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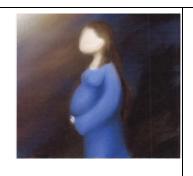
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A Note from the Executive Director

When I spoke to Jessie on the phone, I knew that she was afraid. She told me that she was pregnant, uninsured, ineligible for Medicaid, and behind on her rent. She also shared that caring for her three-year-old daughter with Autism was taking a tremendous toll on her both financially and emotionally. The thought of caring for another baby was terrifying to her. Jessie felt absolutely hopeless and stated that she was undecided about her pregnancy. Thankfully, she was willing to come in for an appointment to discuss ways that we could help. When she arrived, Jessie shared with our nurse that she had been to an abortion clinic earlier that morning. She had planned to have an abortion, but decided at the last minute that she could not go through with it. Our nurse listened with compassion as Jessie shared her fears and concerns. She then educated Jessie about the many programs we have in place to help with the financial burden of a new baby, and let her know her that she could receive these services throughout her entire pregnancy and for the first two years of her child's life. She also told Jessie about a low-cost maternity clinic where she could receive pre-natal care, an organization that could help her with rental assistance, and an organization that assists families with special needs children. Jessie was amazed at all of the resources available to her, and left the conversation feeling very encouraged. Finally, our nurse was able to offer her an ultrasound. Jessie became very tearful when she saw her beautiful 13-week baby wiggling around on the ultrasound screen. It was hard for her to think about the fact that she had almost ended its precious little life earlier that morning. Because of your generosity and support we are able to empower mothers like Jessie who have made the brave decision to choose life. Thank You!