



# BIRTHRIGHT OF QUINCY

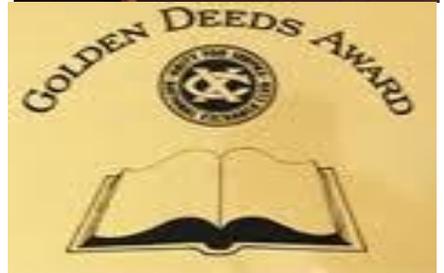
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## WHAT'S NEW

Birthright Director Patty Adam was honored to be named the 2014 Golden Deeds Award Winner by the Quincy Exchange Club this spring. A Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteerism, Patty is the 62<sup>nd</sup> recipient of the prestigious award, and joins a list that includes names like Oakley, Bonansinga, Awerkamp, Hinkamper and Landrum. Presenters of the award said "Patty is raising the bar for future award nominees" because of her commitment and significant impact on the lives of real people right here in our community. That's what Birthright is all about thanks to Patty and our other dedicated volunteers. Congratulations Patty!



*A look at the Hand-made Queen-size Quilt that will be up for grabs at the 2014 Birthright Raffle at the KC BBQ – Enter to win!*



## 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?

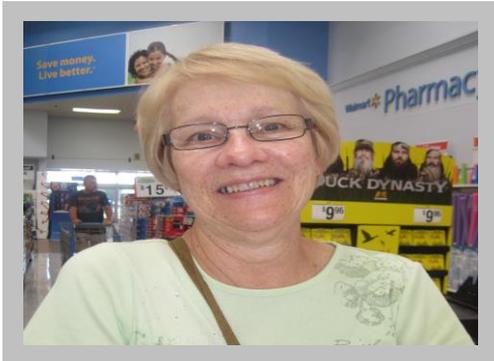
### FREE & CONFIDENTIAL:

- Friendship & Support*
- Reliable Pregnancy Tests*
- Maternity Clothes*
- Baby Clothes*
- Information*
- Referrals*

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[www.birthrightquincyil.org](http://www.birthrightquincyil.org)





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### GINY BAKER QUINCY VOLUNTEER

A Birthright volunteer since 1983, Giny trusts God to take care of her and her family, and according to her, He has done so better than she could have ever imagined. Giny found herself pregnant and alone 47 years ago, and through God's grace and love, she was able to find a loving family who adopted and raised her daughter. Years later, after praying for her and her adoptive family every day, Giny was able to meet and welcome her daughter back into the family. Giny is married to Mike (43 years) and has 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Birthright is truly grateful to have her in our lives and our mission.

## TESTIMONIAL . . .

*How could I make such a dreadful mistake? I felt so lost and alone. I felt so stupid! When I emailed Birthright, I wanted abortion options. I couldn't let my adoptive parents know I was pregnant. The baby's dad was young and drank a lot—a real partier. He sure wasn't going to support me and my baby. I was just in my first year of college, so I couldn't have this baby. I wasn't ready, because I needed to be finished with school and have a good job, and I needed to be married! I received an email back from Birthright and the volunteer gave me her personal cell phone number and asked to meet with me. I didn't want to meet—why would I trust a stranger that much—so I started asking her more questions the only way I felt comfortable ... through text messages. We actually had several long text conversations for several weeks, and it didn't matter what time of day or night either—she always was there it felt like. Even though I felt like my texts probably sounded scared and angry and negative, she was always kind and comforting, understanding and sympathetic. From day one, she encouraged me to be strong and do the right thing, and she promised that she'd always be there for me too. Because I was adopted, I felt in my heart there was no way I would ever give my child up for adoption. I also didn't think I was mature enough to raise a child by myself, and I sure as heck didn't have the courage to tell my mom, knowing how disappointed she would be. As hard as it was, at 10 weeks pregnant I made the long drive to the abortion clinic, against the volunteer's advice. I filled out paperwork and paid the clinic the non-refundable \$665 for the procedure. I was so scared that I texted the Birthright volunteer because I didn't know what else to do. At the last possible moment, she gave me the encouragement I needed to get up and walk out—what a relief! I'm still scared, and the morning sickness reminds me this won't be easy, but at least now I know for sure I won't have to face this alone! -Shawna*



*Birthright at the 2014 Dogwood Parade*

*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.”*

**Birthright Bake Sale**  
and Quilt/Dining Package Raffle at the  
**KC BBQ**  
August 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2014

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Birthright Trivia**  
**Night & Silent Auction**  
Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
**Quincy University Cafeteria**  
\$100 up to 8 Players  
BYOB – Food Available  
Huge Silent Auction

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**THANK YOU'S**

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

Thanks to the Great River referral Group for your special donation of cash and baby items!

Thanks to Quincy University's Fraternity Members and Football Players for volunteering your time to help a Birthright Client who needed some "hired muscle"! Your actions reflect great credit upon yourselves, your families and your university!

Thank you to former intern Tabitha, and new interns Ashley and Rachel for your help in serving our clients and our mission!

Thank you to our Volunteers for being what our clients need when they need it!

*The Great River Referral Group (GRRG) presented Birthright with a donation of \$500 in June. A local group of business owners and professionals, GRRG wanted to reinvest the money into a local organization that makes a difference in people's lives. For more info, go to [greatriverreferral.com](http://greatriverreferral.com)*



**LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .**

After a few months away, it is great to say hello to our dear friends and supporters of Birthright. Through a lot of prayer, and some hard work, our Birthright in Quincy has continued to grow and improve our services to the dear women and girls who seek us for help. The need is so great, and yet through our networking with other agencies and improving the way we communicate, we have together become like a well-oiled machine at times—so much better equipped to provide immediate aid to our clients in crisis. Our continued vision, with your help, is to continue to improve and strengthen our availability to clients through updated technology and outreach, and to continue to refine the volunteer opportunities we offer to members of our community who want to make a difference the way only Birthright can.

We are gearing up for the KC BBQ and Birthright's annual Bake Sale and Quilt/Dining Raffle—I hope all of you will enter for a chance to win! I also hope you will be generous with your home-made baked goods donations! Look for news at your church for more information. After the BBQ, it will be time to start thinking Trivia again! Quincy University has offered us a larger location this year, and we can't wait. Mark your calendars for November 1<sup>st</sup>!

As always thanks so much for your prayers and for your financial support of Birthright in Quincy. Jeremiah 29:16 says "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future" says the Lord! We (Birthright) see this being fulfilled each day in what we do for our clients and their babies!

God Bless you,  
Patty Adam, Director, Birthright of Quincy

*"WHEN LIFE IS ROUGH ... PRAY.*

*WHEN LIFE IS GREAT ... PRAY!"*

*Client Statistics – 2nd Quarter 2014*  
*34 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 the unborn and their mothers to serve our area. Your help in any of these ways would be appreciated.* →

EMAIL [BIRTHRIGHTQUINCYIL@ATT.NET](mailto:BIRTHRIGHTQUINCYIL@ATT.NET) OR CALL  
PATTY ADAM AT 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**

**MAKE A REAL  
DIFFERENCE**

# Help your Community. Donate.

Please mail your tax-deductable financial contribution to

**BIRTHRIGHT  
P. O. BOX 407  
Quincy, IL 62306**

*Please call to make  
arrangements to  
donate new  
maternity or baby  
clothes*

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!**

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*Mrs. Patty Adam  
Director  
217-440-8388*

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!