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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



BIRTHRIGHT OF QUINCY

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What Is Birthright?

We are non-profit, non-judgmental, non-denominational, 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.

What's New

Birthright of Quincy proudly installed volunteer Chantese Shaw as Assistant Director at our December, 2016 volunteer banquet. Chantese has been a Birthright volunteer for two years and brings valuable talent, experience and education to the leadership team at Birthright of Quincy! Chantese replaces outgoing Assistant Director Katie Kessler. We thank Katie for her service and for everything she brought to our organization while she served in a leadership capacity, and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors!



Chantese Shaw



Katie Kessler



2016 Birthright of Quincy
Volunteers of the Year
Mary Jane Bauer and Bill Adam

It was truly an honor to recognize Mary Jane Bauer (Secretary and Treasurer) along with Bill Adam (Volunteer) as our 2016 Birthright of Quincy Volunteers of the Year at our annual volunteer banquet! Both do so much, especially behind the scenes, to make Birthright of Quincy what it is today; in fact, Birthright couldn't operate without them and others like them who volunteer their time and talents to help those in our community who need us. Thank you!

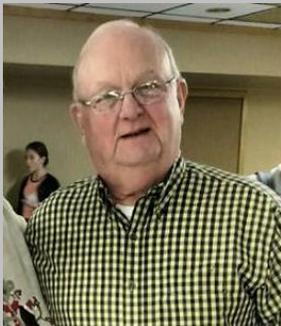
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TESTIMONIAL . . .

My friend told me about Birthright when I told her I didn't know how I'd make it 'till payday without running out of diapers for my baby. We normally just make it, but she has been sick and went through them twice as fast as usual. With nothing really to lose, I looked it up on my phone and then stopped by before they closed. I was surprised to see it was a man that was there, but he was friendly and began to ask me about my daughter and my situation—specifically why I needed the diapers. It wasn't that he didn't believe me, he actually was just trying to understand our situation better so he could offer more help if possible. Not only did I get the diapers I needed, I also was able to get some much needed clothing for her, and he went through a whole list of other resources that were potentially available for me. Because I just moved here from across the river, I was excited to learn about some potential employment opportunities as well as educational opportunities as well. I wasn't sure what to expect when I went to Birthright, but they were helpful beyond my expectation for sure. I also learned that the man that helped me was a volunteer, and there are many other volunteers (mostly women) that work there too. It felt good to realize there are so many good people in the world! Thanks Birthright!

-Jenny

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

Bill Adam

Quincy Volunteer

Bill is committed to helping Birthright's clients and feels that, together, he and Patty make a great team in making a difference in their lives because they really do share a passion for it. Bill not only is instrumental in the preparation and execution of nearly every Birthright event, but Bill has also invested a tremendous amount of time and effort directly helping clients with whatever they need. When not volunteering for Birthright, Bill enjoys spending time with he & Patty's 10 children and 25 Grandchildren.



Birthright's 7th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction fundraiser held in November, 2016 at Quincy University's Health & Fitness Center was, in a word—amazing! 52 paid tables, 226 silent auction items, all benefiting the great mission of helping pregnant women and girls in Quincy with whatever they need. Congratulations to the "Gettin' Whiggy With It" team on their trivia win, our first ever two-time champion of Birthright Trivia Night!

Helping expecting Mothers & their Babies in Quincy since 1973

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

2017 Dogwood Parade Birthright
Float – Sat. May 6th
Walk with Birthright!

Quarterly Volunteer Training
Meeting – Sat. in June TBD

Birthright Bake Sale & Raffle
KC BBQ – August TBD

Upcoming Events

Thank You's

A special thank you as always to the Quincy
Knights of Columbus Council #583 for their
continued support!

Thank you to the DCJH for your support again
in 2016!

Thank you to all of the local businesses who
supported our fundraisers in 2016 by donating
items to our KC BBQ Raffle, Trivia Night
Auction & more!

Thank you to QU Dining Services for
sponsoring our Trivia Fundraiser!

Thank you to our wonderful quilt-makers for
donating your art to our KC BBQ raffle!

Thank you to all of you who have supported us
financially or dropped off donations in 2016!

Thank you to our Birthright Volunteers,
including our newest volunteers, for being what
our clients need when they need it every day of
the year!

Thank you to all of you who respond to this
newsletter with your generous donations!

The 2017 Dogwood Parade takes place on Saturday, May 6th. This year's Dogwood theme is "Community Connection" which is what Birthright of Quincy is all about! Community members volunteering their time to help fellow community members in need by connecting them with the resources they need for themselves and their children. Last year's theme, "Right on Q", was a perfect fit for Birthright as well, and the Chamber of Commerce agreed, awarding Birthright with the "Mary Lou Kent" Theme Award, pictured to the right.



Letter from the Director ...

Dear Supporters of Birthright of Quincy,

Much has happened since our last newsletter. I apologize that it's been so long since you received one, but as many of you understand all too well, life is busy and tends to get in the way of the best-made plans!

Birthright is as prepared as we've ever been to help those who need us in Quincy. We have great volunteers who've been training regularly to help our clients with more than just the obvious symptoms of the varying obstacles they are facing. We installed Chantese Shaw as our new assistant director, replacing Katie Kessler, both of whom I have tremendous respect and gratitude for. Speaking of great volunteers, please take time to congratulate Bill Adam and Mary Jane Bauer, Birthright of Quincy's 2016 Volunteers of the Year, when you see them next!

There's a lot going on currently—the dogwood parade will be here before you know it and I hope to see and hear your support along the parade route. No matter what's happening, please remember to keep those who are less fortunate than ourselves in mind at all times and in all circumstances. We are called to feed the hungry with the perishables they need like food, clothing, diapers, etc., but even more importantly we are called to feed them the imperishables they need; imperishables such as human dignity, love, and hope. Too many of our clients struggle because they feel like they are the world's leftovers—those who, somehow for some reason, there was not enough love or good fortune left for in this world. God created each of us in His image, so the fortunate among us should struggle each day to help others achieve these imperishables they also deserve.

Remember, Birthright of Quincy is 100% volunteers, funded 100% by donations from the community. However you choose to support Birthright and/or those in need in Quincy, if you make a difference in your neighborhood, you'll make a difference in the world. Thanks and God bless.

Warmest Regards, *Joe Bordewick*—Director, Birthright of Quincy

“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

Client Statistics – 4th Quarter 2016 - 32 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 expectant mothers to serve our area. Your help in any of these ways would be appreciated.*



EMAIL birthrightquincyil@att.net OR CALL
JOE BORDEWICK at 217-617-8937 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

**MAKE A REAL
DIFFERENCE**

Help your Community. Donate.

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 a receipt for tax purposes as requested.

Donation made by/in the name 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!

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

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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!