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miscarriage hurts®  abortion changes you®

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Dear LP Insiders,

We appreciate the encouraging emails and conversations that we've had with many of you over the past few weeks. Our connection with you – as well as with the hundreds of healthcare professionals, counseling students, and community leaders that our team virtually trained throughout the month – cheers our hearts and creates a deep sense of gratitude.

Unfortunately, there are far too many men and women who are suffering alone during this time of quarantine. Here are just a few excerpts from stories posted on abortionchangesyou.com referring to COVID-19:

“My baby girl would have been 14 now, and she would have turned 15 just before thanksgiving this year. I've been quarantined at home without a job since they imposed the coronavirus quarantines in my state in mid-March. 6 weeks with no work and being locked indoors. I have nothing to do but be hungry, and alone, and chain smoke and watch stupid Netflix. Today is the day I had the abortion 15 years ago. I am not ok. It has destroyed my life.”

“Tears fell from my face when I was told I was 8 weeks pregnant... I was living yet again the same pain all over again. I went for the surgical abortion with the fear of getting covid-19. I was scared for my life and morally destroyed with no one to really talk to. I left the clinic in physical pain. I did not heal very quickly, and yet again ended up having another infection and other complications. To make things more complicated, it is very difficult to see a doctor. I have to schedule telephone appointments. As I sit here in quarantine, I believe I did the right thing but I have much pain. Since I have no one to share with that would understand, I am sharing it here to relieve some pain. To everyone woman out there that has had to make this difficult decision, I understand you.”

“My boyfriend said if I wanted to keep the baby, it would be hard but we'd manage. All I could think of was that we were in no place to raise a baby. Neither of us made enough money, we didn't live together and couldn't afford to, plus we were in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic. As much as I wanted to keep this baby, I knew it would have struggled just as much as the last one... At first I thought it would be easier to get back to normal since I had already been through this once but instead it was like an old wound had been reopened with a blade dug in even deeper. I'm only 6 days past my second abortion and everything still feels so raw. Sharing my story will help with my healing process. But right now I feel so alone and so empty. The only thing that really gives me comfort is knowing that I'm not alone and there are so many others out there with stories like mine.”

As painful as these stories are to read, they make me extremely grateful that hurting men and women have a digital platform to tell their stories, feel heard, and find hope.

Stay well,

Michaelene