

KATIE'S STORY

After years of being a single mother to many kids, Katie* was ready to get back on her feet. She had just started a new job that she loved. She had plans and goals to buy a new house and support her children. All these ambitions seemed to crumble at her feet when she found out she was pregnant once again.

She did not have a steady relationship with the father of this child, and she knew he would not be supportive. How was she supposed to do this without him? Although her more immediate relatives were always there to help, she feared that they would judge her for being pregnant again.

The pressures of loved ones, her current financial situation, and the fears that she could not support her kids all made going through with the pregnancy seem impossible. Although she was upset at the thought of abortion, it seemed like the only option for her and her family.

When Katie* arrived at Mend Medical Services, she was fearful and hesitant. She feared that the Mend staff would pressure her into a decision or judge her for considering abortion. To her surprise they met her with sympathy and kind words. They sat with her and listened to her story.

During the ultrasound, Katie saw her baby's heartbeat for the first time. She held photographs of the child inside of her. Staring at the little face of her child, she suddenly felt as if her pregnancy was far more precious than before.

Afterwards, Mend helped Katie envision the good that God could bring out of her situation. They presented her with resources to help her during and after her pregnancy. Although she was still afraid and unsure, Katie left her first appointment feeling hopeful.

*Client name changed to protect confidentiality.

