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Life has taken an unexpected turn for us all these past few months. Stories of uncertainty and fear plague our news channels, social feeds, and families. But inside these pages you will find hope; the same hope we have shared with over 70 women facing an unplanned pregnancy in this season. A hope carried by over 150 clients who utilized online counseling services, virtual relationship education programming, and our Bridge parenting services these past months.

The three women and one man you'll meet in these pages reflect the depth and breadth of strength, ingenuity, grace, and gratitude that our clients possess even in the face of fear. The world tells us everything is scarce right now, but these clients lean into the bountiful love we share as kingdom servants of a generous God.

**We are so grateful that your support allows stories like these to exist.** We hope you feel recognized for your cherished contributions, but we also hope you are inspired to see God's love and provision in the midst of your own unexpected stories.

In this booklet you'll read shortened versions, but you can search the **QR code** to read the whole story and watch a video update. Now more than ever you may need the hope we freely give – explore these stories and know we are with you.

View these entire stories on video by scanning the QR code at the end of their story; or by visiting:  
[www.hopeclinicforwomen.org/SummerStories2020/](http://www.hopeclinicforwomen.org/SummerStories2020/)



# Shaletha



**My name is Shaleta. I'm a mother of 12 kids ages 22 to 2 with number 13 on the way.**

I have nine girls and three boys. I've always wanted the best for my family. For the first time last year I made the decision to go on birth control but to my total surprise found myself pregnant again. I learned about Hope Clinic from my doctor's office. My health care was inactive and they told me about Hope Clinic. I walked into the clinic in mid-March, despite closures so many other places. That day seriously changed my life. The staff welcomed me with warm smiles, so eager to meet my needs. I talked to the staff and told them about my life, the depression I had been dealing with, but also my resolve to carry this baby to

term. They treated me like I was family, so concerned about my kids, my life, our health and my unborn child. My baby boy is due October 2nd. While I am 40 years of age, my other children are still incredibly excited about having a new baby brother. Through Hope Clinic's support and availability during this Covid-19 season and the free counseling I feel more prepared than ever to take this journey again. **Hope Clinic is just what the name says ..... Hope.**





# Courtney

I think most people have an idea of how they want their lives to go.

Growing up in a Christian home and surrounded by amazing families/individuals who helped to mold my dreams, I imagined going to college, getting married, and starting a family. In a shocking turn of events, all of my life's hopes and dreams were blown out of the water when I found out I was pregnant. Pregnant by a man I did not have a relationship with. This was **nowhere** close to how my life was supposed to turn out! This was other people's stories – not mine. How could I accept how off-script my new life was? Finding Hope Clinic was a source of light in those early days. I came in initially for an ultrasound to confirm my pregnancy, then opened up the opportunity to participate in the Bridge parenting program. Finding my counselor, Alex, through Hope Clinic helped me to process my initial guilt, disbelief, shock, and fear of the future. And it's with confidence that I can say those emotions have given way to an **incomprehensible joy** in the gift I have been given in my son. Where there was once profound sadness, it has been replaced by immense gratitude and happiness. Although single parenting comes with its own



set of deep challenges (single moms are the TRUE superheroes). I would never trade my new life for anything in this world!

God has shown me that I need to hang tight, because the story He is writing is so far off the one I would've written, but it is exponentially more rich, lasting, and beautiful than I would've ever dared dream. Thank you, Hope Clinic, for choosing to walk alongside me on this formative (and emotional!) leg of my journey. God knew we needed each other.





# Jiah & Demetrius



**Every Hope Clinic client is different.**

For Jiah, a public health professional and her husband, Demetrius, a conservation ecologist, finding out they were pregnant was not in the cards for these young professionals just figuring out life after undergrad. Demetrius had just graduated and hadn't found a job yet and Jiah was preparing for her Master's program. As initial fear set in, Jiah remembered the Hope Clinic from when she volunteered with us during her undergraduate education.

She was greeted with the same warmth and comfort she received as a volunteer when she came back again as a client. The young couple joined the Bridge parenting program. Hope Clinic connected Demetrius to a new job. They started counseling, together and separately. Through months in the program Demetrius grew more comfortable to share his experiences with others. Jiah healed from past traumas. Their mentors were able to guide them along. They watched and attended countless classes which gave them access to diapers, wipes, a carseat, and a stroller. Moving forward they can now be confident about their journey as a family together.

**To Hope Clinic Supporters,** "The services provided empower women and families to have a say so in their labor and delivery. It also enhances professional development and provides social support to various types of children, women, and families. Thank you for being there for us."

**To future Hope Clinic clients,**  
"Take advantage of information and knowledge received and apply it. As often as you can give back."







## List of services:

Hope Clinic offers a range of comprehensive services to serve clients dealing with a variety of issues including physical, emotional, practical, and spiritual needs. Services are available either onsite or online for the safety of our clients.

Services Include:

### **PREGNANCY (free)**

- Initial consultation: pregnancy tests, options counseling\* (onsite)
- Follow up care: 1st prenatal visit ultrasound/ blood work (onsite)
- Bridge program: case management, mentorship, counseling, education, material assistance (virtual or curbside)

### **PREVENTION (nominal)**

- Well-woman annual exams and all related problem visits (onsite)
- Relationship Education for youth, young adults, parents, youth leaders (virtual)

### **COUNSELING (sliding-scale) - all provided virtually**

- Post-abortion
- Pregnancy loss (miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, failed IVF/ Adoption)
- Peripartum Mood & Anxiety Disorders (PPD, baby blues)
- Healthy relationships (individual or couples)

*\*we do not perform nor refer for abortions*

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