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BIRTHRIGHT OF QUINCY

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What's New

Birthright is BUSY helping many wonderful clients in Quincy with whatever they need to make the right, life-affirming choice for themselves and their babies. We are so grateful for the volunteers that make it happen and our supporters who provide what we need. You know we are making a positive difference when we are not only saving lives, but former clients are sending in thank-you donations to pay it forward to keep Birthright doing what we do! We love to celebrate our accomplishments, but there is always so much more work to do. We are currently working with WGEM on a TV PSA so that we can reach even more needy clients, so please keep your support coming in all forms. Support us at the KC BBQ this year at our Birthright Booth bake sale & raffle. Mark your calendars for this year's Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction scheduled for Saturday evening, Nov. 7th at Quincy University's Health & Fitness Center 3-Court Area—it's one of the best events in Quincy all year-round! And if you're called, become a Birthright Volunteer & join us for an upcoming training or meet one-on-one with a Birthright Volunteer. #MakeADifference

What Is Birthright?

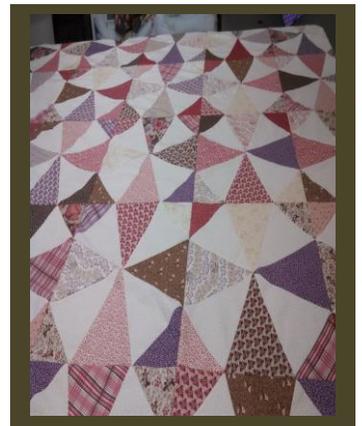
We are a non-profit, non-political, non-denominational, service organization that offers pregnant women and girls the non-judgmental emotional and practical support they need to make responsible and educated decisions about their future and that of their unborn child.

What Do We Offer?

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL:
Friendship & Support, Reliable Pregnancy Tests, Maternity & Baby Clothes, Information & Referrals

KC BBQ Quilt & Dining Package Raffle

Fill out some tickets and enter to win this beautiful Queen-size Quilt, handmade and donated by Sherry Stoneking & Tammy Schmitz, or our Dining-Out package, which includes gift certificates to many great area restaurants, during our annual Birthright Raffle at this year's KC BBQ. Also, be sure to stop by our Birthright Booth throughout the weekend to enjoy our delicious selection of baked goods generously provided by many wonderful area churches. Suggested donation is \$1 for one chance, and \$5 For 6 chances. Winner's Choice—Good Luck!



The 2015 Birthright Dogwood Parade Float was a HUGE Success! Check out our website for more photos!

BIRTHRIGHT OF QUINCY

www.birthrightquincyil.org





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Chantese Shaw Quincy Volunteer

Chantese is a single mother of four daughters. She came to Birthright in a crisis pregnancy situation of her own with her 4th child, and was blessed by the assistance Birthright provided for her and her baby. Chantese volunteers at Birthright today because she has been “on the other side of the desk” and both understands the anxiety and yet has experienced the joy Birthright can help bring. Chantese wants to be here at Birthright so she can help other women and girls feel the same relief and joy Birthright gave her when she needed it most.

TESTIMONIAL...

