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*Quarterly
Newsletter*



Birthright of Quincy

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What's New!

Director Patty Adam has been busy working closely with area supporters to raise awareness about Birthright for the women and girls who need our services. You may have seen her recently speaking at one of many area Churches. Perhaps you heard about Birthright's renewed presence in the High Schools or entry into QU. Or, just maybe you saw one of Birthright's three brand new bus-stop benches throughout downtown Quincy. She's also been working closely with the public aid office and family planning to make sure they are offering Birthright's services whenever they can. Additionally, Patty has continued with excellent volunteer training, including ever-important specialized adoption information, and has formed a cooperative relationship with our neighboring Hannibal Birthright in order to improve both of our organizations through the sharing of ideas and best practices. Most importantly, Birthright in Quincy has continued to help many desperate women and girls from our community with the support they need for a successful pregnancy and life thereafter with their child! Thanks for your support in that most precious endeavor.

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*



Brand New & Improved Trivia Questions

Up to 8 players per team - \$100 Entry

Prizes Awarded to Top Teams

Raffles, Silent Auction, Refreshments

Celebrity Experts for Select Categories

***2nd Annual Birthright Trivia Night at Knights of Columbus
Saturday November 5th – Doors open at 6pm – Trivia starts at 7pm***

Everything that made last year absolutely awesome, like the celebrity expert lifelines, the mulligans, the raffles and silent auction, the snacks and drinks, and more, along with BRAND NEW & IMPROVED TRIVIA, will help make our 2nd Trivia Night the most fun you've had all year! Get your team of up to 8 players age 21 or older together and sign up today. Registration forms can be printed online at www.birthrightquincyil.org or you can contact us and we will send one to you. Whether you crave the competition or just a fun night out with friends and family, you'll find what your looking for and more. all while helping those in need in our community.

Check out our local website @
www.birthrightquincyil.org
or email us at
birthrightquincyil@att.net

Inspirational Quotes about Mothers & Children

*"Children are the hands by which we take hold of Heaven."
-Henry Ward Beecher*

*"Children will not remember you for the things you gave them, but for the feeling that you cherished them."
-Richard Evans*

*"A child is not a vase to be filled, but a fire to be lit."
-Francois Rabelais*

*"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose. I'm sorry to say so but sadly it's true, that bang-ups and hang-ups can happen to you. And will you succeed? Yes indeed, yes indeed, 98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed! A person's a person, no matter how small. Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so ... get on your way!"
-Dr. Seuss*

*"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my Angel Mother."
-Abe Lincoln*

*"There is no way to be a perfect Mother and a million ways to be a good one."
-Jill Churchill*



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

Testimonial . . . why are we here?

*Most abortions are unwanted.
Most wouldn't have aborted if given support they needed.
Abortion may be legal, but isn't always safe.
Abortion doesn't solve the problem.
The majority of Americans believe abortion is wrong.*

Pledge of Re-Commitment

I thank God today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of my brothers and sisters. I know I am responsible for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves. I know that the most serious tragedy of our day is the tragedy of abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be actively pro-life, and never stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are safe. And our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all.

Volunteer Spotlight



Matt & Liz Jackson

Quincy Volunteers

Matt & Liz have been married for 10 years and have no children as of yet. They do not answer phones or meet with clients, but instead serve crucial roles together as coordinators for various community events on behalf of Birthright. They want people around the community to know and understand what Birthright offers for the sake of mothers and their babies, but also for the countless couples who have love to give to a precious child but have not been blessed with any.

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Birthright Trivia Night

Saturday, November 5th, 7pm, KC Hall

Brand new and improved general trivia along with everything else that made last year awesome! Gather your Team!

Volunteer Training Session

TBD at the Birthright Office, 1200 Broadway, lower level of the Zanger Realty Building. Contact Patty at 440-8388 for more details.

New Volunteers Are Training Now!

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

2011 KC BBQ WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The support was truly remarkable and speaks very highly of our community!

Thanks to these Churches for the baked goods:

St. Peter, St. Francis, St. Rose, Blessed Sacrament, St. Thomas, St. Edwards, St. Brigid, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, & The Crossing!

Thanks to these local businesses for their donation—please patronize them and say thanks:

Kelly's, Coach House, Applebee's, Lakeview, El Rancherito, Buffalo Wild Wings, Café J's, Village Inn, Fuji, Dot Foods, Kohl's Grocery, Sam's Club, & WalMart

Birthright of Quincy CLIENT STATISTICS



4th Quarter 2010 (Oct-Dec)

36 Clients served

1st Quarter 2011 (Jan-Mar)

18 Clients served

2nd Quarter 2011 (Apr-Jun)

28 Clients served

3rd Quarter 2011 (Jul-Sep)

35 Clients served

Thank YOU

Thank you to Gretchen Forsythe for the wonderful Infant Adoption Training and meal you provided to 37 in attendance!

Thank you to Amy Schmiedeskamp for allowing us to use the YoungLife center for our adoption training!

Thank you to Eric Knuckle for the three new bus-stop benches in downtown Quincy!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #583, especially Grand Knight Phil Haxel for your continued support of Birthright!

Thank you to the Chairpersons of the 2011 KC BBQ for your support of the Birthright booths: Danny Vahlkamp, Dave Boden, Patrick Hollensteiner, Merry Morrison, and Levi Lockett!

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 Sherry Stoneking and Tammy Schmitz for the beautiful handmade quilt!

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

Thank you to all of the wonderful Birthright volunteers for everything you do for the mothers and babies of our community!

Want to get in touch with Birthright of Quincy or subscribe to our newsletter? Call (217)224-1277 or (217)440-8388
E-mail us: birthrightquincyl@att.net
Visit us @ www.birthrightquincyl.org



Letter from the Director

*A*fter a hot, dry summer, it's great to welcome the beauty of fall in all its glory. Cool evenings, crisp mornings, and wonderfully sunny days have captured my attention over the last few days. I continue to be amazed and blessed by the opportunities God has given me through the ministries of Birthright, and your encouragement and generosity continue to motivate our volunteers to do everything they can for our community.

Jeremiah 1:4-10 says, "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I appointed you as my spokesman to the world." And Jeremiah said, "I can't speak for you Lord, I'm too young!" The Lord reassured him and promised to give him the words and the courage to do his work, and he touched his mouth and appointed him to stand up against the nations and the kingdoms. I, too, feel quite small as I stand against the giant ... there are so many needs, so much hurt, so many problems—and yet, one at a time, we serve them just as the Lord has called us to do.

Because of your continuous support, we now have a larger presence throughout the community than ever before. Over 850 of our brochures have been hand delivered throughout the Quincy area offering help and hope to any woman or girl facing an unplanned pregnancy and needing support. Since I last wrote, many more desperate and needy clients have found a new and trusted friend at Birthright in Quincy.

Volunteers are being trained on the caring way to approach women considering abortions, as well as extensive training on infant adoption and the loving language of adoption. Upcoming training includes post-abortion counseling, and the facts and fears of STD's. Again, I extend a hearty welcome to new volunteers—anyone who feels God is calling you to get more involved, however that may be, can give me a call @ 217-440-8388.

I love you all and thank you humbly for allowing me to serve as Director of Birthright in Quincy.

Sincerely,

Patty Adam

Patty Adam, Director, Birthright of Quincy



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

Birthright Office - 217-224-1277

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
OR BirthrightQuincyIL@att.net