

Fall
2012
Quarterly
Newsletter



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What's New!

There was a time not too many years ago when Birthright had become little more than a diaper give away ... far from where we began and were intended to be. Thanks to the hard work of many, the financial support of even more, and lots of prayer, we are serving the clients we are supposed to be. We have witnessed a flourish of women and girls who need a great deal of support, but have found the courage and strength to become the mothers that God intended them to be. At Birthright in Quincy, we feel very privileged to have the opportunity to do this great work. We also recognized the incredible responsibility we have to make sure that we continue to have the right people with the right heart, and training, to be everything our clients need and deserve us to be. We are looking for a few good ... board members. If it's in your heart, let us know. More to come ...

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



Saturday
Nov. 3rd
Silent
Auction
6pm
Trivia
7pm

Trivia Night

St.
Dominic
Gym

\$100
Team of 8
BYOB
Lifelines

Time is running out, but it's not too late to get your team together for Birthright trivia night. What a great way to have fun and support Birthright through our biggest fundraiser of the year. If trivia is not your thing, go ahead and sponsor a team for your family, friends, or neighbors! Our Silent Auction featured 100 items in 2011, and is sure to be your source for that hard-to-shop-for person on your Christmas list this year—auction begins at 6pm! Call 217-440-8388 or log on to www.birthrightquincyil.org for more details. Drop off completed registration forms at the Birthright office, 1200 Broadway, or mail to P. O. BOX 407, Quincy, IL 62306.

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

Inspirational Quotes About Fathers

*"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection."
-Sigmund Freud*

"Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a Dad." -Anne Geddes

*"It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father."
-Pope John XXIII*

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." -unknown

*"My Father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."
-Jim Valvano*

*"To a father growing old nothing is dearer than a daughter."
-Euripides*

*"Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance."
-Ruth Renkel*

*"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child."
-Knights of Pythagoras*



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

Testimonial . . .

I am 22 years old and expecting a baby in November. I have lived in Quincy for 2 years but moved a lot as a child because my dad was career military. I have 3 stepmoms and have never been able to spend much time with my biological mother ... I'm not even sure where she is. I have never had an alcohol or drug problem because I've seen it hurt so many people, especially in my family, but I do suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and a seizure disorder. My baby is unexpected and untimely, but as a child growing up in Texas I was educated to the fact that abortion kills a baby, so that could never be an option for me. I've always said that I don't believe in miracles, but after my counselor at college helped me get in touch with a Birthright volunteer in Quincy, I am seeing positive changes taking place in my life that I must say are more than just coincidence. The volunteer has done so much to help me in practical ways that I really can see a bright future for me and my baby. I also know that I have found a true friend for life. -Cathy

Volunteer Spotlight



Alvin "Butch" & Dorothy Obert

Volunteers

Married for 53 years with 8 children, 26 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren, Butch and Dorothy have been faithfully active at St. Thomas Church in Camp Point for 51 years. Other volunteer interests include the Community for Christ Assistance Center, Quincy Cursillo, Right to Life of Adams County, 40 Days for Life, and of course, Birthright of Quincy. They feel Birthright helps individuals in crisis pregnancies in a "hands on" way like no other. They strive to offer positive alternatives to abortion and hope one day that everyone will see life, from conception to natural death, as sacred. They continue to pray for an end to abortion and thank God for the chance to help save the lives of so many unborn.

Upcoming Events

3rd Annual Birthright Trivia Night

Saturday, November 3rd, 7pm, St. Dominic Gym

Brand new and improved trivia along with everything else that made last year awesome! Plus new this year—BYOB! Gather your Team and don't miss out!

If you are interested in volunteering before or during this event please contact Patty at 440-8388. If not, please get a team together and come out and play!

Volunteer Training Session

At the Birthright Office. Contact Patty at 440-8388 for more details if you're interested.

KC BBQ HUGE SUCCESS FOR BIRTHRIGHT of QUINCY

Quincy's traditional end of summer event just wouldn't be the same nowadays without the Birthright Bake Sale. If you didn't find something to satisfy your sweet tooth ... you don't have one.

Congratulations to Abbey McDowell, the winner of our fabulous Dining-Out Package donated by the wonderful restaurants listed on the right hand side of this page.

Congratulations as well to the winner of our beautiful handmade quilt, Linda Linenfelser, which was donated by Sherry Stoneking.

Thank YOU

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #583, and Grand Knight Bill Anderson for your VIP treatment during the 2012 KC BBQ!

Thank you to Leo Zanger and Zanger Realty for your continued support!

Thank you to St Rose of Lima, St Francis, St Peters, Blessed Sacrament, The Crossing, St Thomas, St Joseph, St Brigid, St Edwards, and St Anthonys for your delicious baked goods donation!

Thank you to El Rancherito, Kellys, Coach House, The Abbey, Lakeview, Buffalo Wild Wings, Café Js, Tower of Pizza, Gem City Pizzeria, Riverside Smokehouse and Dot Foods for your generous Donations!

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 all who respond to our newsletter with your generous donations & to our volunteers for everything you do for the mothers and babies of our community!

Clip and return this bottom portion with your entry fee to register for 2012 Birthright Trivia Night!

Team Nickname: _____ Team Captain Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**St. Dominic Gym, Saturday Nov. 3rd, 2012
Silent Auction begins 6pm, Trivia begins at 7pm**

Please remit this portion with your team's (up to 8 players) \$100 entry fee to: Birthright Trivia Night, P. O. BOX 407, Quincy, IL 62306 by October 31st, 2012 or call Patty at 440-8388.

Letter from the Director

It is with a debt of gratitude that I am writing to you today. It is your generous and prayerful support that continues to motivate and breathe new life into this beautiful ministry that is Birthright. I recently saw a bumper sticker that read, "AMERICAN'S, BORN TO BE FREE! *If only they were free to be born...*" This sad truth must continue to motivate us all to use our God given talents to rescue the unborn and their mommies from the long term devastation & destruction of abortion.

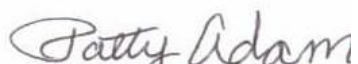
Over 35 yrs. ago I contemplated abortion during a very difficult time in my life, I have volunteered @ Birthright for over 30 yrs. because I know too well that there are many women and girls faced with that terrible decision and need someone who can be non-judgmental to talk to along with a safe place they can go to discover all of their options. They need a friend that they can trust so they don't have to deal with their problems alone. We have all made mistakes...I believe those of us who have been healed from much hurt & brokenness have special grace to reach out to those who need to know it's not too late and that God is the God of more than 2nd chances...He is the God of more than enough! He not only forgives our sins, He forgets!

Over the past several months Birthright in Quincy has helped many clients. Word of our services is getting out into the community that we serve and through our web page, bus stop benches, and referrals from other agencies and word of mouth we are reaping a harvest of successes in our role as a service agency. You all play an important role in our success.

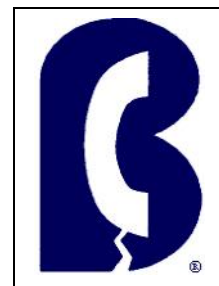
As God continues to nudge you into serving Him in this ministry, I want to encourage you to get more actively involved. Do you have computer skills? Do you have special talent in making crafts? Do you like to bake? Are you a good organizer or good planner? We need all kinds of good ideas and talented people who are dedicated to this worthy cause. If you have any ideas or need more info on how to help, please call me. God is counting on us to be His hands & feet. Many of our clients are amazed that we will lovingly help them with no strings attached...that's God!

Thank You & God Bless!

Sincerely,



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**