



Latest News from A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound Summer 2016

STORIES TO INSPIRE

(Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.)

One day last December, after we parked our mobile ultrasound vehicle outside the Falls Church abortion facility, I saw a woman slowly getting out of her car in the lot where the abortion clients park.

Seeing her, I called out and asked if she'd like a free ultrasound. She looked up, turned our way, and approached slowly. As she drew closer, I engaged her in a conversation. She began by telling me how difficult her last pregnancy had been and the near certainty of medical complications this time. She told me that she had decided to have an abortion. She explained she was going through a divorce, and was afraid of having another baby. She would not be able to work enough hours to pay the bills and would have to eventually be put on bed rest, due to a medical complication such that she had with her last baby, further stressing her limited financial resources.

I told her that abortion is not a snap decision, and that we have a mobile unit and a doctor who could give her the ultrasound to see how far along her pregnancy was. She then agreed to have the ultrasound.

Watching her view, the image of her unborn baby on the monitor and having her hear the baby's heartbeat, I could see the flood gates open as she bonded with her baby, her tears of distress turning to tears of relief.

With the assistance of Gabriel Project and Tepeyac Family Center, we were able to provide prenatal care along with additional medical assistance undertaken to allow her pregnancy to continue with few complications.

Reluctant, but after talking to her, she agreed to allow us to put her story on GoFundMe and we were able to raise funds to offset her reduced working hours due to not being able to stand for



Saved Baby
Lillian Angelica





long hours (she is a waitress) and her near-total loss of income when she was eventually confined to bed rest.

From the bitter cold of December to the sweltering heat of July; difficult times, but many helping hands to ease the burden, on July 6th, a beautiful baby girl, Lillian Angelica was born. Mom and baby are doing great!

Thank you again for your prayers, your donations to ABC Women's Health and Ultrasound Center and the GoFundMe campaign and your support for the pro-life cause. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish our mission.

Another case involved a young woman named Amy, who called us wanting the "abortion pill". We offered her information on RU-486, telling her that in no way was RU-486 safe or easy, and that many women who use it experience heavy bleeding, nausea, vomiting, and painful uterine contractions. About 2% of women hemorrhage and at least 1 in 100 require hospitalization. By the way, ABC does offer the RU-486 Reversal Pill for women who change their minds after taking it.

Amy had two young children and worked full-time. Her boyfriend was unemployed and pressuring her to have an abortion, but we informed her that no one can force someone to have an abortion. She started crying and told us that she was trying to make ends meet and was running behind on her rent and car insurance. We offered her some financial help and also volunteered to help find her boyfriend a job.



Amy's boyfriend finally accepted that she was going to have the baby and eventually did get a job. Amy is due this year, on September 18th! This shows once again that sometimes a woman in an unplanned pregnancy just needs a little moral and financial support to make a decision for life!

Another case involved a woman named Jackie who called us for an ultrasound. She couldn't meet us at one of our scheduled locations, so we arranged to meet with her on a Wednesday evening at University Mall, across from George Mason University.

Jackie came to us very uncertain about whether she was going to keep her baby. As we were counseling her, we found out that she had just come from Florida to live with her parents in Virginia. She was scared when she found out that she was pregnant and her boyfriend was insistent that she get an abortion. Confused, and not knowing what to do, she called us asking if we performed abortions. I asked her how far along she was, and explained that Virginia requires a 24-hour waiting period, a mandatory ultrasound, and a requirement that a woman receive information on the risks of abortion and the availability of other options.

When I showed Jackie the development of the baby in the womb, she started crying. She expressed her pain at her boyfriend wanting her to abort. We told her that no one can force her





to have an abortion. We also gave her an ultrasound and saw a beautiful 13-week old baby on screen. She was elated and said that she was going to keep the baby!!

We received a call from her the following day saying that she texted the ultrasound photos to her boyfriend who had a total change of heart once he saw them as is very excited about his baby! It just goes to show the powerful impact that a visual image of an unborn baby has! Jackie said that she is moving back to Florida and that she and her boyfriend have plans to get married!

Another case involved a woman, Mary, from the Congo, who has a six-year old son and had had three previous abortions. She was worried that having a baby with one more year to go in college would end her academic and career goals. She mentioned that she was unmarried when she had her son and consequently her mother refused to speak to her for two years.

We spoke about her previous abortions and how she could receive healing from them through prayer and help from Project Rachel. We also talked about the beauty of her baby and explained that we were her baby's voice, seeking life.

When Dr. Ball gave her the ultrasound and found her baby's heartbeat, she bonded with the baby immediately and it became obvious that she was leaning more towards life.

I mentioned that I had a friend who got pregnant her senior year at George Mason University, and was still able to hold a full-time job as well as go to college. I told her that all things are possible with God, that college and careers will always be there, but that this is the only time for her baby. Many times, babies do not come on our timetable, but on God's time.

I reminded her that no one can force her to have an abortion. Her mother would understand the preciousness of her baby in time, like she did for her six-year old son, even though she was upset for two years. I always say that a parent's shock may last a few moments, but that a baby will bring a lifetime of joy to them.

Margaret said that she is keeping the baby, but is still facing the situation about telling her mother. Please keep her and her baby in your prayers and hope that her mother will be understanding and welcome the idea of being a grandmother again.

THANK YOU



We thank you for your gifts to A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound which allow us to continue our mission of saving moms and babies from abortion by providing free ultrasound, counseling, and emotional and financial support. We simply would not be able to offer our free services to moms in need without your generous support. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation online, our website is www.abestchoice.us or you can mail a donation to A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound, P.O. Box 7450, Woodbridge, VA 22195, with the enclosed envelope. Please help.

LOCATIONS FOR GIVING ULTRASOUND

We are currently offering free ultrasounds and counseling close to abortion facilities in Falls Church and Alexandria, and are applying to be on campus at George Mason University this fall.

PRO-LIFE PRESENTATION FOR YOUTH

We gave our diocesan-approved, pro-life presentation, *When a Friend Says, "I'm Pregnant"* to an audience of about thirty students at Bishop O'Connell High School last spring. *When a Friend Says, "I'm Pregnant"* provides young people the information they need to help a friend who experiences an unplanned pregnancy. Please call us as at (703)946-3077 if you would like to host a presentation at your church or school.

