

Life News

EQUIPPING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO LIVE WELL AND VALUE LIFE
abundantly

FROM ABORTION APPOINTMENTS TO HAPPY MOM

Note: These are the words of Natalie, a ZoeCare patient and Mom2Mom mentee.

I walked into ZoeCare in November 2022. I was scared and felt completely alone when I found out that I was six-and-a-half weeks pregnant. The staff made me feel so supported and not judged. They prayed with me after I asked. I knew when I was leaving I would have to make the biggest decision of my life. I felt so blessed to meet my [Mom2Mom] mentor. She reached out to me after I left the clinic and for the next several months, she checked in and was a great resource for me. I was in constant communication with her regarding the internal battle I was facing, whether I wanted to keep my baby or not. I kept in contact with her during the two abortion appointments I made and leaned on her for support. I ultimately couldn't go through with [the abortion] and decided I needed to keep the baby. I never felt alone during that process moving forward because I knew I had a friend who would be there to listen to me cry and hear my struggles. I am now approaching my due date and feel



Natalie at 30+ weeks with
her boyfriend Derek

ABORTION APPOINTMENTS TO HAPPY MOM CONTINUED

like the most blessed mom to my baby boy. I never would have thought things would turn out this way but everyday I am so thankful I made the decision I did. I keep in contact with my ZoeCare

mentor and am beyond grateful for all of the tough nights, weeks, and months she has helped me walk through. I have never been so happy in my whole life and can't wait to meet my son. ■

LEAVE A LEGACY

You can help save lives for years to come! Please consider a charitable gift to ZoeCare:

- Put ZoeCare in your will or trust
- Designate ZoeCare as a beneficiary in a retirement fund or life insurance policy
- Give the gift of stock

Your impact on innocent lives can be felt for decades to come! Please call (406) 586-9444 to learn how you can *make a difference in the lives of future generations.*



DIAPER CLUB

Introducing the **Sweet Cheeks Diaper Club**. For \$65 per month, you can provide diapers, wipes, and a car seat for one mom enrolled in Sweet Cheeks. Please consider signing up as a member of the Diaper Club to provide needed support for young couples like Shelby and Dave (see their story on the facing page)! To join, please visit <https://www.friendsofzoe.org/donate/> and select **Sweet Cheeks Diaper Club**.



MENTORS NEEDED

Mom2Mom needs moms to walk alongside pregnant women! Mentors meet regularly with expectant moms to support and equip them to be good mothers, and provide a lasting, positive relationship. The program uses a video curriculum called *BrightCourse*, an in-depth training for new moms on the ins and outs of motherhood, but, more than any set curriculum, ZoeCare is looking for experienced mothers who can be a friend to a younger mom who needs a little extra support. Can you dedicate an hour or two per week over a three-month match? You can make an eternal difference in a young woman's (and her child's) life!

If you're interested, please contact Char at (406) 586-9444 or char@gotozoe.org.

PURSuing LIFE, FINDING JOY

Shelby and Dave came to ZoeCare scared and uncertain. They had been dating and shared a loving relationship, but this pregnancy was unexpected and stressful. While sitting in the waiting room at that first appointment waiting to be called back for an ultrasound, Shelby and Dave met one of Mom2Mom's mentors who happened to be in the clinic at that time. As God's providence often reveals itself, the mentor and Dave had previously worked together and had a good relationship. It felt natural that the mentor take Shelby under her wing and the match was made official after her ultrasound.

When they saw the heartbeat in the ultrasound, Dave knew he couldn't wait to marry Shelby. He took her out that afternoon and proposed with a ring to put on her finger.

Both of them signed up for the mentoring programs. Admittedly, at first they were drawn to the "free stuff" that Mom2Mom and beingDAD provided, but as they build relationships with their mentors, they

quickly realized that the real value was the relational support and parenting experience the mentoring programs provided.

During the course of the mentoring matches, their mentors talked about spiritual truths and prayed with them. Both Shelby and David believed in God so open discussions about Jesus organically occurred. To continue those spiritual discussions, Shelby started a support group with her mentor and others to discuss the Bible and how it relates to parenting issues.

On May 28, Cree, Shelby and Dave's baby boy, was born! The new parents are excited at his arrival and are embracing their new challenges head on. ZoeCare continues to support them with diapers and wipes through Sweet

Cheeks, meals through Meals4Moms, and baby clothes and other items from Nel & Claire's Boutique at ZoeCare-Belgrade.

To hear Shelby and Dave's testimony in their own words, visit www.friendsofzocare/shelby/.



Baby Cree, born May 28th

MERGER UPDATE: 1 YEAR LATER

St. Catherine Family Health Clinic merged with ZoeCare in the spring of 2022. The clinic closed in mid-May as we reorganized. At the end of August 2022, ZoeCare-Belgrade opened and we have been seeing pregnancy and sexual health patients one day per week since. As we slide into summer, we hope to open our doors in Belgrade one more day per week.

We are preparing to begin a massive renovation at the back of the clinic to create a secondary entrance for patients who wish not to be seen entering on Main Street and for mentees who will be able to access our boutique directly.

But there is a challenge looming. We need to hire another nurse for Belgrade. The Lord has always taken care of this ministry and we have no doubt that He will send the right person to us. In the meantime, please be praying for God's provision,



and if you know of a nurse interested in helping young women in crisis, please send her to www.friendsofzocare.org/jobs/ for more information. And keep praying for our Belgrade location. God's doing great things! ■



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PRAYER NEEDS

Thank you for praying for this ministry. We experience answered prayer every day. Here are some specific needs we have:

- 1. Our Patients - The Gallatin Valley** is a difficult place to live. The gap between the "have's" and the "have not's" continues to widen. Many of the young women and men who come into ZoeCare are struggling and need a compassionate hand and assurance that God will take care of them and their children. Please pray that ZoeCare and the larger Body of Christ can rise to occasion to help our patients where they need it the most.
- 2. ZoeCare-Belgrade -** Our clinic in Belgrade has started slowly but we continue to meet the needs of women and men every week. As our Belgrade nurse steps away from the organization, please pray the Lord will raise up whoever would thrive in that position. Also, we plan on a massive remodel of the Belgrade clinic this summer. Please pray that all permits will go through the city quickly and that construction will go smoothly.
- 3. Open Job Positions -** Please pray that the Lord would bring in the right people to fill our open positions, Development Director and Belgrade Nurse, chief among them. (To see ZoeCare's job openings, visit www.friendsofzoecare.org/jobs/.)