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Eleorra: That's my job. That's what I do. I'm a mom.

[Onscreen text] Hear Her: Eleorra's Story.

Eleorra: I have four kids. It's a handful. It really is.

I knew with this pregnancy something didn't feel right. I felt different. I felt a different type of pain, headaches. I felt like something was wrong. So, I went to my doctor to find out what was going on. And they said, okay, it's just pregnancy related. But that did not stop me.

I told my family members. And they were like, everyone goes through it. I told my spouse what was going on. He was like, you're exaggerating, everyone goes through it. You told me this with all your pregnancies. And I was like, no, something doesn't feel right. Regardless of how many times I was turned down and I was turned away, I just kept going back and forth to the doctor until I figure out what exactly was going on with my pregnancy to make sure everything was okay.

I had constant chest pains. It felt like someone was stabbing at my chest. It felt like I couldn't breathe for about a good three to four minutes. And it was painful. I felt a burning feeling. I felt like I couldn't breathe sometimes. And a couple of times, I actually passed out from it.

I still didn't know what was going on. I went to get it checked out. And once again, they stated that everything was normal with me. But I knew something wasn't right. I felt relieved when I found a doctor that can actually hear me out. I ended up in the hospital about, I would say more than 10 times.

I was in labor for 24 plus hours. He came out seven pounds and six ounces. You know, I'm happy that he's okay.

Being a mom to me is very important. It's nothing I would take lightly because you never know what might happen.

Speak up and continue to speak up and make sure they hear you out.

Hear her.

[Onscreen] Learn more at cdc.gov/HearHer.