



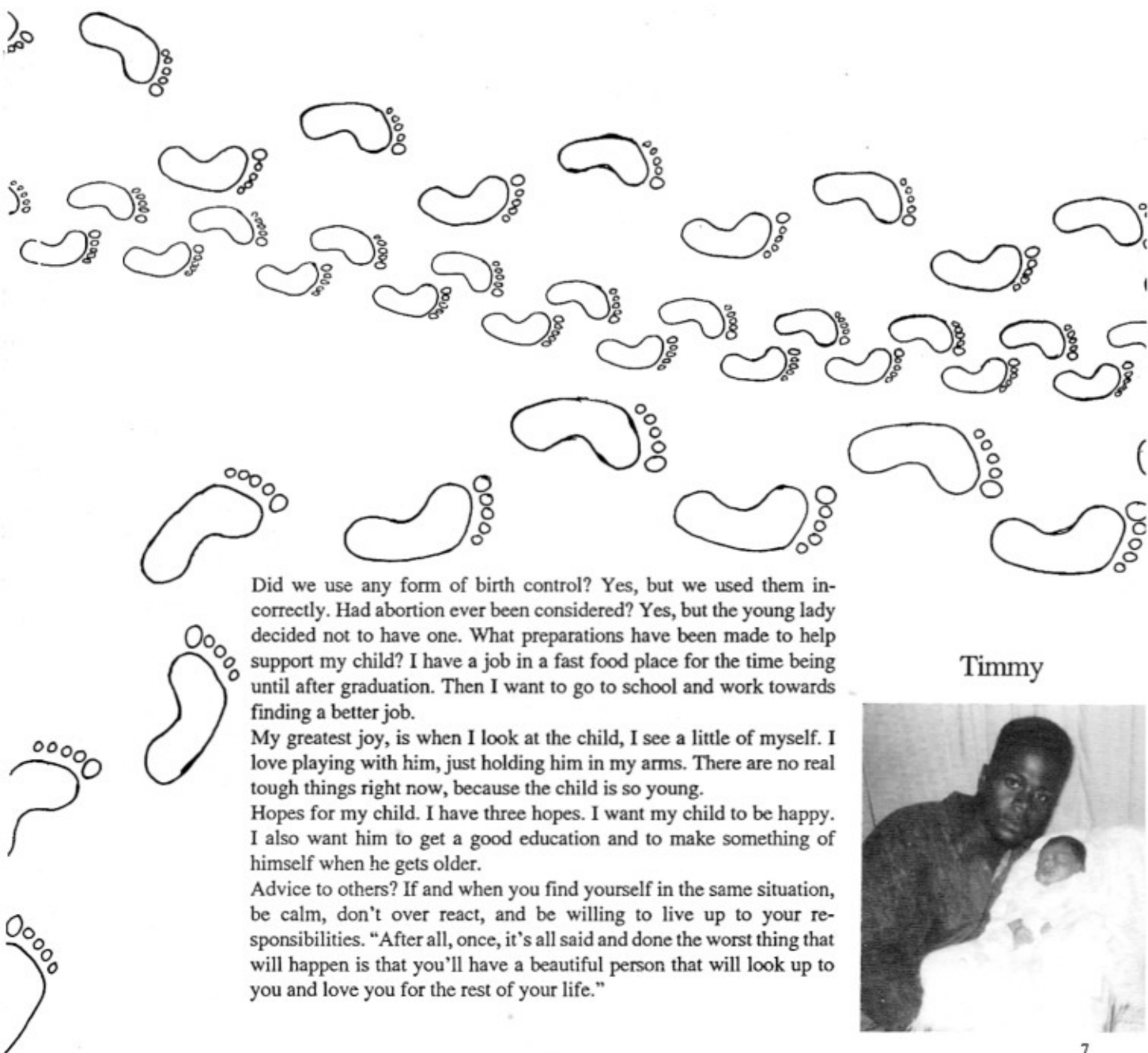
Marcus & Tiffany

Did we take precautions? Yes, but they apparently failed. Did we consider abortion? Yes, it was the first thing that came to mind, but more out of fear than irresponsibility. Preparations taken to support the child? Since I'm going to be a father, I have increased my work load. The mother will graduate, get a job, and go to school.

The greatest joy? For (the father), it was a joy to hear the baby's heartbeat, see the ultrasound, and feeling the baby kick. I (the mother) am grateful Marcus didn't go through that "it's not mine phase" and abandon me. What has been the roughest thing? It was hard having to tell our parents and grandparents. It's also difficult dealing with doctors and having my mother get off work to run me to my appointments.

Wishes and hopes for our child? We want the baby to grow up and make something of himself (or herself). We hope the same thing that happened to us won't happen to him or her. We want him (or her) to have the best life possible.

Our advise to others? Always take extra precautions even if you think you know what you're doing. And, never say it can't happen to you, because it can.



Did we use any form of birth control? Yes, but we used them incorrectly. Had abortion ever been considered? Yes, but the young lady decided not to have one. What preparations have been made to help support my child? I have a job in a fast food place for the time being until after graduation. Then I want to go to school and work towards finding a better job.

My greatest joy, is when I look at the child, I see a little of myself. I love playing with him, just holding him in my arms. There are no real tough things right now, because the child is so young.

Hopes for my child. I have three hopes. I want my child to be happy. I also want him to get a good education and to make something of himself when he gets older.

Advice to others? If and when you find yourself in the same situation, be calm, don't over react, and be willing to live up to your responsibilities. "After all, once, it's all said and done the worst thing that will happen is that you'll have a beautiful person that will look up to you and love you for the rest of your life."

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