

Fall 2010
Quarterly
Newsletter



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What's New!

BIRTHRIGHT IS GOING TO SCHOOL!

We are pleased to announce a collaborative project with Student Mathew Arnold (Boys Scouts of America) and Quincy Schools (public and parochial) to put the **informational flyers** shown below into bathroom stalls across the city, where our youth will have the opportunity to learn about **Birthright's services** or fetal & newborn development in a comfortable and insulated—but accessible—environment. The messages will be positive to both female and male students and staff and have been specifically designed to relate to today's generation. We believe this is a giant leap towards reaching our target clientele—those who desperately need our support—and we embrace the opportunity to continue to offer positive change to our community in numerous creative ways. If you would like more information about this project or want to offer your help or support, please contact us today!



BIRTHRIGHT TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE QUINCY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS NOVEMBER 13TH

There is still time to get your team together! Up to 8 players per team (must be 21), \$100 entry fee per team, all proceeds to benefit Birthright of Quincy. This amazingly fun evening will include the perfect assortment of trivia categories and questions, basket and 50/50 raffles, free refreshments (cash bar), and awesome prizes awarded to top teams. A cool and unique twist for Birthright Trivia Night are the local celebrity expert lifelines that will be available for select categories ... so you don't have to be a know-it-all to stay in the hunt and have non-stop fun from beginning to end. For more information or a registration form, call Julie @ 217-653-8174 or Patty @ 217-440-8388, or find us on Facebook! See you there on Saturday Night!

EXPANDED OFFICE HOURS

Along with our Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Sat. office hours, we are very pleased to announce new expanded office hours on **MONDAYS** from 10a.m. until 1p.m.

What Is Birthright?

We are a non-profit, non-political, non-denominational, service organization that offers pregnant women and girls the non-judgmental emotional and practical support they need to make responsible and educated decisions about their future and that of their unborn child.

What Do We Offer?

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL:

Friendship & Support
Reliable Pregnancy Tests
Maternity Clothes
Baby Clothes
Information
Referrals

Check out our new website @
Birthrightquincyil.org
Almost Done!

Under Construction

FACTS & FAQs

Fact There are more than 400 Birthright Chapters worldwide.

-Birthright International

Fact The average age of first-time mothers in the U.S. is 25.

-National Center Health Statistics

Fact Raising a child from birth to age 18 costs on average between \$125,000 and \$250,000.

-US Department of Labor

Fact On average, Americans donate about 2% of their annual income to charity.

-America.gov

Q. What percentage of donations made to Birthright of Quincy go directly towards serving their mission?

A. 100%

Q. How many volunteers are active with Birthright of Quincy at this time?

A. 24

Q. How much help does Birthright actually give their clients?

A. As much ... or as little ... as needed, depending on the individual.



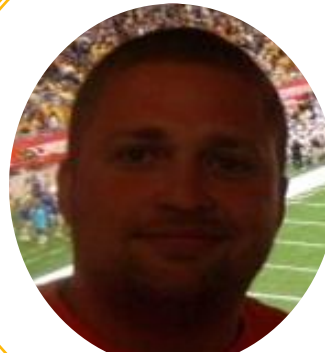
**Helping
expecting
Mothers &
their Babies in
Quincy since
1973!**

Testimonial...

I graduated high school early and knew exactly what I intended to do with my future. At age 18, I was determined to attend a good university and earn my criminal justice degree. QU offered me the atmosphere & education I was looking for, especially since I knew I had to get out of my hometown and away from my friends and family. My boyfriend & I had grown up together and had a pretty stormy and rocky relationship, so ... a new beginning ... new town ... new life. Before even settling into my dorm, I realized I was pregnant. What now? Abortion, for me, was never an option. I wanted it all! Continue with school, work, have my baby, and be independent ... but how? I was really alone, scared, and confused ... overwhelmed doesn't adequately describe how I felt, so I got up the courage and called Birthright. Sylvia, the volunteer I worked with, was so calm and caring and really listened—and didn't judge me. Even though it's not easy, between her and the other volunteers and their services I am working out the best solutions for me and my baby. I found a wonderful church and great friends to fill the loneliness & help me grow to be the best person and mom I can be. Even though having a baby wasn't part of my plan, I am very encouraged and excited to realize that with God's help & my friends at Birthright, I can make the right choices and still achieve my goals.

-Natalie

Volunteer Spotlight



Joe Bordewick

Quincy Assistant Director

A Birthright Volunteer since 2008, Joe believes everyone deserves the friendship and support that many of us take for granted. He is determined to make sure Birthright is all it can be through positive relationship-building, taking advantage of information technology, and sound strategies for marketing, fundraising, staffing and serving our community. Joe is married to Amber, and has three children: Alexis, Amy, and Andrew. He is a recent U of I Grad and a former U.S. Marine, works as a Warehouse Manager in Quincy, coaches youth softball, and belongs to Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Upcoming Events

November 13th – Birthright “Trivia Night” at the K of C’s
Enjoy an incredible night of fun for a great cause . . . Register your team as soon as possible or come and volunteer your time!

New Volunteers Are Training Now!

We still need new volunteers, including several key positions.
Contact the Director if you or someone you know is interested.

Congratulations Volunteer Maggie Strong!

On being named one of the area’s “20 under 40” for 2010, an honor given to twenty young people whose contributions help make the Quincy area great! We are extremely proud of you Maggie!

