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Newsletter



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What's New!

The office has been renovated and it's beautiful! Not only do we have a fresh and updated look with new paint and furnishings, but thanks to ETC Computerland we have a brand new computer system to begin using to better communications, organization, and information retrieval. Take the time to thank ETC for all they do as good corporate citizens and see them first for all of your computer needs—they deserve our business!

*Congratulations and a big **THANK YOU** to our volunteers who have accepted key new positions with Birthright: Christina Wilson has agreed to serve as Marketing/Advertising Coordinator, Durinda Meyer has accepted the role of Volunteer Trainer, Brant and Stacey Arnold have agreed to serve as Information Technology Specialists, and Megan Barragree has offered to take over Office and Inventory Control. They join Rose Gott, Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Jane Bauer, Secretary/Treasurer, and Patty Adam, Director, as well as our staff of Phone and Office Volunteers. **Key vacancies still include** Fundraising/Donation Coordinator, Volunteer Recruiter, Community Networking Coordinator, and Public Relations Coordinator. Please contact the Director if you or someone you know is interested in showcasing your talents while serving your community at Birthright.*

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
Pregnancy Tests
Maternity Clothes
Baby Clothes
Information
Referrals



Director Patty Adam recently spent the day at **Quincy Notre Dame High School** speaking with seniors about social justice and how Birthright of Quincy serves our community. The students listened, asked questions, and answered trivia for some fun prizes and were remarkably interested and committed to doing whatever they can to help Birthright of Quincy serve their community. A big thank you goes out to QND students and staff for making the day a great experience for everyone involved!

Birthright's Volunteer Staff is available and would be delighted to come to your school, business, or organization and share with you our services, speak about our role within the community, and explain how you can help! Please contact the Director for more information today if you or someone you know may be interested.

Check out our new website @

Birthrightquincyil.org

COMING SOON!

FACTS & FAQs

Fact Just under 500,000 babies are born each year in the U.S. to teenage mothers.

Fact At any given time, about 4% of women in the U.S. are pregnant.

Fact A brand new law in Nebraska barring abortions at and after 20 weeks of pregnancy was passed in April 2010.

Fact A 12 year old girl needs parental permission to get her ears pierced but not to get an abortion.

Q. What percentage of Americans volunteer on a regular basis?

A. 25-30%

Q. How many adoption seekers fulfill their dreams and actually get a child?

A. < 1 out of 3

Q. When can I call Birthright's toll-free hotline? 1-800-550-4900

A. 24/7



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

Testimonial . . .

"At age 20, I unexpectedly found myself pregnant. My Parents passed away when I was very young, and although I had loving Grandparents who took great care of me, I longed for a special and lasting relationship. I thought I found that in my baby's Father, but he didn't take much interest in me or the baby after he heard the news. Scared and confused, I called the Birthright Hotline, who put me in touch with a Birthright Volunteer in Quincy. The Volunteer really listened to me and offered exactly the loving friendship and comfort I needed. Going in I thought that abortion would be my only way out, but Birthright helped me find the courage and determination to learn the truth about my pregnancy and find real solutions. I still cannot believe that someone . . . anyone . . . would give so much of themselves, completely free, with no other motive than genuinely to help pregnant women and girls and their babies in need of something or someone. My beautiful little boy was born April 19th, 2010, and I know that with the help of God, my family, and my friends at Birthright, we will be okay."

-Angie

Volunteer Spotlight



Sylvia Collins Quincy Volunteer

Sylvia has been a Birthright volunteer since 2004. She loves helping people and has a passion for the Unborn and their Mothers. Her motivation is to prevent others from feeling the pain and regret a loved one close to her has felt since aborting many years ago. Sylvia retired from Radio Shack after 26 years and continues to give selflessly to her community—at Birthright, and as a volunteer DJ (Sylvia's Smooth Jazz) on WQJC 107.9. She has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Upcoming Events

May 1 – Dogwood Parade in Quincy

Join the Birthright Float for all of the festivities! Call the Director if you wish to be a part of the fun!

