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Like many in our community weeks ago, we were saddened to learn a newborn had been abandoned here in Everett. In the intervening weeks, we have been relieved to know the child is well and healthy. The baby is receiving the care and attention every child in our community deserves.

The child's mother was identified today as an 18-year old high school student attending Cascade High School. Alone with a situation she had hidden successfully from those around her, she managed to deliver that child on her own. She said she panicked and did not know what else to do but abandon the child. Here story is told in greater detail in the *Daily Herald*.

No child or adult in our community should find themselves in such a desperate situation and without a trusted person or entity to help.

This is a sad reminder of the need for everyone to know about resources available and to whom they can turn in crisis.

An example of such a resource is the 2-1-1 service provided by our local United Way, which includes a Care Crisis line operated by our local Volunteers of America. A call to 2-1-1 connects people 24/7 to services and those who can help.

Our thoughts are with this young lady, her friends, her family, the baby and those who are caring for him.

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