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

\$1.9 million

to the state of Mississippi, serving **12,351** women, men, youth, & families.

\$1,350,134 IN MEDICAL SERVICES



7,674 free pregnancy tests



4,519 free ultrasounds performed by registered nurses/medical sonographers

393 total STD/STI tests performed by registered nurses (206 patients tested - 92% female, 8% male)

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

\$398,195 IN FAMILY SERVICES

6,925 free consultations with new clients

5,426 students attended free sexual risk avoidance presentations

1,068 clients received free parenting education (91% female, 9% male)

190 female clients received free after-abortion support & recovery



\$126,249 IN MATERIAL ITEMS



19,446
total free baby
items given to
families in need



5,543 free packs of diapers
2,853 free packs of baby wipes
10,833 free new & used baby clothing outfits
162 free new car seats
55 free new & used strollers

MADE POSSIBLE BY

123 total staff, 34% of whom were licensed medical professionals

383 total volunteers, 16% of whom were licensed medical professionals



Finding Hope in Tupelo, MS

Amber took an at-home pregnancy test and it read positive. "When I first found out that I was pregnant, I was terrified. I was still in college; I didn't know what to do." She asked herself, "Who can I talk to that can help me through this situation?" Amber had heard about Parkgate Pregnancy Clinic on the radio and had seen billboards and immediately set up an appointment. "When I first went through the doors at Parkgate, I was amazed. I was there alone but I didn't feel alone." Amber found support and resources at Parkgate, especially in talking with her client advocate. She helped Amber think through her next steps in this unplanned pregnancy and encouraged her to tell her parents.



Accompanied by her boyfriend Josh, Amber received a pregnancy confirmation ultrasound at Parkgate. She shares, "When first seeing the baby on the ultrasound, I was overwhelmed with joy and felt blessed at the same time. I've never seen anything like that before." Josh never wanted to have a child at a young age, however, his perspective quickly changed: "We were honestly just amazed at the sound of [the heartbeat], knowing there's a human being that one day would be with us. It was definitely a great feeling."

Amber formed a relationship with her client advocate and, together with Josh, attended parenting education classes during their visits. With the encouragement of her client advocate, Amber came to see: "It might be hard at the beginning but I could continue to go to school, have a career, just enjoy life. Being a mother is very challenging, but I love every aspect of it. Going to Parkgate Clinic was the best decision I ever made. It made me feel like I was at home and secure."

Amber and Josh are actual clients and are pictured with their son. Some quotes are edited for clarity purposes.

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 27 pregnancy centers in the state of Mississippi. None of these centers reported having 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), except for the following state specific labor costs.
- The Mississippi mean hourly wages referenced are as follows for: Social Workers in local/state government is \$26.96 per hour - BLS OES code 21-1029, Registered Nurses is \$29.45 per hour - OES code 29-1141, and, Diagnostic Medical Sonographers is \$30.10 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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