

**Summer
2011
Quarterly
Newsletter**



Birthright of Quincy

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What's New!

WE DID IT! Birthright of Quincy's 2011 dogwood float won the Governor's Award! This year's theme was "Family Friendly", and our entry depicted a baby's first birthday party in all its joy and meaning. Our float included a giant birthday cake and lots of birthday decorations for our birthday family to enjoy. Our vehicle sported a giant party hat, our volunteers showed off their new and improved Birthright t-shirts, and we even had "walking presents" greeting parade watchers! Most importantly, the public recognized what Birthright does for families as countless onlookers clapped and praised Birthright as we passed by!



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clients that we had in the previous 12 months combined. We have always felt that God would send them to us only if we were properly prepared, and it seems as if he is doing exactly that since our volunteers have begun to train more and more. That doesn't mean we're slowing down our efforts to reach out either; in fact, we've now got flyers going into local colleges, presenters speaking throughout the city, and brochures going out in force wherever they will be most helpful. We're even working on a new bus-stop bench we're hoping to place at John Wood Community College. We are not resting on our laurels! But we still need the help of the community. Make sure you volunteer if you can and support our fundraisers by stopping by our booths at the KC BBQ, getting together a team for our 2nd annual Trivia Night, and encouraging others to join you! And if you know of someone who could use Birthright's help, please do everything you can to ensure they know where to find it!

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 website @

www.birthrightquincyil.org

FACTS & FAQs

Fact At conception, you spend about a half-hour as a single cell.

-wierdfacts.com

Fact The largest cell in the human body is the female egg; the smallest is the male sperm.

-biology-online.org

Fact Your teeth start growing six months before you are born.

-kids-universe.com

Q. Who said, "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on"?

A. Carl Sandburg

Q. Where does a brand new Father carry pictures of his baby?

A. Where his money used to be.



Helping
expecting
Mothers &
their Babies in
Quincy since
1973!

Testimonial...

Reflecting back as a young man in my mid-20', it is clear I have made some bad choices; but it seems God has always been here to straighten things out. After getting caught up in the party scene and some trouble with drugs, I found the courage to do something with my life. My wonderful adoptive parents raised me in the church and with all the necessary tools to succeed. I received a Vo-Tec degree, got a respectable job, and started to save some money. Unfortunately, my girlfriend and mother of my 4 children was unable to escape the drugs as I had, and her inability or unwillingness to change ended our relationship. I later met a wonderful woman with the same values as me and our future looked very promising once again. The last thing we needed was to find out she was pregnant! Being adopted myself, I have always been pro-life, but reasoning said there was no way we could have this baby. Together we already had 5, and I was still desperately trying to shed my irresponsible reputation. I knew she'd never give up a baby she carried for 9 months, so after much persuading, I convinced her to abort. For some reason, she called Birthright. We felt scared and uneasy when we walked into the office, but the volunteer immediately calmed us and began solving our problems. We realized this precious baby was a gift from God, and that adoption was such a loving choice. No matter what we decided, we could tell the Birthright volunteer would help us every step of the way however she could. I had learned to smell a phony, and this lady was a true friend with no ulterior motives. After leaving we both cried together when we realized God had saved the baby he had given us by providing Birthright to help us solve our problems. We have a new plan and have made a choice we can both live with for the rest of our lives.

-John

Volunteer Spotlight



Chrissy Wilson Quincy Volunteer

Mrs. Wilson has been a Birthright volunteer for four years. She is blessed with a wonderful husband and 3 beautiful daughters. She believes that every person should have the opportunity to become a parent. According to Chrissy, it is one of the most important and rewarding opportunities in life. She is ready to help her clients in any way she can.

Upcoming Events

August 11, 12, 13, & 14th - K of C Barbeque

Help staff our booths or stop by over the weekend to support one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!!

November 5th - 2nd Annual Birthright

"Trivia Night" at the K of C's

Enjoy a great night of fun for a great cause . . . \$100 per team of up to 8. Celebrity Expert Lifelines, Silent Auction & Basket Raffle, food, drink, and the best trivia around!

Volunteers Are Training Now!

We need many different types of volunteers, so no matter what your time or talents, share your treasures with Birthright of Quincy and the community!

RAFFLE TICKETS INCLUDED

We have included \$5 worth of blank raffle tickets with this edition of our newsletter. Please fill them out and return them with your donation by mail or to our KC BBQ booth for your chance to win a beautiful handmade quilt or Quincy dining package.

BAKE FOR BIRTHRIGHT

We would greatly appreciate your donations of fresh-baked goods for our annual KC BBQ booth. You can deliver the goodies or we can pick them up! Donating items automatically enters you into the raffle!

Birthright of Quincy CLIENT STATISTICS



- 3rd Quarter 2010 (Jul - Sep)
33 Clients served
- 4th Quarter 2010 (Oct - Dec)
36 Clients served
- 1st Quarter 2011 (Jan - Mar)
18 Clients served
- 2nd Quarter 2011 (Apr - Jun)
28 Clients served

Thank YOU

Thank you to Grand Knight Phil Haxel for donating his K of C stipend each month to Birthright!

Thank you to Café J for donating 10% of July 12 sales to Birthright to "pay it forward"!

Thank you to the donor of the beautiful matching baby afghans and bibs!

Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #583 for your continued generous support!

Thank you to Zanger & Associates for your continued support!

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 Dot Foods and Kohl's Grocery for your donations towards our KC BBQ candy stand!

Thank you to Tammy Schmitz & Sherry Stoneking for the beautiful quilt donated for the KC BBQ Raffle!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have dedicated time for training—the more prepared we are the more helpful we can be!

Thank you to Matt & Liz Jackson and everyone who helped with the award-winning 2011 Dogwood Float!

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

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: BirthrightQuincyLL@att.net

Visit us @ www.Birthrightquincyil.org



Letter from the Director

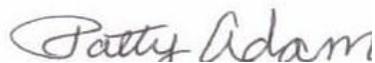
*D*ear friends of Birthright,

On Monday, June 13th as I waited at the office for anyone who might need our services, I prayed to the Lord to help us all prepare for and allow us to be there to really make a difference in the lives of an unborn baby and her mommy. Immediately my prayerful silence was broken by the ringing of the office phone, and on the other end was a young lady asking to make an appointment. I assured her I was happy to have her come right in, and she told me she was six weeks pregnant and wanted to know her options. After meeting with the client for nearly two hours of conversation, question and answer, and information, the client was able to think clearly enough to realize that while this baby wasn't something she could handle in her life right now, it was still a gift—perhaps even a gift God intended for someone else.

Later in the day when I spoke to the client again, she made a bone-chilling revelation: She had come seeking an abortion. In fact, she had googled “abortion” on the computer and our Birthright of Quincy website popped up at the top of the search results. She never really wanted to abort her baby, but she had no idea at all what to do or how she could not have an abortion. Like a miracle, God gave her Birthright—exactly what she needed—at exactly the right moment.

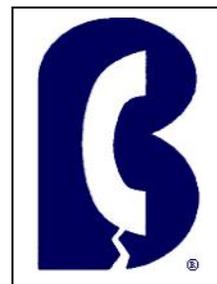
The truth is that the prayers and support of all of you led to the saving of this child. If not for our new website, funded by the donations of the good-hearted like you, this baby would have lost his life. This isn't speculation ... this comes directly from the client herself! Thanks to all who support Birthright of Quincy with donations of time or money and prayer, we are making the difference we set out to. Not only is God providing our organization with everything we need through all of you, he is sending us those who really need his love and support, and we are grateful to be able to provide.

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. 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