



Magaly's Story

As you heard, my name is Magaly and I would like to thank Grace Place for teaching me so much.

When I learned that I was pregnant, I was in denial. The father wasn't a responsible man and so I would be doing this on my own. I continued a bad lifestyle for 4 months, I was depressed, crushed and just really wanted to end the pain. So, I made an appointment for an abortion. But while searching for abortion clinics, I found Grace Place on the net and it really stood out to me. I would stop by every day but it would be closed until I walked in on a Wednesday and talked to Cindi and signed up for prenatal classes. That has been one of the best things that has happened to me. On the first day of class I felt welcomed and acknowledged and it felt so right. It is a place where I feel safe, I can be myself, talk to Cindi and not feel judged. It is something that I look forward to every week.

Grace Place helped me educate myself about taking care of my unborn baby with prenatal care and the importance of taking good care of myself. I learned how my baby was growing inside me and how my actions good or bad can affect my baby. I learned how to prepare myself before hand for things like labor and delivery, how to nurse my baby, and for his milestones. I now know what to do when my baby does something new or when he is fussy.

Grace Place has also given me back my faith. This place has given me the motivation to fight through the obstacles because now I know that I am not fighting alone and that God is right along side of me. When I feel powerless and find myself hopeless, I know who I can go to, to ask for help and where I can get some peace of mind, and that's God.

The boutique has been helpful since I am a stay at home mom. I earn money through the classes and spend it on things that I need for my baby like clothes and diapers. I got my baby bed there and other things.

I have gotten so much more from Grace Place than I ever imagined! This place has become like a home to me...somewhere that I can let my guard down. I feel safe and welcomed and very confident about raising my boy now. I am just really lucky to have found Grace Place. Being a first time mom without knowledge of anything...it saved my life!

Denia's Story

My name is Denia and this is Jenifer. Since I started my pregnancy, I came to Grace Place. It was a very nice process because I was really welcomed with excellent service. Cindy and Michelle are excellent people.

I had doubts during my pregnancy; but, they explained things and showed me videos to answer my fears. As the months were passing, my pregnancy was a happy one because each day I would feel happy and say, "Oh now it's been another month. What am I going to learn? What process is next?" Then I would come here and the words given were necessary each time. Every time I needed to know something they shared it. And...well it was excellent and marvelous. In addition, I invited many people who want to learn in this program.

The volunteers are able to share about the process of pregnancy. Now that my baby was born I can still continue to come until she is 2 years old. My baby is now one year old.

Jenifer has learned to share and get along with other babies. "Hi Michelle. Hi Cindy!" Cindi and Michelle, have taught us how to give our babies nutrients, how to put them to sleep. It is a very nice process that they have shown because we have more children, but we don't know how to do those things and we don't know how to ask, "what do we need to do" in any certain case to help. Here we're given all this advice that is necessary for us to be able to go ahead.

Grace Place helped us very much; for example, with the diapers, wipes and clothes. I mean, everything... everything.

It's something that helps our babies, why? Because at times we don't have the funds or don't know where to go, or maybe we come to this place and we don't know where to ask for help, so we come here to this place and they show us.

I would love to see a lot more mothers come to this program to share in the marvelous experiences that we've had together sharing and learning.

I learned so much. I love it because from the beginning until now I am learning thanks to this program and the people who carry it through. I would love to continue always here, but well, there comes a time when it is over.

I would also like to have something like this to show us, how to parent as our kids grow

into adolescents. Because we need a lot of experience as parents. Experience from people who have understanding and I am totally grateful, I'm super happy. I'm blessed to have known these people and I would love to know that this place that helps others continues and that God may bless and hold them. Don't let this end here.

Let's help people learn how to continue raising their babies and learning so that with each day they can be healthy children. Thank you so much and may God bless you. Let's support the work of the Lord and this program that I love.

Audra's Story

Hi, my name is Audra Langley. I found out I was pregnant on December 2nd, 2022 at 8:58 am in my college dorm room. I was 6 weeks pregnant, 20 years old, and single.

I have a pro-life view so on that day it stopped being about me and started being about the little one growing inside of me. That night, I went home and told my parents. It was the scariest thing I have ever done because I knew that I was going to disappoint them, I also knew that they would support me and would be happy that I came to them and I was right.

Even though I knew I was pregnant, I was in denial. It didn't feel real even though I took care of myself, went to every doctor's appointment, ate what I needed to, took my vitamins, left school to online, and got a full-time job. I still felt like I was missing something.

When I hit my three-month mark, my therapist suggested that I attend the Grace Place Pregnancy Center a few times. She told me the benefits such as lessons to watch through each period of pregnancy, emotional support from the advocates, a store where you use in-store credit called Baby bucks where they have all the essentials such as diapers, wipes, clothes, bathtubs, cribs etc. and you pay with your time and by learning.

The women who ran the place prayed with me about whatever was bothering me and the hopes I had for the future. I knew once I started attending, it would be real. I was still in a state of denial, but I sucked it up because no matter what I felt, I had to learn and be the best mom because that's what my baby deserved.

Every time I walked into Grace Place, the emotional struggle of pregnancy started to feel lighter and lighter. I started going once a week after work and they accommodated my schedule. They came in on Fridays if I was too tired to come during the week's normal business hours. They helped me accept this pregnancy by showing that God still loved me. I stopped feeling ashamed of my little one in my tummy and started to love him unconditionally. Grace Place helped me accept my son and soon those tears of sadness turned into tears of joy.

On July 28th, at 5:19 pm Asher James Langley finally entered this world. I heard his first cry, cut his umbilical cord, felt his skin on mine and my life changed! Every pain, every tear, every negative emotion I had experienced was all worth it because of this little life I was

finally holding! This was only possible because of God!

For a closing note, to those young women who are going through an unplanned pregnancy and feel like life is over because of the dreams and the plans you may have made, it's okay to feel that way. I sure did. Once you hold your baby in your arms or even hear their first heartbeat, those dreams may still be there but a new and a better dream comes to light. Growing and nurturing that little blessing, even after the hard 9 months, is the greatest gift of all for the both of you. God is with you every step of the way even during the darkest nights.

Thank you for listening to my story and thank you to those who contribute to Grace Place Pregnancy Center so young girls and women like me can get the support we need.