

# Fresh Start for Mother and Child

*Personal Story Shared at Care Net Banquet*

Jamie\* and her infant son, Noah\*, are two of the many whose lives have been eternally impacted by the help, hope and healing they have received through Care Net's residential maternity program, The Elizabeth House.



Jamie and Noah were among approximately 500 people who attended Care Net's "Faithfulness Through All Generations" 2009 Fundraising Banquet.

Noah became the center of attention, when, as his mother shared her story and her thanks to those who support Care Net, he attempted to crawl off the stage!

Today Jamie and Noah are graduates of The Elizabeth House program. Enjoy this recap from what Jamie shared at Care Net's banquet:

*"Before coming to Care Net, I had no idea how I was going to be a mother or, more importantly, if I was going to be a GOOD mother. I was so freaked at the thought of raising and molding this tiny little person. I considered both abortion and adoption. I just couldn't see myself sitting at home on a Friday night singing and rocking my baby to sleep."*

*"But then I heard about Care Net and their residential maternity program, The Elizabeth House. I thought that this could be a place where I could go and get the tools I needed to be a mother-and a good one at that. After my application process, I became a resident and saw my hopes fulfilled."*

*"During my stay, I was equipped and encouraged in my parenting skills and was given the chance to make a fresh start. My hope and excitement for the future are back again. My decisions are now based more on safety, security and what is best for my son. Thank you for supporting Care Net. Without Care Net and The Elizabeth House, I would not have been able to make this positive change for myself and for Noah."*

\*Fictitious names to protect privacy.