## expectations

## WOMEN'S CENTER

...there's hope in the unexpected!

## Thank you for your continued support.

Summer is a time where people often go on vacation or take a break from the normal grind. Here at Expectations Women's Center the day-to-day remains very much the same during the summertime. The clients we continue to serve during the summertime are a variety of ages at a variety of stages of life.

Though the "typical" client changes from year to year, recently, we had a younger client come into the office. Her mother had called in and from the conversation our receptionist had with the mother, it seemed like the client would be abortion-minded. We gathered there was outside family pressure, from the conversation with the mother and the fact that she called instead of the client. When the client came in to meet with our advocate and have an ultrasound, we found the situation to be very different than what we expected. She stated that her family was very supportive and was actually encouraging her to carry and parent her child. She explained that she herself was the one who was unsure how to proceed due to her age and fears of labor and delivery. After the initial ultrasound, our nurse offered her the opportunity to return for a follow up conversation and repeat ultrasound-this would help to ease the young girl's fears.

A couple of weeks later the client came in for that repeat ultrasound. During that time, she had a positive conversation about how she was feeling with our nurse and the advocate who had both answered her questions about labor and calmed her fears in the process.

We are always praying that the Holy Spirit would provide peace and comfort when our clients come in, especially in the conversations with the advocate and nursing staff. Whenever we have an abortion-minded or an abortion-vulnerable client meeting with our advocates and nurses, we have a prayer team that we text who can pray for this appointment. It is amazing to see the Lord work. James 5 talks about the prayer of faith, and verse 16 tells us that, "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

After the second ultrasound, this young client made the decision for life. She not only chose to carry and parent but also to continue coming back to Expectations Women's Center to participate in our Earn While You Learn program. We get to build a relationship with this client and help to build her confidence as she prepares to welcome her baby! We have so much to praise God for!

Not all of our stories are like this one, but we continue to serve each and every client who comes through our doors with God's love and instill the message of hope. We are able to do these things because of God at work in your life as well. Thank you for your support.

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