A New Brochure ...

We have developed this to better reach and serve our community, and we will begin distributing it throughout the area soon. If you are interested in receiving these brochures for your home, business, or organization, please contact us for arrangements.

Birthright of Quincy Web Site Update



ETC Computerland is putting the finishing touches on our Quincy website now. Our utmost gratitude goes out to them!

ALMOST DONE!



Birthright of Quincy CLIENT STATISTICS

1st Quarter 2010 (Jan-Mar)

24 Clients served

2nd Quarter 2010 (Apr-Jun)

26 Clients served

3rd Quarter 2010 (Jul-Sep)

33 Clients served

4th Quarter 2010 (Oct-Dec)

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82 clients served so far this year & hoping to finish strong!

Thank YOU

Thank you to Eric Thomas of ETC Computerland for his continued support of Birthright of Quincy’s information technology needs!

Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus for your continued generous support with Birthright’s Trivia Night and other needs!

Thank you to the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus for helping to fund our Quincy Schools Campaign!

Thank you to Zanger Realty for choosing Birthright as their charity for 2010!

Thank you to David Adam for all your hard work as Chairman of the upcoming “Trivia Night”!

It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth . . . and the right of every child to be born.

Birthright of Quincy



Thank you to Julie Long, Dennis & Megan Barragree, and all who donated raffle items for Trivia Night!

Thank you to Eric Knockel for your support with Birthright’s 2 new bus-stop benches coming soon!

Thank you to Matt Arnold and Family, and the Boy Scouts of America, for your work so far with our project to hang flyers throughout Quincy’s Schools!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Birthright Quarter Madness a fun & successful evening!

Thank you to all who respond to our newsletter with your generous support!

Thank you to all of the wonderful Birthright volunteers, including our newest additions, who selflessly serve their community!

Want to get in touch with Birthright of Quincy or subscribe to our newsletter?

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E-mail us: BirthrightQuincyIL@att.net

Visit us soon @ Birthrightquincyil.org



Letter from the Director

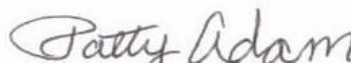
*H*ow often do we say, “I’m meeting myself coming and going.” How cool is that really ... to be that productive and remain on course still! My husband Bill and I have bought a new home in the country with 5 acres. As I travel back and forth between houses moving our belongings, I’m reminded of the over thirty years I have traveled with Birthright: changing locations, volunteers, directors, and types of fundraisers and events ... and always our mission remains the same—simply, help anyone in an unplanned pregnancy find the answers and solutions to any questions or problems and therefore eliminate her “need” to abort her child.

I’m always humbled by Louise Summerhill, who began this great service over 40 years ago with a small bank account and an enormous heart and faith in God. Our motives remain pure ... and our reward is knowing we really have made a difference in the lives of so many ... for generations ... forever.

As you can tell from this newsletter, Birthright is again traveling to new & exciting places. Facebook and the World Wide Web have presented us with an amazing opportunity to reach the clients that truly need our help. I am humbled by my small group of dedicated volunteers who are helping to create these opportunities to get the word out and “the writing on the walls ... and stalls” in Quincy schools.

Thanks to all of you who give generously to this great cause in so many ways. Birthright needs all types of volunteers ... women, men, and child. I pray that we increase the number of clients we serve every day, and with that will come a need for more and more volunteers. There is strength in numbers and as little as two hours a month can change many lives forever. So please volunteer, and the joy, contentment, and friendship you will receive in return for your time given will be priceless.

Sincerely,



Patty Adam, Director, Birthright of Quincy

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HELP YOUR COMMUNITY . . . PLEASE DONATE!

We are asking for the support of your donation—whether it be financial assistance or the gift of new maternity or baby clothes. Your support is vital to our mission, as we are staffed entirely by volunteers and funded solely by donations from the community. If you would like more information please contact us . . . but PLEASE help us help our community, and thank you for making a difference!



***Please call to make arrangements to
donate new maternity or baby clothes***

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Mrs. Patty Adam, Director - 217-440-8388

Please mail your tax-deductable financial contribution to

**BIRTHRIGHT
P. O. BOX 407
Quincy, IL 62306**

As a non-profit charitable organization, Birthright will issue receipts for tax purposes at your request.

Donation made by/in the name of _____

In the amount of _____

Would you like Birthright to send you a receipt for tax purposes? YES_____ NO_____

If so, where would you like it sent? NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . . VOLUNTEER!

Birthright could not do what we do without the support we receive from our community. We are in this together! This is our community . . . our daughters, sisters, neighbors, and friends. Unfortunately, many of these young women feel like they have no one who will be there for them. That's where we come in . . . and we are looking for more compassionate and non-judgmental volunteers who share our commitment to the unborn and their mothers to serve our area. Your help in any of the following ways would be appreciated.



Friendship Counseling

Administrative Work

Fundraising/Donations

Marketing and Publicity

Volunteer Recruitment

YES . . . I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING!

Please contact me about possible ways I can serve the community with Birthright!

NAME(S) _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____

AVAILABILITY (Days/Times) _____

Briefly explain how you would prefer to serve and/or what specific skills/talents you possess:

Please remit this portion to: Birthright Director, 1200 Broadway Suite A, Quincy, IL 62301
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