

# Birthright of Quincy, Illinois

# B NEWSLETTER

Helping expectant mothers & their babies in Quincy since 1973.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS & GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER FOR:

THE **10th Annual**



**SATURDAY NOV. 2ND, 2019**

QUINCY UNIVERSITY HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER (3-COURT AREA)  
DOORS OPEN & SILENT AUCTION BEGINS AT 5PM; TRIVIA AT 6:45PM SHARP!  
11 ROUNDS OF 22 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, BEST 10 SCORES COUNT  
(THIS GIVES YOU A BIGGER VARIETY OF QUESTIONS!)

**\$125 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM - UP TO 8 PLAYERS**

Price includes 5 mulligans & 8 lifeline tickets.

*You don't have to be a genius. There's questions for everybody!*

### COME JOIN US!

For more information and to download the registration form, please visit our website at [www.birthrightquincyil.org](http://www.birthrightquincyil.org) or visit our Facebook page.



## WHAT'S NEW?

The 2019 Knights of Columbus BBQ was a huge success! Volunteer workers and patrons alike enjoyed the festivities as well as the games and our wonderful bake sale! Congratulations to our winners of the quilt raffle and dining out package!



Mary Reed was our winner of the dining out package.



Barb Girouard was our winner of the quilt raffle.



## WHAT IS BIRTHRIGHT?

We are a non-profit, non-judgmental, non-denominational organization funded completely by donations from our community & staffed 100% by volunteers. Our goal is to provide pregnant women and girls any support they need to bring their child into the world & beyond. We are not political or controversial. We believe an expectant mother should never feel like abortion is her only option.

## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL: Friendship & Support, Reliable Pregnancy Tests, Maternity & Baby Clothes, Information & Referrals and more.

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace; a soul generated by love.” -Dr. Martin Luther King

## Testimonial...

Reflecting on how complicated life can be, I am just forever grateful that we found Birthright of Quincy...I hardly know where to start... my friend, who use to be my girlfriend dropped a bomb on me when she said she was pregnant. She's now with a new guy, & still wants me to be in her life & help take care of her... very difficult & complicated! I really want her back & would love to take care of her & her baby! Problem is, she doesn't want me that way... even though it is hard to “just be friends.” I truly love her & want her to be happy; even if it doesn't include me. She wanted to abort for many good reasons & even though I didn't agree with that decision I agreed to help. I googled abortion in or near Quincy & saw an add for Birthright so i assumed they would help. To my surprise, they did help, but not like I expected them to. After talking on the phone with the Birthright volunteer for an hour & a half, we had a new plan. The very kind & understanding person on the phone seemed to know exactly how we felt & how to help us. We were offered a free ultrasound to be able to make an informed decision based on how developed the baby was. In the meantime, my friend fell in love with her baby! Now that we have Birthright to help us, we know that everything will be OK. There are still some un-answered questions but just realizing that we will get all the help we need from a trusted friend gives us so much peace and hope. We are so grateful to Birthright of Quincy!

Sincerely,  
Ben

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Penny Roberts

Penny was born and raised in Quincy. She is a mother of 3...grandmother of 10.

Why I am so passionate about Birthright?

- I lost a baby at 3 months, I had a tubal pregnancy that had to be terminated and I had a placenta previa baby that was flown to St. John's in Springfield, but died 42 hours later.
- I have also been blessed with three amazing children that I am so proud of.
- The pain that you feel when you lose a child is unimaginable and unforgettable...they were all three my children and a part of my heart.
- They say everything happens for a reason, perhaps it planted in my heart to fight for every life. I can't fathom the pain that a mother goes through trying to decide what to do, if the baby doesn't “fit into the lifestyle she has chosen”. However, I believe with all my heart that if given the chance those lives can be saved. God has shown me his amazing love through it all.
- I am not saying there isn't still a part of me that went with my babies, but I do know God has charged me with trying to save the lives of babies that are “seemingly” unwanted.
- It has become my mission to fight for those lives. I often feel as if my babies are my cheerleaders and help me to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.

I am a mother, a grandmother, a daughter, an aunt. Of course, I have questioned “why me”. However, God has shown me that because of my losses, I have the strength to fight for those who have no voice. If I save just 1 life, it is worth it. My voice will become their voice and the fight will become my fight. Birthright is the very essence of what I believe in. We are non-political (thank goodness), non-denominational and non-judgmental. Every girl that comes to us is treated with respect and love. We are there to help them make the right decisions for them and their babies. It is being celebrated that women have a choice.....yes we do. We chose to conceive that child...then it becomes the right of that child to have the life God has chosen for them. Pray for our mission...as I believe God is rising up to help us with the fight!!!!



## LEE MARIE OPEN HOUSE & BIRTHRIGHT AWARENESS EVENT

Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 10am to 2pm  
1416 Kieferlund Ct. - Lee Marie Patio

Patty Adam will be our guest speaker and will discuss what services and support Birthright brings to its clients, how the community can help, and answer any questions you may have!

She is truly a thought-provoking speaker who is doing hard and holy work.

We will have our Lee Marie Open House for shopping jewelry. Bring a friend, come shop, and get some goodies for Fall/Christmas!

