



After nearly 16 months, the Gresham Clinic officially opened and began seeing patients again just a few weeks ago. The last year has been emotionally all over the map. The people who set our clinic on fire wanted us to be afraid, and ultimately decide it wasn't worth it.

Honestly, there have been times when the team has been both afraid and exhausted - especially the staff who have been closest to it all. Everybody at that time remembers what it was like to be so explicitly and intensely threatened because there are people who hate you and what you do; and the process of rebuilding has had challenges. Yet there has never been a moment when we didn't think it was worth it or had the slightest impulse to leave our city or the work God has called us to do here.

Leah Phillips, the manager of the Gresham Clinic, has been an incredible example of that honest perseverance. She was there the night of the attack, weeping in the dark, and she has been there throughout the whole process, acting as a midwife for the clinic's rebirth. She's been sharing her prayer and her vision, that there would be a line of women around the block who need our services and care.

Today, I can genuinely say that we've turned a corner, and the main thing we feel is hopeful anticipation. We are waiting with humble expectation to see how God is going to work in Gresham, and at our other clinics in Portland and Beaverton. We are praying Leah's prayer with her; and invite you to join us.

Your fellow follower,

Luke Cirillo, CEO



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DEJAI'S STORY

By: Alyssa Reimer | Communications Manager

I met with Dejai, her partner, and her two young kids on a Saturday afternoon. They walked into the clinic, all with matching outfits, ready for family photos. With a bouncy 18 month-old and a 5 month-old, she definitely had her work cut out for her. Despite this, the whole family was all smiles and exuded so much joy.

I asked Dejai a little bit about her story. As she entertained her 18 month-old, she told me that they had moved from Arizona to Portland in 2020. Soon after moving, she got pregnant with her older daughter. Reflecting on this time, she remembered that there were almost no pregnancy resources available to her because of the shut-down. Everywhere was closed or didn't have any appointments available, so that's when she decided to come into our clinic.

She had previously been helped by a pregnancy clinic when she was living in Arizona, so she knew immediately that this was a safe space that could help her. Looking to her 5-month old daughter,



she smiled and told me how thankful she was that she found us, and how thankful she was that we were able to help her through that tough time.

"I am so thankful that you were able to help during that tough time during the Covid shutdown!"

After finishing the photoshoot and thinking about her story, it immediately made me grateful for the many pregnancy clinics across the nation, like the one Dejai visited in Arizona. Though we sometimes offer varying services, classes, and types of support, we are all here to work towards the same goal: helping women get care when they need it most.

Thank you for helping us reach her with life-affirming medical care!



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