

THEY CAME TO SERVE

When they first came to Pregnancy Choices, they were three high school students with a desire to help. They wanted to learn more about the work of Pregnancy Choices and understand how they could support women and families in their community who might be facing a difficult or stressful time.

They didn't know then how much they would learn.

They discovered that compassion doesn't always look like having the perfect words or knowing how to solve someone's problems. Sometimes, it looks much simpler. It looks like listening. It looks like welcoming someone. It looks like making sure another person knows, "You are not alone."

As they volunteered, the girls began to understand why Pregnancy Choices matters so much. It is a place where women and families can walk through difficult moments and find people who care. A place where someone can be met with compassion instead of judgment and reminded that they don't have to face a difficult situation alone.

And somewhere along the way, these young volunteers discovered something that surprised them: **they didn't have to wait until they were older to make a difference.** Their time mattered. Their effort mattered. They mattered.

"I have learned that even as a high school student, my time and effort can make a difference in someone else's life," said one.

That may be one of the most important lessons they will carry with them.

When young people learn to listen, to care, and to show up for someone else, that lesson doesn't end when the volunteer shift is over. It becomes part of who they are and part of the community they will help shape for years to come.

And that is where your support matters. Your generosity makes it possible for Pregnancy Choices to remain a place where women and families can find support when they need it most. It also creates opportunities for young people like these three to discover the power of serving others.

They came wanting to help. They left knowing that even small acts of compassion can change a life and that they have the power to be part of that change.

Because sometimes making a difference doesn't begin with doing something extraordinary.

Sometimes it begins with simply showing up.



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