\*If you feel led, bring any of the following items to donate to Birthright and receive 10% off your Lee Marie purchase that day: Diapers, Wipes, Baby Wash, Shampoo, Lotion, Bottle(s), New or gently used baby clothing, New or gently used maternity clothing, Anything else essential for welcoming a new baby :)

100% PROFIT WILL BE DONATED TO BIRTHRIGHT OF QUINCY

Helping expectant mothers & their babies in Quincy since 1973.

Love them  
both.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Save the dates!*

10th Annual Trivia Night &  
Silent Auction  
November 2

## Upcoming Training Dates

We've been so busy that training is going on every day! Call Patty to start training immediately.

Annual Volunteer Banquet  
December, TBA

## THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #583 for the ultrasound machine services and their continued support.
- Thank you to all the volunteers and individuals who contributed in any way to the success of our stand at the 2019 KC BBQ.
- Thank you to all of our Birthright volunteers. We welcome our new volunteers and thank them for stepping up to help our community.
- Thank you to Elise Sutter for selecting Birthright as keynote speaker and recipient of the Lee Marie Awareness Event and Fundraiser held on Oct. 19th. Please join us! See invitation on previous page for details.
- Thank you to the QU Students for Life for your continued support.

## Donations taken at the Quincy Birthright office:

*\*Please note that we can only accept items that are new or like new.*

- Gift cards for gas and groceries
- Diapers - Newborn to size 5
- Baby clothes - size Newborn to 9 mos.
- Baby supplies - such as wipes, baby wash, etc.
- Maternity clothes - all sizes

If you have any questions on items that we accept, please contact us at 217-224-1277.

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

## Letter from the President...

*Philippians 4:13 "I can do ALL things through Christ Who strengthens me."*  
Steve Jobs was adopted. In his biography he said, "I wanted to meet my mom to thank her because she didn't abort me...she was 23 and went through a lot to have me." (Steve Jobs is responsible for Macintosh, Pixar, iPod, iTunes, iPhone, iPad, iCloud)

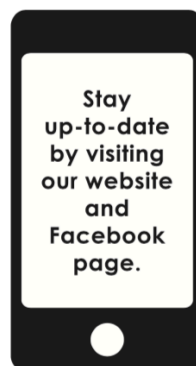
The past six months have been almost a frenzy of activity for me and all of the volunteers at Birthright. We were given an amazing opportunity to do some important advertising... we knew that we needed to use social media to reach out to the clients that needed our services. So, with the help of a generous Birthright couple who has sponsored this incredible opportunity for digital targeting advertising, we have increased our client assistance 4 to 5 times more than we ever have before July, and we have recently rescued six babies from abortion! We are really making a difference in these precious ladies' lives. Our sincere offer to help them no matter what, really encourages and changes their heart to do the right thing for themselves and their baby. Many of them have never known what real love is. They've never experienced the type of friendship that doesn't judge...doesn't use or abuse them. Birthright truly does become their lifeline to a better life. It is only through your continued generous support that we can offer this life-giving help! I continue to be humbled and grateful that I can say, after 38 years, "I love what I get to do!"

On October 3rd, Birthright of Quincy adopted a day to pray in front of the abortion facility in Granite City with "40 Days for Life." Again, it was so humbling to sit in prayerful silence, knowing that babies were dying inside. Please pray with me that we will very soon end this terrible sin against humanity as they continue to kill these precious children. And please pray and do what you can to help Birthright. I hope you will support our upcoming trivia night and silent auction on Nov. 2 by either donating or coming to play! Together, **"WE can do ALL things through CHRIST who gives us strength!"**

-Sincerely, Patty

## IN THE WORKS...

With the unfortunate closing of our local maternity center, Madonna House, Birthright of Quincy has been working together with like-minded parties in the community to explore ways to possibly open up a maternity center as a safe haven for local women and their babies. More news to come as this project unfolds!



[www.birthrightquincyil.org](http://www.birthrightquincyil.org)



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### **Become a prayer warrior!**

Join our "text" prayer tree to pray for abortion-minded women and girls who have contacted our office. Send your name and info to: [help@birthrightquincyil.org](mailto:help@birthrightquincyil.org).

Client Statistics - 3rd Quarter 2019 - approx. 120 Clients Served

# BE A BIRTHRIGHT 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 local expectant mothers. Your help in any of these ways would be appreciated. 

EMAIL: [help@birthrightquincyil.org](mailto:help@birthrightquincyil.org) OR CALL  
PATTY ADAM @ 217-440-8388 TO GET STARTED HELPING  
OTHERS TODAY.

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT ...**  
**WHAT ARE YOUR TALENTS? WHEN ARE YOU AVAILABLE?**  
***WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?***

**FRIENDSHIP COUNSELING**

**CLIENT SUPPORT**

**OFFICE HELP**

**FUNDRAISING**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH**

# HELP YOUR COMMUNITY. DONATE.

Please mail your tax-deductible financial contribution to: **Birthright**  
PO Box 407  
Quincy, IL 62306

**As a non-profit charitable organization, Birthright will issue a receipt for tax purposes as requested.**

Donation made by/in the name of:

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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!**

Please call to make arrangements to donate money, gift cards, new maternity or baby clothes, diapers, or other items.

**Birthright Office:**  
**217-224-1277**

**Patty Adam**  
President

We are asking for the support of your donation - whether it be cash/gift cards or the gift of NEW maternity or baby clothes/items. 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!