

## GEORGIA

*helping communities flourish*

In **2019**, pregnancy centers provided services & materials valued at more than

# \$8 million

to the state of Georgia, serving **48,052** women, men, youth, & families.

### \$4,357,958 IN MEDICAL SERVICES



25,632 free pregnancy tests



13,441 free ultrasounds performed by registered nurses/medical sonographers

7,422 total STD/STI tests performed by registered nurses (4,345 patients tested - 91% female, 9% male)

8 out of every 10 pregnancy center locations in the U.S. are medical

### \$3,245,349 IN FAMILY SERVICES

28,689 free consultations with new clients

19,363 students attended free sexual risk avoidance presentations

9,785 clients received free parenting education (80% female, 20% male)

542 clients received free after-abortion support & recovery (99% female, 1% male)



## \$453,184 IN MATERIAL ITEMS



**69,285**  
total free baby  
items given to  
families in need



**23,592 free packs of diapers**  
**17,311 free packs of baby wipes**  
**27,518 free new & used baby clothing outfits**  
**469 free new car seats**  
**395 free new & used strollers**

## MADE POSSIBLE BY

**439 total staff, 27% of whom were licensed medical professionals**

**1,419 total volunteers, 10% of whom were licensed medical professionals**



### Finding Hope in Georgia



Angela is an actual client and is pictured with Melanie and her younger son, Cooper. Some quotes are edited for clarity purposes.

Angela was in her senior year of college, visiting her home in Georgia, when she took a pregnancy test after an overwhelming feeling of being pregnant. When the test confirmed her intuition, she was in disbelief. "I did not know what to do after the tests showed positive. I was scared. I had a really good job that I knew would allow me to raise a baby, but I was unsure how the baby's father would react." Angela decided to wait to tell the father, but she went ahead and scheduled an ultrasound at a local pregnancy center.

"When I arrived at the center, I was greeted by two of the nicest women. They had me take another pregnancy test that also said positive, so they brought me back to an ultrasound room. I was shaking so bad that the ultrasound technician brought me a blanket. The technician told me I was about 6 weeks pregnant at that time."

Angela returned to college in Kansas and told the baby's father that she was pregnant, fearing that he would want her to get an abortion. While oddly calm, he did tell her, "I will take you and pay for [an abortion]. I don't want this baby." Although Angela was adamantly against having an abortion, he continued to pressure her in the following weeks. Eventually, he did agree to actively parent the baby with Angela, but one day after accompanying her to her 12-week ultrasound appointment, he again asked her to get an abortion. "I just stared at him. We just saw the baby moving and that was what he wanted? I couldn't stand it."

Just two weeks before graduation, Angela made the difficult decision to quit her job and move back to Georgia, where she would have the support of her family and friends. Due to trouble finding a job, Angela visited another local pregnancy center to get some help with baby items. "Little did I know at the time how the center would bring so many blessings into my life! Just by stopping in, I have gotten countless items for my baby and I have met so many amazing people who genuinely care for me and have never cast judgment on me or my situation. My baby (Melanie) will make her grand debut soon, and I will be starting my Master's program in a week. I will have a daughter by my side, to teach, to inspire, to encourage. I will forever be grateful for God's grace and His never-ending love for me."

#### DATA NOTES:

- This report is a collaborative project between Care Net and the Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI).
- Value of services is based upon materials and services provided by 74 pregnancy centers in the state of Georgia. At least 8 of these centers received state or federal funding in 2019.
- Total savings are calculated based on cost estimates of services, classes and baby items provided to clients. The sources for the cost estimates and valuation of items and services can be found in the Methodology section, pgs 12-14, of the 2020 CLI national pregnancy center report, "Pregnancy Centers Stand the Test of Time" ([www.lozierinstitute.org/pcr2020](http://www.lozierinstitute.org/pcr2020)), except for the following state specific labor costs.
- The Georgia mean hourly wages referenced are as follows for: Social Workers in local/state government is \$35.50 per hour - BLS OES code 21-1029, Registered Nurses is \$33.46 per hour - OES code 29-1141, and Diagnostic Medical Sonographers is \$29.21 per hour - OES code 29-2032.
- The estimated savings does not include housing and other monetary assistance provided to some clients. We advocate for our clients by networking with hundreds of county, state and non-profit social service organizations around the country. We cannot quantify the value of emotional support given to the women we help through phone calls and caring volunteers.
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