



### **Cherishing Life**

I remember the moment when I found out I was pregnant. I was scared to death and incredibly overwhelmed. I couldn't be a mom and I didn't know where to turn or what to do. A friend referred me to a crisis pregnancy center in the area and they saved my baby's life.

The counselor at the crisis pregnancy center was a ray of sunshine. She was always there to listen when I was too embarrassed to talk to anyone. Most importantly, she made me feel loved when I was too ashamed to feel anything. They cared for me and gave me hope. They even gave me the courage to tell my parents, who were more supportive than I could have imagined.

Because of this ministry, I chose life for my unborn baby. I will always love my baby but I know adoption was the best choice for him. He is greatly loved by a very special couple who struggled with fertility for many years before they adopted my baby boy. I thank God every day for the ministry that saved my child's life and for Catholic Charities who makes it possible.