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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



2016 Dogwood Mary Lou Kent Theme Award Winner!

When pregnant women and girls in Quincy need a friend who will listen and help them to overcome their obstacles, Birthright is there, Right on Q. And when Birthright volunteers are asked to help raise awareness for our mission in Quincy, Right on Q, they step up and create one of the most beautiful and meaningful parade floats ever to grace the Dogwood. There it is ... what we do ... literally right on the Q. Thanks to Joe & Chrissy, Dennis & Megan, Mark & Jen, Tim & Amanda, and everyone else who helped with the float and braved the rain to show the community who we are.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

And get your friends & family together for the 7th annual Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Saturday, November 5th 2016 at the QU Health & Fitness Center! \$120 for table of 8.

See Inside for Your Chance to Win Handmade Quilt or Dining Package



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Cindy Boyer Quincy Volunteer

Cindy has been married to husband Donnie for 27 years. She has two daughters, three step-daughters and 9 grandchildren. As the owner of Giggles Resale, she has seen many children grow from babies to adults as the business is now in its 23rd year. After an unplanned pregnancy at age 16, Cindy chose adoption for her daughter. Always praying they would get to meet, that wonderful reunion happened 23 years ago. Both women are a big part of each other's lives today. Cindy volunteers at Birthright because it's a safe place with caring people for women to make informed and responsible decisions, and she wants women to know the truth and what a loving choice that adoption is.

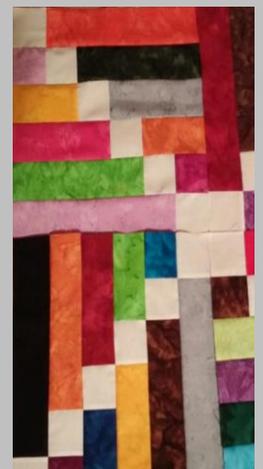
TESTIMONIAL . . .

My wife & I moved from Texas to a small town close to Quincy with our small children, 3 girls & our 4 month old son. Her family in Texas offered no support, but my family welcomed us here with open arms, so we settled into our new life. I am in construction & have plenty of work & my wife is a waitress in a nearby town. Even though my mom helps with our kids, I'm able to be flexible & can take care of them while my wife works. We are far from rich, but we are doing ok—we love each other & adore our precious family! Our "good" life came crashing down about a month ago, when she realized she was pregnant again! How can that be? We were being so careful! My wife panicked & went to the internet to find the closest abortion provider. We cannot have another baby! Not this soon anyway. She found ... Birthright of Quincy. We weren't sure how they could help, but with some apprehension, made the call. A pleasant lady gave us the hours & reassured us if we couldn't come during the times they were open, she would be happy to come in for us. We drove almost an hour with our little kids, not knowing what was going to be the outcome to this devastating problem. The Birthright volunteer was so kind & listened, she seemed to really understand how we felt. She didn't judge us, but helped us realize that even if the timing of this new life wasn't of our choosing, our 7 week old baby was alive & well & deserved the same chance at life as did our other 4 kids. She took time to explain the different ways that Birthright can help us, & even took us all out for lunch to celebrate our new blessing! She also took us to Walmart & bought my wife a couple of outfits for her work. It is amazing how different we feel after hearing the truth about our new child & realizing that even though many people may criticize us for having so many kids, especially this close together, since we are the ones who take care of them & are happy, we shouldn't feel guilty & be forced to make a choice that we would regret forever! With this "new attitude" we can look to the future with great joy. Thank you Birthright for being there for us when we needed you the most! Sincerely, Michael & Janelle

Annual KC BBQ Birthright Quilt & Dining Out Raffle

Enter to win this beautiful Queen-size Quilt, handmade and donated by Mandy Sill, 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 our wonderful area churches.

Suggested donation is \$1 per chance, or \$5 for every 6 chances. Winner's Choice. Good Luck! Just fill out 1 ticket & mail it back—we'll fill out the rest for you!



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 Booth at the KC BBQ

Thurs. Aug. 11th - Sun. Aug. 14th
Annual Raffle & Bake Sale
Booth Volunteers Needed!
Contact Joe Bordewick for more details

Quarterly Volunteer Meeting

Sat. Sept. 10th, 11:30am-1pm
Birthright Office, Light Lunch Provided

7th Birthright Trivia & Silent Auction

Sat. Nov. 5th, 2016 at QU

Upcoming Events



**Birthright Volunteer
Family Picnic
Wednesday, June 15th at St.
Francis Parish Hall.
Thanks to all who
helped make it great!**

Birthright has been busy out in the community trying to raise awareness about what we do, speaking to young people at QND, JWCC, DHS and more. If you'd like a Birthright speaker to visit your group, contact Joe Bordewick today.



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Letter from the Director ...

Dear Supporters of Birthright of Quincy,

I've seen some negative media recently about crisis pregnancy centers, and perhaps, deservedly so. Apparently there are folks out there masquerading as medical professionals who are purposefully misdiagnosing pregnant women in order to trick them into keeping their babies. Worse yet, these people have no intention of helping these women or their children once the baby arrives, apparently believing their work is done. Most surprising of all, I think they actually believe they are doing "the right thing" when in fact it is these folks who have all but turned "pro-life" into a dirty word in recent years. For the record, I completely reject those types of organizations, their deceitful tactics and the damage they cause women—they create misplaced skepticism and hostility towards great organizations like Birthright of Quincy. At Birthright, we believe that pregnant women and girls should have every opportunity possible when it comes to bringing their babies into the world; in other words, no woman or girl should ever feel like she has no other choice than abortion, regardless of how hopeless she may see her own circumstances. At Birthright, we are here to provide those options, those alternatives, and that hope. But the very first thing we do is make sure our clients know they are safe and can trust us to tell them the truth! And our clients should always be able to rest assured that we will be here for them throughout their pregnancy and beyond, as much or as little as they need us to be. Not only is this "the right way," it's the only way to be "pro-mother."

Thanks to everyone who contributed to a great Dogwood Parade this year, our float was incredibly beautiful and powerful. If you're called to support Birthright of Quincy and our mission, please do so at the KC BBQ August 11th-14th, at our annual Trivia & Silent Auction Nov. 5th at QU, or today by becoming a volunteer, making a donation, and keeping us in your prayers. Remember, we are 100% volunteers, funded 100% by donations from the community. Thanks and God bless.

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

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 QSL for your support in 2016!

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

Thank you to the Quincy Noon Kiwanis for your support again in 2016!

Thank you to WCCCC for the donation of newborn diapers!

Thank you to Vervocity Interactive for your SEO support!

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!

**"I want to inspire people. I want someone to look at me and say
"because of you, I didn't give up." - unknown**

Client Statistics – 1st Quarter 2016 - 44 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

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

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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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!