June 4,5,6 – Birthright Convention in Atlanta

Contact Director (who will be attending) for more information.

June 19-20 - Zanger Softball Fundraiser at Quincy K of C

Sign up a team or help us serve food to benefit Birthright!
Only \$150 per team-Deadline June 12th-Call 217-223-8851

TBA soon - Birthright Volunteer Training

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to serve!

TBA soon - Quincy Area Social Services Workshop

TBA (August) - K of C Barbeque

Help staff our booth over the weekend for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!!

Our Increasing Presence

Thanks to Volunteer Developer Aaron Bruns of Quincy, our new Birthright Quincy website will be up and running by summer!

We can now be reached via e-mail, and more information about Birthright of Quincy can also now be found on Facebook!
Send us a friend request today!

Check out Birthright's new bus-stop bench coming soon to the corner of 30th and Maine in Quincy!

Check out the "Beautiful Baby" article in the latest edition of the Q Magazine written by Birthright Director Patty Adam available at the Quincy Mall or ADForce!

Fetal Models



We have invested in new fetal models because we strive to give the most factual info possible to help clients learn about their baby!



Thank YOU

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

Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus for your continued generous support!

Thank you to ETC Computerland for your generous GIFT of a brand new computer system for the Birthright Office!

Thank you to the Quincy Service League for your generous support!

Thank you to Blessed Sacrament Church for your generous support!

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

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Thank you to the Western Catholic Union for your generous support!

Thank you to ADForce for your inclusion of Birthright in The Q Magazine!

Thank you to Eric Knochel at Parkit for your help with Birthright's beautiful bus-stop bench!

Thank you to Aaron Bruns for your expert assistance with our website development!

Thank you to all of the wonderful Birthright volunteers who selflessly serve their community!

Thank you to all who responded to our first newsletter with your generous donation!

Want to get in touch with Birthright of Quincy or subscribe to our newsletter?
Call (217)224-1277

E-mail us: BirthrightQuincyIL@att.net

Visit us soon @ Birthrightquincyil.org



Letter from the Director

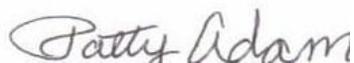
*T*he saying goes, “You have not, because you ask not.” So I have been asking and the great people throughout our community have responded in so many wonderful ways! As you can see within this newsletter, many improvements have taken place at our Birthright center in Quincy, and we continue to work hard toward making our services better-known, more effective, and more available to anyone in an unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

There are so many people to thank in this issue and we look forward to many more opportunities to partner with our fellow community members and share our services and information with individuals, schools, churches, and other organizations.

I am privileged to have been a volunteer for 30 years and have seen many miracles occur—destinies changed and lives saved. It is truly amazing how many scared and confused clients need little more than a true friend they can trust . . . someone to simply listen and not pass judgment.

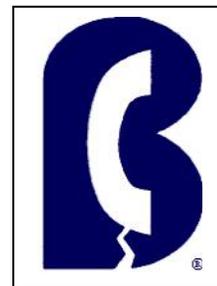
If you share the passion that I have for the unborn and their mommies and have just 2 to 3 hours a month to volunteer, Birthright really needs your help. This is a great opportunity to showcase God’s love and serve the community you care about. Whatever your gift is, I look forward to talking with you about how you can help—call me!

Sincerely,



Patty Adam, Director, (217) 440-8388

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. Adam, Director - 217-223-9688

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 _____

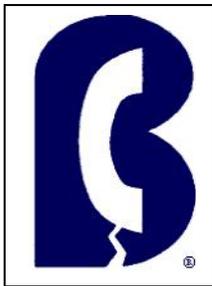
If so, where would you like it sent? NAME: _____

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

Marketing and Publicity

Recruitment

YES . . . I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING!

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

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____ MOBILE _____

ADDRESS _____

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 LL Suite A, Quincy, IL 62301