

# YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

## MELANIE'S STORY

**She went to an abortion provider first, but that was not the end of her story...**

Melanie contacted an abortion provider in Boston to request an appointment for the RU-486 abortion procedure. She lives on the Cape and shared that she didn't have a ride - the abortion provider sent a driver to get her and return her later that day. There are two pills used in the chemical abortion known as RU-486. She was told to swallow the first pill in front of them and then instructed to take the second pill within 24 hours to complete the abortion. Melanie swallowed the first pill.

As Melanie was being driven back home, she became overwhelmed with grief and regret. She wondered how she would live with herself knowing that she chose to abort her baby and her children's sibling. Frantically she looked for help on the internet and found *Your Options Medical*. Melanie called the Cape Cod Center number, which is forwarded to the Fall River Center. I answered her call and she sounded quite distressed as she explained her situation. I knew that the first pill, which blocks the hormone progesterone, can be reversed, but there is a small window of time. I immediately transferred her to Nancy, our Nurse Manager and contacted our physician who is trained in RU-486 reversal. After evaluation, she was prescribed medication that successfully reversed the intended effects of the first pill!

In April, Nancy and I met Melanie to bless her with a new car seat, baby swing, diapers and clothes. She shared with us that in the days following her appointment, she was harassed by staff from the abortion provider - insisting she take the second pill. She said **"It's not right for them to harass women - they were bullying me. I am thankful to *Your Options Medical* and the people who support you. I wish that I never went to that abortion clinic and that I went to your center FIRST. While I am so happy that I was able to keep my baby, the thought of what I almost did still makes me cry."**

Today Melanie is the grateful and loving mother of this perfect little baby boy! Thank You!

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## MEDICAL ULTRASOUND ON HER FIRST VISIT

Women are learning that they are pregnant so early in their pregnancies and they often seek an abortion prior to eight weeks; therefore, every woman who comes into one of our centers and has a positive pregnancy test, receives an ultrasound. Ultrasounds provide essential information to women that can have an immense impact on whether they make a choice for life.

**Accurate pregnancy dating:** Often times our patients are incorrect about their last menstrual cycle and ultrasound reveals a much older and developed baby than she was expecting.

**Multiples:** This past year alone, ultrasound revealed twins in five different patients!

**Signs of potential miscarriage:** 25% of all pregnancies sadly end in a natural miscarriage. Abortion clinics will still provide an abortion despite signs of miscarriage.

**Signs of ectopic pregnancy:** Sometimes the fertilized egg remains in a fallopian tube, rather than implanting into the uterus; this can be life-threatening to a woman if the fallopian tube ruptures.

Unlike abortion clinics, our patients are given the opportunity to view their ultrasound.

*They can see their baby, hear the heartbeat, and know that a new life has begun - they are empowered with the truth.*