

THE GREATEST GIFT



In March of 2020, an unexpected pregnancy changed the course of Resa's life.

At 38 years old, she was working long hours, raising two older sons, and looking forward to an empty nest. Another baby wasn't part of the plan.

Her first response to a positive test wasn't joy, it was fear. Certain she couldn't raise another child, Resa made an appointment at Pregnancy Choices expecting to confirm the pregnancy before moving forward with an abortion.

Instead, she found something she never expected. She found people who listened without judgment, who gave her space to be honest, and who reminded her that she wasn't alone.

Still in disbelief, she expected to hear there was no heartbeat during the ultrasound. Instead, she heard, "Your baby's heartbeat is strong." She left believing abortion was still the right decision. But life interrupted her plans.

COVID delayed her abortion appointment, giving her something she never wanted - time.

Time to think.
Time to wrestle with fear.
Time for hope to quietly find its way in.

Before her appointment arrived, she and her boyfriend made the decision to cancel.

Not because life had suddenly become easier. But because, somewhere along the way, fear no longer had the final word.

A few months later, at just 25 weeks pregnant, she delivered a tiny baby boy named Avery. He weighed one pound, six ounces. For the next five months, he fought for his life in the NICU. And every day, his mother fought beside him. The little boy she once believed she couldn't have, became the little boy she couldn't imagine losing.

Throughout that journey, Pregnancy Choices continued to walk beside her, offering encouragement, parenting support, and a place where she always knew she belonged.

Looking back today, Resa knows her story isn't simply about choosing life. It's about what became possible because someone showed compassion.

The one thing she thought would ruin her life became the greatest gift she has ever received.

— Resa