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## Post-Abortion - Single Mom

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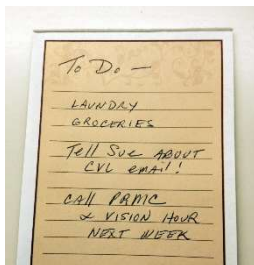
**Education:** I'll call her "Barbara". She was divorced, working two low-paying jobs to support herself and her young daughter. When she discovered she was pregnant, she panicked. She asked friends and relatives for advice. No one asked about her feelings; everyone seemed to think abortion was the answer, and her relatives started making arrangements for her. They brought her to the city, arranged rides to and from the clinic. The woman who picked her up was on her way to lunch with a friend, so Barbara had to go along. Afterwards, she began having nightmares about her baby, and drinking heavily. Her doctor treated her for an infection and gave her tranquilizers for the nightmares. Four times she tried to overdose, just wanting the pain to go away. She continued to be treated for the infection and eventually required surgery.

Finally Barbara met a caring man, and with his love and support, started to put her life back together. They married and she found Christ as her Savior. She knew she was forgiven but still struggled to forgive herself. Physical problems from the abortion returned and she eventually had a complete hysterectomy, ten years after the abortion. Looking back, she says "if I had received love and support, and above all the true facts, I would have never even considered an abortion."(1)

1. "I Was On My Own", one of the "Stories from Those Who've Been There" accessed 2/20/2017 from <http://www.afterabortion.org/churchawarenessproject/planningkit/allstories.pdf>, originally published as part of the book, *Aborted Women, Silent No More*, by David Reardon.



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please help all women to find the information, emotional support and practical help that they need to choose life for their children. Help friends and relatives of women in crisis pregnancies to be well informed themselves about the help that is available for women at pregnancy centers and the terrible pain that abortion can inflict on their loved ones. Help us to always treat post-abortive women with compassion, and help each of them to find healing and forgiveness in your loving arms, with the help of healing ministries.



**Action:** Find out about your local pregnancy center (in Fort Bend county, Pregnancy Resource Medical Center, [www.fortbendpregnancy.com](http://www.fortbendpregnancy.com)) and be prepared to refer friends there, or even take them there if possible, if they need help with an unplanned pregnancy. Perhaps get some Option Line business cards\*, and leave them next to the pregnancy tests in your local grocery or drug store. The Option line (800-712-HELP) is available 24/7 and can refer callers to their nearest pregnancy help center.

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