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Dear friends,

Tamara\* came to the Centre one afternoon looking for someone to talk to before she had her abortion that was booked for the following day. She was seven weeks along and was feeling confused about whether or not she could go through with it. Tamara was a Christian and did not believe that abortion was a good choice. This was also not her first one and she was still dealing with the feelings that came along with it.

Tamara had just recently moved to Canada and was facing a lot of pressure from her home community who looked harshly upon women who became pregnant outside of marriage. Her family had arranged for her to marry the birthfather, but she knew deep down that he was not the one she wanted to spend her life with. At the same time she felt that she was not ready to be a single parent. She made a limited amount of money. If she carried to term she would not be allowed to stay with her family and she had no place else to go. Consequently, she felt that having an abortion was her only option.

Tamara's counselor discussed all of her other options. She was able to receive the education, support and encouragement that she needed to make a choice that she was going to feel good about in the long run, and not a choice based on social and financial pressures that she was faced with. Tamara's counselor let her know about the resources that were available to her that would make carrying to term seem less impossible.

Ultimately, Tamara decided to cancel her abortion appointment, feeling that she was not ready to make that decision yet and that she needed more time to think about what choice would be the best for her, regardless of what other people thought about her and the lack of support that she had outside of the Centre. She continues to meet with her counselor regularly at the Centre to talk through the issues of her unplanned pregnancy and has received the support and compassion that she could not find anywhere else.

We are so grateful to be a part of Tamara's life. Your contribution allows us to operate as an active resource in the community for those with no other ally. Thank you!

In His name,

  
Wendy Lowe  
Executive Director

*We are so grateful for your participation in our work*