

Birthright of Quincy, Illinois

B NEWSLETTER

Helping expectant mothers & their babies in Quincy since 1973.

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WHAT IS BIRTHRIGHT?

We are a non-profit, non-judgmental, non-denominational organization 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?

Happy Birthday Mary Jane!

QU Students for Life with Christmas gifts for Birthright

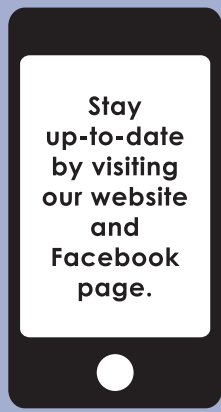
Rose Gott Over 35 Years with Birthright

Happy 60th Anniversary Butch & Dorothy!

Joe Bordewick Volunteer of the Decade

Katie Klauser Volunteer of the Year

Paddles for a Purpose




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Birthright of Quincy



Become a prayer warrior!
Join our "text" prayer tree to pray for abortion-minded women and girls who have contacted our office. Send your name and info to: help@birthrightquincyil.org.

"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



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Katie Klauser

Katie first started volunteering with Birthright in 2012 and has been helping out ever since. Her main area of involvement centers around graphic design, as that is her profession. She has been using her design talents to make signage, ads, and forms for our yearly Trivia Night and Silent Auction event. Her most recent project for Birthright was updating our already-wonderful newsletter to give us a fresh, new look. This is the very first issue with the new design! Katie and her family has also helped at various events such as the Bake Sale/Quilt Raffle at the K of C BBQ as well as our Trivia Night and its preparation. Katie works part-time at Harrison Monuments and also works from home helping her husband, Scott, with his business in St. Louis. Their two daughters, Ellie and Ava, also enjoy helping at Birthright events. "It's an amazing feeling to see your children volunteering for something so meaningful," Katie says. "I'm extremely proud of them for wanting to help make a positive difference in our community! I pray this is something that they will continue to do their whole lives." Katie, Scott, and their girls are members of St. Anthony's parish here in Quincy. "I am very thankful to be blessed with a strong faith and a wonderful family who is willing to join me in volunteering with Birthright. So many women and girls and their babies in our community are blessed with the love, generosity, and help that Birthright has to offer. Helping others is the greatest blessing we can share."

Testimonial...

I am 19 & a freshman at a local college. I couldn't have been happier with my vision of a perfect future with my wonderful boyfriend & a degree that would help us have a life, worry-free from any financial trouble. Even though I didn't have any promises, I really believed that our life together would be "happily ever after." I was crushed, and completely heartbroken, when he said he wanted to break up with me. He attended a different school from me and was busy with his friends and playing football. I felt like he was mostly being too lazy to take time to come and see me. I felt so rejected....and then, I realized that my period was late. It wouldn't have been so bad if I knew my boyfriend would be by my side. Even though he said we would figure it out if I was pregnant, I didn't know quite what he meant by that. I was raised in a good Christian home, and my parents and family are very loving and supportive, but I felt like I had let them down and disappointed them terribly. I was so scared. I didn't really know what to do, and I needed someone I could talk to, someone I could trust. I found Birthright online. A lady answered and was so kind to meet with me on a Sunday. She promised confidentiality & said I could bring my friend. I needed to do a pregnancy test to find out how to proceed. I knew the results could change my life forever. The lady at Birthright, was very gentle and kind and promised to help in anyway she could. She seemed to understand exactly how I felt. There was no judgment, only love and friendship. I'm still scared and sad because I don't know what my future holds, but I have truly found a friend at Birthright, and that really helps me know that I'm not alone.

~Alaina



9TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT 2018

Our 9th annual trivia night and silent auction was, yet again, another amazing success thanks to everyone who participated and was involved. We had 62 tables and over 200 silent auction items! We would like to thank everyone who was involved in any way...the judges and lifelines, corporate sponsors, Cake Decorating, Etc., all who donated food, drinks, and auction items, and thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the fun event. We are blessed to have a community full of such wonderful people!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the dates!

**K of C BBQ Bake Sale and
Quilt Raffle**

August 8, 9, 10, 11

**10th Annual Trivia Night &
Silent Auction**

November 2

**Upcoming Training Dates
July & October, TBA**

**Annual Volunteer Banquet
December, TBA**

THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #583 for the ultrasound machine services and their continued support.
- Thank you to all the volunteers, businesses and individuals who contributed in any way to the success of our 2018 trivia night.
- Thank you to all of our Birthright volunteers. We welcome our new volunteers and thank them for stepping up to help our community.
- Thank you to Paddles for a Purpose for selecting Birthright to be their charity of choice for the month of April. We received \$1,073!
- Thank you to the QU Students for Life for your continued support.
- Thank you to Bethany Brown for setting up a month-long fundraiser through jBloom to help Birthright.
- Thank you to all who attended and supported the showings of "Unplanned."

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

Here's how YOU can help in a **BIG** way!

Let's face it, we are all very busy people. However, here's something that doesn't take much time, and it helps our local women, girls and babies in a big way! Donations such as gift cards, diapers and clothing are very helpful to our clients we help in our community. Please see the list below for more items we take to help our mothers and their babies.

DONATIONS TAKEN AT THE QUINCY BIRTHRIGHT OFFICE:

***Please note that we can only accept items that are new or like new.**

- Gift cards for gas and groceries
- Diapers - Newborn to size 5
- Baby clothes - size Newborn to 9 mos.
- Baby supplies - such as wipes, baby wash, etc.
- Maternity clothes - all sizes

If you have any questions on the items that we accept, please contact us at 217-224-1277.

Letter from the President...


1 Corinthians 2:9 "Eyes have not seen, Nor ears heard, all the wonderful things God has in store for those who love HIM!" Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves & fishes for His followers, He has multiplied His blessings to Birthright! Too many to mention! Along with our new location, and new ultrasound services, he has given us many more opportunities to serve HIM by helping women and girls in our community.

Many of you know that I had a bout with cancer again last fall. (I am once again cancer free!) Facing that uncertainty, in answer to my prayer, God has sent many new volunteers with special gifts & talents to offer help & hope to women & girls in crisis, which has made our Birthright stronger & even better than before. Volunteers willing to do clerical work and help me spread the good news of Birthright & our free confidential services to other agencies & schools. We will be able to add more open hours to our office schedule. We strive to be the best that we can be and to offer life-giving help whenever needed. We have seen a tremendous amount of support from the community, and with new volunteers, we are able to update our resources. There are still many who do not know about Birthright. Day by day we are changing that.

Please continue to pray for us & help in any way that you can...we are truly making a difference for LIFE!

Sincerely, Patty

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 local expectant mothers. Your help in any of these ways would be appreciated. 

EMAIL: help@birthrightquincyil.org OR CALL
PATTY ADAM @ 217-440-8388 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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY. DONATE.

Please mail your tax-deductible financial contribution to: Birthright
PO 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.

Birthright Office:

217-224-1277

Patty Adam,
President

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!