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To whom it may concern,

My name is Michelle Bowman and I am a new mom. My sons name is Skylar and he is almost two months old. It has been the most wonderful time, and also the most challenging!

My family lives in Oregon, and I have definitely missed the experience my mom has had raising myself and my little brother. I read all the baby care books before my son was born, and felt better prepared, but it only took a few days home with him to realize nothing matches talking to and being with someone who has been through it all and raised children themselves!

The nurturing families network came and spoke to me in the hospital after I had Skylar and offered to have someone come to my home. At first, I thought maybe I could do it on my own, but quickly realized the support would be wonderful - and it has been!

It has been literally a life saver to have someone come and visit with me and Skular, we have learned fun activities to stimulate his development, and tackled problems together. Skylar and I have learned alot about each other, and I have become much more comfortable in my new role as a mother, but every new stage has its own rewards and challenges. I look forward every week to our visits from nurturing families, and I dont know what I would do without them!

Please continue this wonderful program, it does so much for me, and I'm sure to other new families.

Thank you,
Michelle Bowman