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What's New!

It's Dogwood Time Again!

For this year's dogwood festival themed "family friendly," Birthright's float will depict a child's 1st birthday party in all its joy and meaning; that tremendous love for your child and hope for their happiness now and forever. The birthday child is joined by the rest of the family, because after all, nothing is more family friendly than birthday parties ... especially the very first one. Of course, Birthright's family of volunteers have been doing everything they can to make that moment happen for countless mothers and their little boys and girls in Quincy for the past 37 years. We always have a great time walking in the parade, handing out candy, and letting the community know who we are and how much we care! You're welcome to join us—line up starts around 8 a.m. Call Patty for more info. Otherwise, we'll see you at the parade Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.!

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 *It is recommended that women take 400 mcg of folic acid every day for a month before getting pregnant to prevent birth defects. -US CDC*

Fact *When you drink alcohol, so does your unborn baby! There is no safe amount of alcohol to drink while pregnant. -US CDC*

Q. *Who Said, "If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves"?*

A. *Thomas Edison*

Q. *How much weight should a woman gain on average during pregnancy?*

A. *2 to 4 pounds during the first 3 months and then a pound per week after that.*



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

Testimonial . . .

When I was 18 I got pregnant unexpectedly, and at three months pregnant I had an abortion. While it bothered me for a while, it became easier as time passed. Several years later I was listening to a Christian radio broadcast as it described an unborn child during an abortion procedure. It talked about the baby's frantic attempts to escape the tools of the abortionist and how the child's heartbeat accelerated as it sensed apparent danger. I immediately became overcome with grief and heartache. How could I have taken the life of my unborn child? Later I met a wonderful man and we were eventually married. Five months into our marriage came a great surprise—I was pregnant! I had always longed to be a wife and mother and now my dream was going to come true. The pregnancy was going as well as could be expected until about 20 weeks in when for no apparent reason I suddenly went into labor and gave birth to a little boy. He lived three hours. The doctor said there was nothing they could do . . . he was just too small. We named him Joseph David. I had imagined us playing in the park but instead I was already saying goodbye. I later read in a book some information that said a miscarriage at the stage I had been at could be due to previous abortions. It was at that moment, nearly thirteen years after my abortion, that the implications of my previous actions came to bear. As hard as the initial process was for me, nothing could prepare me for the despair I would feel for what seemed like forever after that. I have since received God's forgiveness and even learned to forgive myself, and my husband and I recently adopted our only child. If I can save a girl from making the mistake I made by simply telling my story, maybe my babies didn't die in vain. - Kelly

Volunteer Spotlight



Rose Gott

Quincy Volunteer Coordinator

A native of Quincy and a 35 year Birthing Right volunteer, Rose is deeply committed to the cause of helping mother and child and makes sure the office is always staffed with a caring volunteer. She is convinced that women facing crisis pregnancies need a compassionate & supportive friend, and Birthing Right provides that now as it did 35 years ago. At age 78 despite reduced vision, Rose also enjoys volunteering with St. Francis Food Pantry where she is a church member, Ladies of Charity Thrift Store, & Sunset Home. She loves spending time with family, including her husband of 57 years, Tom, her 4 children & 8 grandchildren.

Upcoming Events

Birthright Float in the Dogwood Parade Saturday

April 30th

Family Friendly – Baby's 1st Birthday Party

Volunteer Get-together/Training

10am to noon – June 25, 2011

KC BBQ Birthright Booth (Raffle/Bake Sale)

TBA – August 2011

2nd Annual Birthright Trivia Night

TBA – November 2011

New Volunteers Are Training Now!

Contact the Director if interested.

Quilting has begun ...

And this year's KC BBQ Birthright Raffle winner will stay warm in exquisite beauty with this Queen-size Quilt hand-made by Tammy Schmidt just for us!



Birthright of Quincy CLIENT STATISTICS

2nd Quarter 2010 (Apr – Jun)

26 Clients served

3rd Quarter 2010 (Jul – Sep)

33 Clients served

4th Quarter 2010 (Oct – Dec)

36 Clients served

1st Quarter 2011 (Jan – Mar)

18 Clients served



Thank YOU

Thank you to Phil Hazel, K of C Grand Knight, for donating his personal stipend to Birthright!

Thank you to Matt & Liz Jackson for taking over as Birthright's Fundraising & Donation Coordinator!

Thank you to Baisch & Skinner for donating flowers for our Volunteer training get-together!

Thank you to Tammy Schmidt for hand-quilting our KC BBQ Birthright Raffle Grand Prize for 2011.

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 Patty Adam for being the glue that holds Birthright of Quincy together!

Thank you to all who donated to Birthright in memorial of Robert Arnold and Mimi Engelmeyer!

Thank you to Leo Zanger & Associates for your continued generous support!

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

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 donation!

**Want to get in touch with Birthright of Quincy or subscribe to our newsletter?
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Letter from the Director

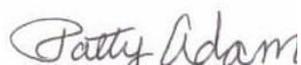
Spring is in the air ... how blessed are we to live in the Midwest with all four seasons! (*I would prefer for winter to shrink to just the week of Christmas, and then just a light snow please. ☺) As we prepare our soil for new flowers, I allow my mind to consider all of the ways we at Birthright have prepared our chapter to become a better and more successful service to our community. On April 2nd we had a much-needed get-together for all of our volunteers. For any unable to attend, the breakfast was hearty and delicious (thanks Dennis and Zach!) We were also able to start in on some great training as well as get to know each other a whole lot better. As we move forward and continue to get together, we will only increase our confidence and success and strengthen our relationship as a Birthright of Quincy family.

As I write, I feel the urgency to ask each of you reading this newsletter to stop and take a moment to pray for Birthright; especially that the Lord will bring to us the women and girls who really need us and will open up their hearts & minds to receive the free and confidential assistance they need to bring their baby into our world healthy and happy. I am saddened by the latest government statistic that says one out of every four pregnancies will end in abortion here in the U.S. (CDC.) We have all of the resources here in our community to offer practical solutions to every problem a girl might encounter when facing an unplanned pregnancy. We just need the chance to give them that choice ... if we could only make sure every woman and girl knew we were here and that we genuinely want to help them and their child. That's why we continue to work hard and sacrifice our time, talent, and treasures to promote and provide Birthright's services.

There are so many needs out there and I hope and pray that we can do more and more. All of you are welcome to show your support and make a statement to the community by joining us for the Dogwood parade on Saturday April 30th. The theme is "Family Friendly," and our float will consist of a baby's 1st Birthday Party in all its joy and hope for a wonderful future. Please help us celebrate all of the 1st birthday's Birthright helps make possible and walk with us in the parade and hand out candy! Call me anytime for more information.

I want to again gratefully acknowledge all of your support. Your love and encouragement make our efforts to serve God and our great community possible. God bless you all.

Sincerely,



Patty Adam, Director, Birthright of Quincy
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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 - 217-440-8388

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) _____ 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 LL Suite A, Quincy, IL 62301
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