

*Dear Benefactors*

*I called Several Sources when I found out I was pregnant and had no place to go. I had told my dad and he said to have an abortion or leave. My uncle even tried to bribe me with a new car if I would just not have the baby.*

*My mom had passed away when I was twelve years old. I knew in my heart if she was still here she would have supported my decision to keep my baby.*

*We were a strong Christian family growing up so I was somewhat surprised at what I was being asked to do. The baby's father was very abusive to me both mentally & physically which I always made excuses for. At the time, he lived at home with his parents and had no job. In the end, at 18 I knew I was the one that would have to find some support .*

*I came to live at Several Sources Shelters... Airmount - Main Shelter. While there I stayed close to God through my personal prayer life and the Bible & Chastity classes that they offered. I went to school while at Several Sources for nursing, RN and was able to work at the shelter after my baby was born. The mandatory savings policy they had helped me put money away for that time in the future I would be on my own.*

*It took me awhile to recognize and acknowledge that the relationship was abusive with my baby's father & it had to end and I needed to move on for my sake but especially for my baby's well being. Coming to that realization was a group effort though.*

*One day I was asked to come & speak with Kathy after school. At the time I had no idea why or what it was about. I walked in and there was Kathy, the Founder of Several Sources sitting there with my housemother Susan and my stepmother who always tried to support my decision to have my baby but she somehow could not go against my dad.*

*Well I soon found out that it was an Intervention of sorts. In fact later I was told it was the first intervention Kathy had ever done at Several Sources. We talked for a long time about the relationship I was having with my abusive boyfriend, school, family support etc.*

*I was told that my mother's sister in California wanted me to come and live with them, finish school and start my life there fresh. At one point someone said this intervention was being orchestrated by my mom from heaven. I truly believe it was.*

*In the end, I moved from New Jersey to live with my aunt in California. I finished my schooling and now work as a Registered Nurse. It was a long and difficult journey for me but one that I am very proud and thankful for.*

*Today I am married to a wonderful man. Very Happy to say that my dad was there to share our joy. My beautiful "saved" baby Breana is 14 years old now and will start high school this fall. Oh yes and on January 15, 2015 I gave birth to my second daughter Sophia Rose.*

*All I can say is please continue to help the Several Sources Shelters because without them, I truly do not know where my daughter and I would be today.*

*Jennifer*



Jennifer holding baby Sophia, with husband and "saved" baby Breana (7/6/01)