

"Helping Me Grow"

...THANKS TO PARTNERS LIKE YOU!

**DID YOU KNOW?
3 IN 10 TEEN
AMERICAN GIRLS
WILL GET PREGNANT
AT LEAST ONCE
BEFORE AGE 20**

DEAR FRIEND, SEASONS GREETING FOR 2018. IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR!

Emma came to our program after giving birth to her son, Brayden, when she was only 16 years old, a sophomore in high school. She was referred by community partner, Informed Choices Pregnancy Center, desperate for help. Kindred Life was born out of a need to help teen parents AFTER pregnancy. Many adolescents are struggling to get through school, much less raise a child, unprepared, alone – with few financial resources. Emma's program director at Kindred Life immediately saw something special in Emma and together, we have been working for 2 years helping her and Brayden not only survive but move toward goals of financial and interpersonal success.

"Kindred Life has been so helpful with helping me grow as a whole. Not just as a mother, daughter or student, but my whole self. I finally feel as if my life is directed in the right path. I have gone through many big changes in this year and I'm happy to say I finally feel comfortable praying for God to show me what I need in life not just what I want. I know I have made life long friends and mentors within my 2 going on 3 years with this program." - Emma Henry

Two years ago Emma and Brayden were living with Brayden's paternal grandparents. She had dropped out of High School and was trying to work a part-time job while supporting Brayden. With your one time gift and monthly support, our team was able to help Emma with childcare expenses and provided counseling as she struggled with a breakup from Brayden's dad, moved back home and worked hard to receive her GED.

Since that time, Emma has not only become a CNA with Cancer Centers Of America, but is also enrolled in nursing school at night to fulfill her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. Her son Brayden is now an energetic, joyful two-year old. Emma has worked hard in our programs, strictly following her budgeting class has allowed her to purchase her own car with cash. She is a resilient leader, excellent mother and role model for the Gurnee program.



THIS IS WHY WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING TEEN PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

You know *our mission helps cultivate growth, build relationships and meet the needs of teen parents and their families.* Kindred Life uses professional counselors, qualified program directors and volunteers to lead teen parents in Life Education Groups, 1:1 mentoring, weekly devotionals and financial and emotional counseling.



WITHOUT YOUR HELP, TEEN PARENTS FACE A LIFE OF BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS, POOR EDUCATION AND POVERTY.

With your donation Emma was able to have supplemental, consistent childcare for Brayden while she earned her GED, became a CNA and worked full-time. She has learned invaluable life and interpersonal skills to help her become the mom she's made to be. With your holiday gift, we will be able to see Emma through graduation from Kindred Life this spring and also help the lives of our program attendees and their families. This past year, I am humbled and blessed to tell you that with your gifts, together, we helped over 100 children, teens and grandparents.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TEEN PARENTS THRIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

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Executive Director



THEFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN: THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE
AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND WILL CALL HIM IMMANUEL. -ISAIAH 7:14

A Community Where Every Teen Parent and Their Family Thrives!

YOUR MONTHLY GIFT HELPS SUSTAIN ONGOING SERVICES:

\$10 MONTHLY GIFT

Your monthly donation funds the Kindred Kash Gift Card Incentive Program (parents earn points & turn them in for gift cards).

\$20 MONTHLY GIFT

Your monthly donation helps us provide one week of professional counseling for one teen parent.

\$30 MONTHLY GIFT

Your monthly donation helps us provide one week of daycare assistance to a teen parent.

YOUR SINGLE GIFT HELPS COVER ONE TIME NEEDS:

\$50



Christmas Family Gift

Basket: Your donation will help provide a teen family a Christmas holiday basket.

\$100



Teen Parent Retreat: Your donation will help five teen parents attend our annual teen parent retreat.

\$200



Emergency Car Repair: Your donation will help us provide funds for a teen parent's emergency car repair.

\$300



Extended Family Services:

Your donation will help us provide counseling and support services for grandparents for one semester.

\$500



One Semester of Junior

College: Your donation will pay for one semester of junior college for one teen parent.



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