



Construction continues on the Gresham PRC with hopes of a summer re-opening.

Seasons of rebuilding give you a chance to ask deeper questions.

The fact that our Gresham center was burnt and gutted gave us the space to consider things we wouldn't have considered otherwise. And now, as we look toward June (Lord willing!) for reopening the Gresham Center, all of our prayerful consideration is starting to take shape.

At Gresham, we are enhancing the look and feel, safety and security, and capacity to offer holistic and medically professional services to those in our city who are most at risk for abortion. It's been a long road, but we're feeling the excitement of what's coming!

As we look toward what's next, we have been dreaming about how we can continue to create places in the world that effectively foster abundant life for our clients and the children they may carry. We know that means living out a love that is rooted in compassion, offers pathways toward life and flourishing, and provides genuine practical and professional services.

I'm excited to share more in the next few months, and I'm so thankful that you have joined us in this work!

Luke Cirillo, CEO



## Practical Volunteers show love by serving our staff and clients.

A generous group of University of Portland students got to work recently helping our staff with some much-needed maintenance and graffiti cover-up at our Southeast Center. We are so thankful for those providing practical support like this so our centers continue to be warm, welcoming places to find care in our city.

## AYA'S STORY

Aya didn't speak English, but when she came to our PRC, a volunteer client advocate found she could talk to her in her native language. She was surprised that her pregnancy test was positive and mentioned that the baby's father hadn't been in her life long enough for him to meet her family.

She said abortion would be her only option because she could not imagine telling her family she was pregnant. Her family would not be sympathetic to her situation.

During her ultrasound appointment, Aya smiled as she watched her fully-formed baby on the ultrasound screen. Our nurse was able to discuss the pros and cons of her options, but Aya remained undecided about the next steps. She seemed to lack support, seeming to not even have friends to talk to.

Although Aya had a religious background, she had not attended a church in the area. However, she was open to connecting with a Christian leader. I called a local church with a Spanish-speaking congregation, and the pastor and his wife seemed excited to join, sharing that he considered it was God's work to serve our clients.



A few weeks later, Aya had an appointment with her new doctor and was- again- without a friend to translate for her. Her new friends, the pastor and his wife, stepped in to translate at her appointment. Aya got her concerns addressed by the doctor and decided to continue her pregnancy despite her situation.

**With the aid of a loving doctor, a caring minister and his wife, new friendships and support, Aya has new hope that our Awesome God could have only orchestrated.**

# THANK YOU!

## Thanks to your generosity, we were able to meet our 2022 Year End match!

It is a privilege to partner with you in addressing the needs of the women and families in our communities.

You gave over \$?K! We are praising God for His faithfulness through you. Thank you!



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