that giving to True Care supports professional, compassionate care for Moms who desperately need some loving direction at a difficult crossroads in their life. We're grateful to support a clinic that not only provides some medical services (like ultrasounds) but also stands ready to provide eternal spiritual help by giving confident gospel presentations when the opportunity arises. This is a ministry we know God is using to change people's lives, not just for now, but for eternity. That's why we are so excited about giving!

-Rob Peterson, Hilltop Baptist Church

# Patient Story

## "I'm going to parent these little ones – they are stuck with me!"



"I was told I couldn't have children," the 35-year-old told her True Care advocate. "I had health issues several years ago, and the doctors told me I'd never be able to conceive."

When asked how she felt about possibly being pregnant, Kari\* said, "Scared. I've not been leading the best lifestyle. Plus I have my own health issues."

Kari was asked her intention regarding the pregnancy. "I'll likely have an abortion," she responded. "I can't imagine having to take care of a baby at this point in my life – I'm not that young anymore."

After a positive pregnancy test, our nurse provided Kari with an ultrasound. To everyone's surprise, not only was she more than 21 weeks along, Kari was also carrying twins!

Kari stared in shock at the ultrasound screen, then she began to cry. "How can this be happening?"

Her caring advocate encouraged her, "We are here for you."

She walked Kari through True Care's pregnancy options brochures and gently

reminded her that no matter what choice she made, her life would change. The advocate also provided her information about True Care's long-term programs, assuring Kari if she decided on either adoption or parenting, she would have support, resources, and education. Kari left undecided.

Within a week, during follow-up, Kari said she was leaning toward adoption. "I can't abort at this stage, and certainly not with twins," she said.

She signed up for our Resource and Baby & Me programs. Soon thereafter, she said she'd changed her mind.

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The father of her children registered for True Care's Fathering in 15 program. The two attend their weekly appointments, and together are learning about the changes happening now and those that lie ahead.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity to walk alongside this little family, helping both mom and dad prepare for the arrival of their two beautiful babies.

\*Names and some details have been changed to protect the confidentiality of our patient.

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