# They gave her a choice between an unwanted abortion



# ... and a night sleeping in this.

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In Virginia, a homeless woman testified that she was forced to choose between an abortion and staying at the shelter. ... In Massachusetts, a clinic security guard testified that boyfriends and husbands routinely threaten women to make sure they keep their abortion appointments. ... In Philadelphia, a maternity retailer was sued for firing pregnant employees. The pressure to abort can escalate to violence. Homicide is the leading killer of pregnant women. An unwanted, coerced, deceptively informed or forced choice was never about "choice" at all. Learn more on-line.

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# He picked up the tab...



# but she'll never stop paying for the abortion.

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"His family pushed for the abortion. They were caring for my children when I was sick. They said I was being selfish. Part of me died that day. ...
I numbed my pain, but it did not go away; it just waited." -Lori

"I thought I must be crazy ... my life was quickly falling into a million pieces. I didn't know if I would ever be able to put all the pieces back together." -Sandy

"My abortion didn't end my pain, it began it. When I tried to confide in friends, they shook their heads with disapproving looks. It made me feel so alone." -Patty

Coercion and unwanted abortions are common, but healing is possible.

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# 21 years ago, Brian withdrew \$300 and drove his wife to the clinic ...



# One house, two minivans and three kids later, there's still no one who can fill these shoes.

#### Deceptive counseling is common. Healing is possible.

Jason throws a mean fast ball, Gracie doesn't know a stranger and Jen's the bookish one. Brian and Lisa love their kids, but they wonder about the one that came along when Lisa was sick and Brian lost his job. They believed the counselor who said there was no other option and the doctor who said it was just a blob of tissue. They never spoke of the abortion again ... until the day Lisa saw her first ultrasound – and her first picture of Jen. Ironically, the day Lisa fell apart was the day she and Brian finally got it together. They found the strength to confront a grief as unbearably big as a tiny pair of shoes.

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### Since the abortion...



# Mary has made a few new friends.

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"I turned to alcohol to forget and ease the pain. I had been a gymnast and had been very health-conscious before the abortion. Afterward, I just didn't care about life anymore." – Heidi

"I was told the baby wasn't a real baby, just some tissue. Being scared and alone, I believed them. ... I had never even heard of a crisis pregnancy center. ... After the abortion I became depressed, and got into alcohol and drugs." - Tammy

Learn more about unwanted, coerced or forced abortions, and new hope for healing.

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# When she was 17, her mom told her the abortion would only hurt for a little while ...



# but 40 years, 2 sons and 3 grandkids later, it still hurts.

#### Unwanted abortions are common. Healing is possible.

Maxine was 17 when her mother demanded the abortion and ordered her to keep it a secret. Her mom said it would only hurt for awhile. But decades later, the pain is still there. Millions of women like Maxine suffer silently for years after abortion. Few abortions are freely chosen or fully informed. The heartbreak often surfaces later in the form of clinical depression, anxiety, eating disorders, or substance abuse. Fortunately, women like Maxine are learning they are not alone, and that hope and healing are possible. Learn more on-line.

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