

**Summer
2010
Quarterly
Newsletter**



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What's New!

Zanger Realty's "Batting for Birthright" wooden-bat softball tournament recently held at the Quincy Knights of Columbus was a huge success! Six teams competed in a double elimination tournament, and when the dust settled, the Cedar Club hoisted the Championship Trophy. All proceeds, which included team entry fees and revenue from a concession stand operated by Birthright volunteers totaling approximately \$1,325, went to benefit Birthright of Quincy, and there is talk of possibly making it an annual event. Thanks to all who took part!



The annual **K of C BBQ** in Quincy will be taking place August 12th through the 15th. Birthright hopes to expand on last year's success at the BBQ with two separate booths this year. Booth 1 will include **raffles** of a **beautiful handmade quilt** and a **Quincy-area dining-out package**, as well as the area's best **bake sale** stocked with goodies and treats to enjoy on the spot or take home. Booth 2 will house a **stick-pull game** for kids of all ages full of fun and sweet prizes where every player is a winner! This event was very successful for Birthright last year and we hope for similar results in 2010. PLEASE come out and support us . . . take part in the raffle and enjoy some sweet treats from the bake sale! Bring the kids and watch them win something fun at our game booth! **BAKERS**—if your talents include making sweet treats, bring your favorites by the booth and donate them to the sale for a great cause. If you're interested in volunteering at the BBQ or beyond, give us a call . . . we'd love to hear from you!

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

Check out our new website @ Birthrightquincyil.org
COMING SOON!

Under Construction

FACTS & FAQs

Fact Healthy newborns can recognize their parents' voices almost immediately, as well as their mama's scent.

Fact Almost all newborns are born with blue eyes; it can take weeks for their true eye color to come through.

Fact Nearly 40% of babies are born with some form of birthmark on their body.

Fact Newborns spend 15 – 20 hours per day sleeping.

Q. When did Birthright begin operating in Quincy?

A. 1973

Q. How much money is Birthright Staff paid for their service in the community?

A. \$0

Q. How much money does Birthright receive from Federal, State, & Local Government funding?

A. \$0



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

Testimonial . . .

I had been raised to believe in the sanctity of life, but by age 24 I found myself scared, confused, and alone . . . I found myself pregnant. I had no family support except for my 75 year old Grandmother who had helped raise me. I was very angry with my "boyfriend" who now wanted nothing to do with me or our baby, so I scheduled an appointment at the abortion clinic to "fix" the terrible mistakes I had made. On the way there I realized I couldn't go through with it, but I still didn't know what to do. I wished I could go to sleep and then wake up problem-free. My Grandmother contacted Birthright, and although I was afraid, I talked to a volunteer. She didn't judge me, but really cared and listened. She helped me find real solutions and gave me the chance to make the best choices possible, which for me included adoption for my child. It was the most loving and self-less thing I could do as a mother, and with the right help I know I will find the perfect family to love and care for my baby.

-Janice

Volunteer Spotlight



Chryssia Hea

Quincy Volunteer

Mrs. Hea has been a Birthright volunteer for eleven years because she believes Birthright serves a vital purpose in our community and that each child deserves the very best chance at life. She also believes each and every person really can make a difference. Chryssia is married to Ted and has three children: Aaron, Sam and Elizabeth.

Upcoming Events

August 12, 13, 14, & 15th - K of C Barbeque

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

August 16th - Quarter Madness for Birthright

Join us Monday at 6pm at the Elks Lodge in Quincy for a unique night of food, fun, and HOT deals on the stuff you love!

November 13th - Birthright "Trivia Night" at the K of C's

Enjoy a great night of fun for a great cause . . . more details coming soon!

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. Welcome Audrey, Glen, Ashley, Ellen, and welcome back Sherry!

2010 Dogwood Parade

Once again, the 2010 Dogwood Parade was a huge success for Birthright! We handed out flowered leis and bookmarks, and as usual, we gave out the largest amount of your kid's favorite candy too! Compliments poured in from spectators who loved our beautiful float, which included our May Queen and her court of dancing beauties!

Thanks to all who attended and supported us, it was a great opportunity to connect with the community. If you missed it, mark your calendars for next year and be sure to join us!

Could you live without me?

Doctors had recommended that a woman abort her pregnancy for medical reasons; she chose not to, and her son, Tim Tebow, went on to win two College Football National Championships and the Heisman Trophy with the Florida Gators.

Know your options and make the right choice!

Thank YOU

Thank you to Zanger & Associates for choosing Birthright as their charity for 2010! The "Batting for Birthright" softball tournament was a huge success!

Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus for your continued generous support! Your support with the recent softball tournament, as well as the upcoming KC BBQ and Birthright Trivia Night is greatly appreciated!

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

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 made donations to our food stand during the softball tournament:

Prairie Farms
The Butcher Block
County Market
Hy-Vee
Daylight Donuts

Thank you to our volunteer umpires, scorekeepers, and teams for a fun and successful day as well!

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

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

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

A whirlwind of activity has been my life since I last wrote to you . . . a lot of hard work is going into this transition period of trying to better our services to meet the needs of all of our clients. Birthright is busy with new and exciting opportunities to share our mission of hope, as well as our free and confidential services, with people and organizations we have never been involved with before.

Again—so many of you to thank I couldn't possibly have room in this letter! I have been so encouraged by all of your love and support; it is through your prayer and physical and financial support that God is continuing to do marvelous things in reaching out to the unborn and their mommies . . . and daddies, and grandparents in our community. I am truly humbled and honored by the commitment of so many supporters. Birthright of Quincy will forever be indebted to Leo and Ruth Zanger and their family for not only giving Birthright a beautiful and safe home for clients and volunteers, but for all of the other ways they help to support us.

We hope to expand our office hours soon now that we have begun training new volunteers. We are acutely aware that many clients have only the courage to make one phone call or visit and if we aren't there the opportunity to help could be lost. In other words, we need to be there whenever we're needed.

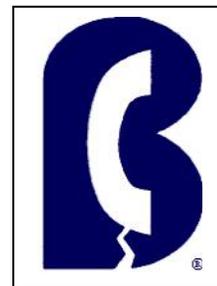
There are still many ways that you can volunteer at Birthright. A couple of hours a month can really make a difference—call me! We must continue to encourage women and girls to choose life for their babies and work diligently to support them in their decision.

Sincerely,

Patty Adam

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

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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

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