



## **GEMS**

Gabriel Education Ministry and Support (GEMS) extends the ministry of Project Gabriel by offering mothers opportunities to learn more about themselves, about their Christian faith, about being better parents and about gaining the knowledge and skills to help them take their place in the larger world of work, education and service. It was launched in September 2007.

### **Why GEMS?**

- ❖ Gabriel Moms receive timely intervention and compassionate mentoring when facing a crisis pregnancy.
- ❖ It is estimated that 1 in 4 unmarried Gabriel moms will face another crisis pregnancy within three years. Clearly these moms need additional guidance and support after they have their babies.
- ❖ GEMS arose to address a very real need, namely for women to develop self-esteem, realize their God-given abilities and be more empowered to learn and make good choices for themselves and their children.

The GEMS Academy is open to any woman served by Project Gabriel who is “poised for growth” and recommended by her Angel and Gabriel Angel Coordinator. To receive assistance from her coach (assigned to her after she attends a few classes) as well as the incentives and rewards offered by the GEMS Academy, she agrees to complete the required modules and have the goal of graduating from the program.

GEMS candidates need not be a certain age, but must be in position to make choices and set personal goals without severe restrictions placed by parents, civil authorities, physical or mental health. Project Gabriel/GEMS is committed to assisting any pregnant mother in need who completes all requirements for graduation from the GEMS Academy. Undocumented GEMS candidates are not eligible to receive scholarship awards but can be assisted in other ways.