YOUR OPTIONS MEDICAL | YEAR END 2024

# WHAT'S NEW AT YOM

Serving women, saving lives

#### A PATIENT STORY

"Another baby? This can't be, maybe I took the test wrong. Maybe it's just a false positive. I can't do this, this can't be happening. Not now. Not after all our hard work trying to make a better life."

Rosana and Samuel were new to the area. They had moved here with high hopes of living the American dream with each other and their collective three children. Life in their previous home had been difficult to say the least. Poverty was the cycle both their families appeared to be stuck in. That is, until they decided to be the links that broke the chains impoverished living had wrought.

Rosana loved her children dearly; she enjoyed being a mother. But childcare was so expensive, she and Samuel were both working tirelessly to take care of their family and set money aside to save up for a place they would call their own. They could not have another baby, not right now. How could she continue to work such long hours while trudging through pregnancy nausea? What kind of mother would she be if she could barely stay awake to tend to the needs of her born children? But then again, could she actually go through with an abortion? Is that what she actually wanted for herself? For her baby? For her little family?



She shared the news with Samuel and he encouraged her to test again: positive. A friend told Rosana about Your Options Medical. Free pregnancy testing and an ultrasound would be helpful to her in determining if the home tests were correct. During the appointment, her pregnancy was confirmed and she could see her baby already wiggling and bouncing around in her womb.

"What am I going to do? I can't have this baby. But I WANT my baby. Maybe I can have this baby?"

Rosana discussed the appointment with Samuel. She wept at the thought of having to have an abortion but believed there was no other way. Samuel put his arm around her and reminded her how hard they had worked together to move out of a poverty-stricken area and brought their family to a better place. A place that had offered them hope of a brighter future. He reminded her of their strength, determination, and resilience.

"We can do this! I want to do this. If you really want to keep this baby, we will do this. Together!"

Rosana and Samuel were thrilled to bring a healthy baby girl, Esther, into the world. With your support, this couple was given the services and resources needed to be equipped to choose life for little Esther! Now, their family will get to celebrate Esther's first Christmas because YOU gave to the ministry of Your Options Medical. Thank you.

### **CELEBRATING 5,000 LIVES SAVED!**



"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." - Psalm 126:3

Join us on Sunday, January 19th 2025 in celebrating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Together, we honor and celebrate the 5,000 preborn lives we have seen God rescue through the life-affirming services of Your Options Medical! We invite you and your church to join in the celebration.

Check out our website for more information about hosting a baby bottle fundraiser, diaper drive, to request a speaker, and more: partnersofyom.org

## BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS

• Babies born: 120

• Babies due soon: 60



#### AN UPDATE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Focusing on the Positive in a Culture of Persecution

Definition: Persecution is the systematic mistreatment of an individual or group by another individual or group. The most common forms are religious persecution, racism, and political persecution, though there is naturally some overlap between these terms.

For those of you who are not aware of **the state funded "Million Dollar Smear Campaign"** against pregnancy centers including Your Options Medical, I urge you to discover for yourself how your tax dollars are being used by visiting mass.gov/avoid-anti-abortion-centers.



Does it sound like persecution to you?

The American Center for Law Justice (ACLJ) believes it is indeed persecution and filed a lawsuit on our behalf. You can follow the updates on this case by subscribing to aclj.org.

Using defamatory language to describe our centers as a "public health threat" is not only damaging to our stellar reputation of over thirty years of charitable service to the people of Massachusetts, but it is impacting the

women who need us during a critical time in their life. Sadly, too many women believe these lies and all across the Commonwealth the number of women being served by pregnancy centers has declined. It appears that the state was successful in preventing real options for women and increasing abortions.

Yet in the midst of these dark times, I realized something: this year we will reach a major ministry milestone. In 2024, the ministry will record over 200 new names of babies rescued from abortion bringing our estimated total to **5,000 babies**! I say estimated because we know that many more babies have been saved over the years that we never learn their names. Whether a family moved, changed their phone number, or simply got caught up with life and did not let us know that their baby was born, we know so many more lives have been impacted by the united efforts of our donors, supporters and front-line workers.

So instead of focusing on the persecution, we decided to celebrate the 5,000 people who are alive today and the mothers and fathers who chose life in spite of the challenges they were facing.

Thank you for taking this journey with us. And when you feel discouraged by the cultural challenges that are present today, remind yourself that you are part of a rescue mission that pleases the heart of God.

Teresa Larkin, Executive Director

#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

- **VENMO**: @youroptionsmedical
- ON OUR WEBSITE partnersofyom.com
- PLANNED GIVING sign up on our website

- ROUND UP PROGRAM sign up on our website
- CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR OPTIONS MEDICAL

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724 Main Street Unit H Hyannis, MA 0260

#### **SOUTHBRIDGE:**

Bridge of Faith Youth Center 45 Charlton Street Southbridge, MA 01550

#### **OUR MISSION**

- ENGAGE
  with life-honoring
  services
- EMBRACE with life-saving truth
- **EMPOWER**with life-changing support

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