



Sacred Trust

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Coaching Through The Chaos

“They can’t understand how I feel!”

Shanna found our website. She texted. “Can I get a pregnancy test?” she asked, worried. “I have insurance, but it’s through my mom, and I don’t want her to see it.”

I assured her, “We don’t require insurance; our services are free and confidential.”

“Oh, wow! That makes me calm down *10 times* more! Planned Parenthood doesn’t give any info unless you pay!”

“Let’s set up an appointment for next Monday. May I ask a couple of more questions?”

I could sense that she was no longer afraid to ask any of her own questions. I shared an e-magazine, but assured her, “There’s no pressure!”

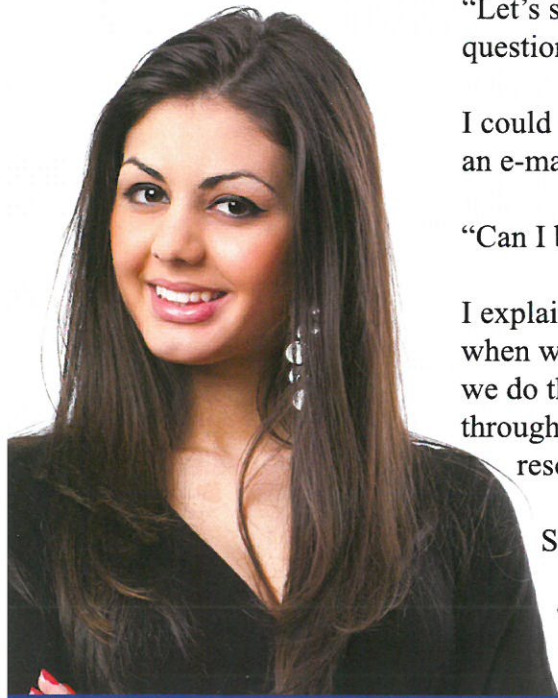
“Can I bring someone with me to the appointment?”

I explained what a visit is like. “A portion of your appointment is private. That’s when we fill out more of your intake, discuss your results, etc. For your privacy, we do that part without your guest. I will be your advocate and will walk you through things. Then your guest is welcome to join as we talk about all the resources we have to offer.”

She said “Okay, I was gonna bring “the dad.” Thanks!”

“He is welcome to come! We are “guy friendly.” We even have resources just for men.”

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“Protecting a child’s right to live and be loved by loving moms and dads.”

Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night...



*“We are here for you
no matter what.”*

Dedicated volunteers and staff?

Yes, nothing kept our volunteers and staff from offering practical help during a stormy Tuesday.

A client, we'll call "*Lori* received the offer to reschedule due to the storm. But *Lori* was eager to get in as quickly as possible.

You may remember what it was like. When a woman takes a home pregnancy test, and it appears positive, she is eager to get confirmation. The terrible weather didn't deter *Lori*!

After *Lori* got through the storm to the center, she heard, "We are here for you no matter what."

Lori received a lab-quality pregnancy test, an ultrasound scan, diapers, wipes, and ointment for her toddler. In addition to the material support and encouragement, *Lori* received the offer of our prayers.

We are so thankful for our dedicated volunteers and supporters. You warm the hearts of our clients! You warm our hearts, too! (The test did not yet show a viable pregnancy. *Lori* may have miscarried.)

Coaching Through The Chaos continued

Two days later, I texted her a reminder.

"Hi, I'm okay. I'm just nervous because his mom wants me to have an abortion."

"I am so sorry! That is so stressful! That's a lot of pressure for you right now!" I acknowledged her feelings and then assured her, "You know that legally no one has the right to force you to have an abortion. Your pregnancy will affect you differently than anyone else."

"Yes, that's my point! They can't understand how I feel!"

"I just want you to know that we are here for you! We want to give you the information and resources to make the best decision you can. An appointment is your best 'next step'. When and if you are comfort-

able with it, we can set up a meeting all together, if you want. You are stronger than you probably feel at this moment."

"Thanks, but I probably won't want her to come. Do you know if there's some way I can get insurance for my baby?"

We talked a little more about pregnancy tests, their accuracy, and when the best time is to take one. I sent her some medical resources and a link to get additional support and insurance from the state.

