

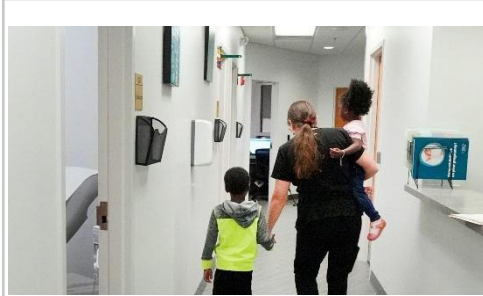


## Partner with Us

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### A Guide to Supporting Baby Steps

We cannot ignore the birth of babies because babies must be born. They need to be if we are to survive. A civilization that acknowledges this should protect childbirth as if its existence depended on it, because it does.



[Daytona Beach prenatal clinic new safety net for pregnant women - Daytona Beach News-Journal](#)

The clinic hopes to eventually create a \$6 million endowment to solidify its financial strength, an idea that will be pursued along with upcoming fundraisers and networking to find support ...

[www.news-journalonline.com](http://www.news-journalonline.com)

### Welcome Letter

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in supporting Baby Steps. Our program was built to serve pregnant and postpartum individuals who are unable to access timely maternity care in our community. There exist several barriers: Half of pregnant women depend on Medicaid to fund their prenatal care. The application process is too often taking months. The number of maternity care providers has decreased as our population is growing. The existing providers have finite capacity and are not accepting patients with Medicaid, marketplace or other low reimbursement/high deductible plans. Providers are not accepting patients who are considered high risk, which can be defined as “late in pregnancy”, (with or without prior care) as well as medical and social issues. Some women are navigating complex challenges like substance use, homelessness, chronic lack of healthcare access, and present with undertreated diabetes, hypertension and other conditions—increasing risk of poor outcomes. With your support, we can walk alongside them on a path to wellness, stability, and hope, meeting people where they are, providing person-centered care, and removing barriers to health—not just for one parent, but for generations to come.

Sincerely, Dr. Carbiener and the Baby Steps Staff and Board of Directors



## Speaking of our Staff and Board of Directors

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Baby Steps not only relies on the wonderful support from donors, but also the invaluable efforts and dedication of our team.

### **On the front line, working to provide care and support for our patients, our clinical staff:**

Pamela Carbiener, MD FACOG

Kathryn “Ryn” Carbiener, CMA

Chloe Singleton, ARNP

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As well as students from the FSU college of Medicine and other accredited programs throughout the state studying under our clinicians to become the next faces of medicine.

### **And behind the scenes, working to keep this clinic alive and thriving, our Board of Directors:**

Pamela Carbiener

Kim Brown Crawford

Victoria Ramos

Amy Decicco

Deb Marz

Darlynn Tacinelli

### **About Baby Steps**

Baby Steps is a perinatal clinic designed to support pregnant and postpartum individuals who are experiencing barriers to care. These barriers can be problems obtaining Medicaid or other funding sources, without which they cannot schedule prenatal care at traditional offices and clinics. Others are turned away from offices because they are in their second or third trimesters, experiencing medical complications such as diabetes, hypertension, prior poor pregnancy outcomes or other conditions. For other patients the inability to schedule prenatal care may be due to substance use, housing instability, or transportation issues. We provide wraparound support through care coordination, medication-assisted recovery, transportation, referral to high-risk maternal specialists, linkage to housing, mental and behavioral health,



and more. Our care is in person or hybrid/remote. We prioritize dignity, trust, and hope in every encounter.

### **Why We Need You**

Traditional prenatal care models require that women have a funding source to begin care. If funding not identified early in pregnancy, women find they “are too far along” to be seen in traditional practices. Even when funding is present in early pregnancy, issues with transportation, childcare, work hours and other factors prevent early care. Many of our patients come to us with insecure housing, stressful employment, and family struggles in addition to their prenatal and medical needs.

We turn no one away. We do not require payment for initial exams, ultrasounds or counseling. We work to link patients to health insurance to cover their clinical expenses, and we link patients to other services through our expanding network of medical and social service networks. People who are self-pay are encouraged to donate but it is not required. By law, those women with private insurance must be billed their contractual copays.

Many of our mothers and families must choose between insurance or childcare, safe transportation or utilities, medications or food. We start care regardless of payor source, and while we work to identify a payor source, we have a higher rate of women making their appointments than other practices.

### **Ways to Give**

- One-time donation (check, cash, or online via our website.)
- Monthly supporter program
- In-kind donations (baby gear, hygiene supplies, gift cards)
- Corporate partnerships or match programs

### **Adopt A Mom**

For a \$5,000 donation, you or your business can assure that a mother presents to routine and consistent prenatal care, receives the lab work and consulting services she may need. You can assure that she has the initial newborn necessities. Everything is interconnected and important. A bassinet or crib eliminates the need for co-sleeping and risk of SIDs. A new car seat ensures safe traveling for the infant. Helping moms to stay home until their recovery and their infants are eligible for daycare encourages bonding and reduces maternal and infant risk of postpartum complications. Helping a mom obtain mental health counseling and medication can reduce risks of postpartum depression. Moms in less stress are less likely to self-medicate, relapse with substances, or practice other high-risk behaviors.

Every donor receives our heartfelt thanks. We recognize donors in our newsletter and on our Baby Steps Wall of Hope. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. A donation receipt will be provided upon request.



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