I'm a smart woman—how could this happen? My boyfriend is in the Chicago area where I grew up. He works a lot, and I just graduated from college & really want to work in Quincy for a couple years. Funny how things happen; this was like my 14th pick of colleges to attend & yet here I am with my degree. It's not really where I thought I would be, not really the path I expected my life to take. So when I contacted Birthright, I knew that having a baby would just be adding to my confusion and problems. I needed to get my head straight & my life back on track—everything seemed completely out of whack! The doctor had confirmed my pregnancy & said I was about 6 or 7 weeks along. I wasn't sure how Birthright could help, but the lady sounded very nice on the phone & assured me that they could help me, so I agreed to meet with her the next week & was grateful that their services were free & confidential. Long story short—again—not what I had expected, but after spending a couple of hours with the Birthright volunteers, I learned the truth about my baby. Fully formed at 7 weeks ... and deserving to be protected. I actually talked to a lady who had an abortion many years ago who now volunteers at Birthright to help other women not make the same mistake she did. She cried to me as she spoke of the emptiness she felt after her abortion—it was powerful. Birthright helped me get a free ultra sound which confirmed my decision. Even before I could feel anything going on in my body, I had pictures to prove my precious baby is growing inside. I'm still amazed at how clearly I could see my baby's hands, feet & little heart beating. Yes, I'm in awe at what's going on in my own mind & body, and I'm grateful for my friends at Birthright (& Carenet) who will be there to help me every step of the way. I'm still not clear about my future, but I am convinced that aborting my baby can't be the right choice for me after all. I really am a smart woman. The Birthright volunteer said I am a Hero too, especially to my precious baby growing safely inside.

-Bethany

Patty Adam recently accepted a grant from the Campaign for Justice and Hope, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, on behalf of Birthright of Quincy. The grant was awarded to help Birthright purchase items needed by our clients and their newborn babies we serve in the Quincy area.



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.”*

KC BBQ Birthright Booth

Bake Sale, Raffle and More
August 13th-16th

Quarterly Volunteer Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 26th, 2015
11:30am – 1pm - Birthright Office
Light Lunch Provided

6th Annual Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Sat. Nov. 7th, 2015
Quincy University

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 Campaign for Justice and Hope, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois for your very generous grant!

Thank you to the Noon Kiwanis Club of Quincy for your generous grant!

Thank you to Chelsea Reed for your generous donation!

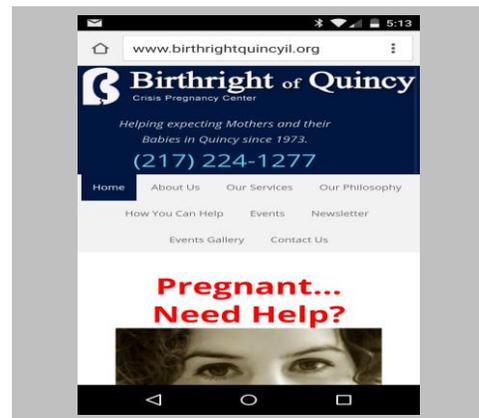
Thank you to the Cornell Family for your generous donation!

Thank you to WGEM for working to help us get a PSA on the air soon!

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

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

Vervocity Interactive of Quincy recently updated our Birthright of Quincy website so that it is now optimized for the mobile devices that many of our clients use to find us daily. They also added a page for our event photos, so check out what we loaded so far and then check back for new photos often!



Letter from the Director ...

Dear Supporters of Birthright of Quincy,

The first six months as Director of Birthright in Quincy has flown by for me. There has been so much to do—we have done so much already, but again, there is still so much left to be done. That’s what drives me and the other Birthright volunteers.

For the pro-life supporters in our community, you will be glad to know that we have been saving the lives of babies—real lives that wouldn’t be on the earth today if it weren’t for Birthright in Quincy—during the past six months.

For those of you out there who prefer to think of yourselves as simply pro-love ... or pro-human (or however else you might describe yourself), I want you to know that we have been a real friend and lifeline to women and girls who desperately needed one over the past six months as well. We have put our arms around them, promised them we would help and that things would be okay, and then we delivered on that promise.

That’s it. That’s what we do here. It is such a powerful thing, the difference that a stranger can make when answering the call. I am so grateful for what the volunteers here do, and that I can be a part of it.

Thank you for being a part of it too, through your thoughts and prayers, your donations, and your support of all kinds. We couldn’t do it without you, and it’s too important not to be done.

Please keep your support coming. Thanks and God bless.

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

“I am not afraid...I was born to do this.” – Joan of Arc

Client Statistics –2nd Quarter 2015

*45 Clients Served
and many lives saved!*

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 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 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 financial assistance 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!