Two lines appeared on the stick and I realized that my life was about to change forever. It was the summer after my sophomore year of high school. I was 16 years-old when my boyfriend and I found out I was pregnant. So many thoughts ran through our heads. We had no idea what kind of a journey we were about to embark. I began my junior year and my belly grew as the months went by. In March, our son was born. Later that year I went to a “Single Parents Conference” and there were many booths from many organizations. Some tables were offering prizes and others had little knick knacks to give away. I remember writing my name on a piece of paper to enter the drawing. Little did I know, I would be joining a program that would work with my son and me for the next five years. A caseworker from Nebraska Children’s Home Society’s Children & Family Center gave me a call and met with me. She helped me work on parenting goals for my son and me. She also helped me find a job. She even gave me diapers when I was in need.

She was a support system that I never knew existed and it was all provided to me for free! Throughout these 5 years, NCHS helped me teach my son to talk, learn, potty train, and develop many skills. I finished high school and college with their support. Upon graduating college, I also graduated from NCHS’s parenting program. She was a support system that I never knew existed and it was all provided to me for free! Throughout these 5 years, NCHS helped me teach my son to talk, learn, potty train, and develop many skills. I finished high school and college with their support. Upon graduating college, I also graduated from NCHS’s parenting program.

I have been working at the NCHS Children & Family Center for a year now and I love it. I work closely with teen and young parents setting goals for them to succeed as my worker did with me years ago. When I joined the NCHS program in 2010, the program was brand new so services were limited. Seven years later, thanks to your generous support, our services have expanded. I am able to serve my clients with great opportunities for success and access to many different resources.

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Please share your latest family update with us!
Today, I am continuing to raise my seven year-old as best as I can and also my one-and-a-half year-old twins.

Sometimes I think about if I had never gone to the conference that introduced me to NCHS and what kind of mother I would be. I wouldn’t have had someone to come to my home and teach me hands on how to nurture my children, or play with them according to their age. The techniques I learned are invaluable.

I want to thank you, our donors, from the bottom of my heart for allowing NCHS to provide these crucial services to young parents in need. I am also so grateful that NCHS allowed me to become part of their team. I can’t think of a better way to repay them. Please join me in ensuring that families are supported and strengthened. Your gift makes this possible... today, tomorrow and always.

With Sincere Thanks,

Anabelle Garcia,
past client and current NCHS employee