When *Shanna* came in we asked a few more questions and then administered the test. It was positive! We discussed more about her situation and her options.

Shanna seemed to have interest in parenting. By

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invitation, the father of the baby came in partway through the consultation. Like many guys in that situation, he expressed shock and didn't have much to say. I reassured him and gave him some information and resources, too. I think he found us "guy friendly!"

The following week she texted again. "I finally told my mom. It was actually easier than I expected. Hey, is it okay to drink pineapple juice?"

"Yes, and be sure to study the info I sent about what's good to eat while you are pregnant!"

I texted her a few days later to follow up, and she responded with, "Hi! I'm doing great! I have an ultrasound scheduled in a couple of weeks."

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 4th Quarter of 2021

Show how special people are or how their lives have touched yours. Send a gift in memory of someone who entered eternal life or honor someone for a milestone (*birthday, baptism, adoption, anniversary, confirmation, graduation, etc.*). Each gift is gratefully acknowledged and noted in future Sacred Trust issues.

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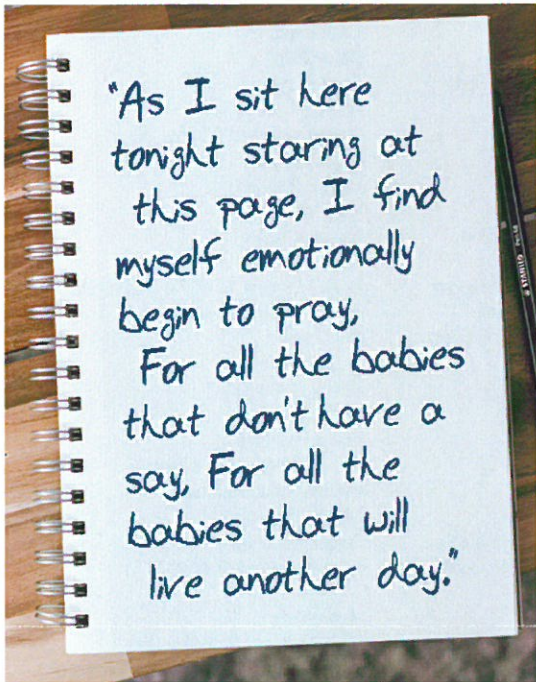
Vicki Raddant's 69th birthday
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My childhood friends
5 friends for Christmas
Baker Faulkner's birth
In thanks for my 7 great grandchildren
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Client Comments

- "These are some of the most kindest, Godly people I have ever met in this world. They have generously helped my family for years. I will forever be grateful for all the help and love that They have shown Us!"
- "They are so humble and treat with respect. I am glad I came here!"
- "Nice environment and nice people. Everything was perfect"

Partner Notes:

Guidance led my husband to visit your webpage. As I was entering in our information, this poem came to me. I feel that I am supposed to share it with you. Thank you for the work you do! Craig and Laura G.



Help Provide for More People Like Maria!

Maria found us through *Impact 2-1-1* resource. She reached out early in the morning, explaining that *2-1-1* recommended our services and that she had an urgent need.

Your gift makes our life-affirming services available through community connections for Maria and others like her.

Maria has a young adult daughter, we'll call 'Kate' who lives out of town. *Maria* is very concerned about *Kate* and her baby boy because of the instability of their life.

Now *Kate* is pregnant and experiencing health issues.

Due to these complications, *Maria* found herself caring for her daughter's 10-month-old son.

Your gift provides helpful services to folks, like Maria, who find us through community referrals and other sources.

Maria had no diapers, clothes, or baby furniture for the little one.

Even though it was outside our normal hours, the volunteers and staff hustled to provide the assistance and items that *Maria* needed.

Along with the immediate assistance and other help we provided to *Maria* received, she we also gave other resources. We encouraged her to participate in our parenting lessons. *Maria* planned to follow along with the lessons digitally through her phone.

Your gift connects Maria and more women and men like her, who need assistance, encouragement and God's love.

Your gift ensures that when people need us, they can find us and reach us. Because of your support, we're open and ready to provide what they need.

Please send your best gift in the enclosed envelope today. Your support will help more folks like *Maria*, *Lori*, and *Shanna*. Thank you!

Names have been changed and photos are for illustration only.