



# 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

Support Birthright of Quincy and win your choice of a beautiful hand-made quilt or a dining-out package of local restaurant gift certificates through our annual raffle—two winners drawn on Sunday afternoon of the KC BBQ, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The first winner drawn gets their choice, and the second winner receives the remaining prize. The raffle is free to enter, but suggested donations are 1 chance for \$1 or 6 chances for every \$5 donated. Just fill out and return the enclosed ticket along with your donation, and our volunteers will fill out any additional tickets for you! This is one of our longest-running fundraisers thanks to our wonderful and dedicated volunteer quilt-makers, the generous restaurants that donate towards our dining-out package, and all of you who bless us with your generous donations! Thank you!



dining out package

handmade queen-size quilt





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Chris Wiemelt

#### Quincy Volunteer

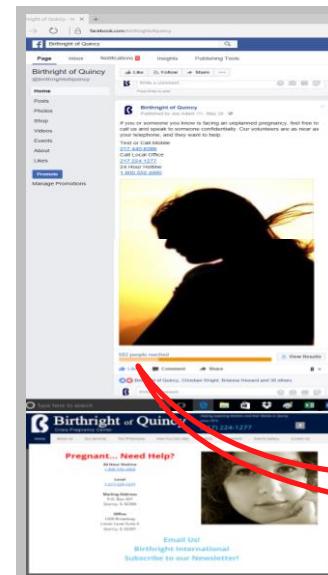
Chris retired from Quincy Public Schools 2 years ago after 19 years as Administrative Assistant in the Special Education Office. She is married to Dave (for soon to be 44 years,) has 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

Chris feels blessed that all of her grandchildren live in Quincy, so she spends as much time as she can with them. She is involved in American Business Women's Assn., where she

has served as an officer and is currently on the Executive Board.

When Chris retired, she wanted to do volunteer work, so she researched many areas in the Community, but felt

the need to spend her time with something she truly believed in. She now volunteers at the St. Francis Food Pantry and with Birthright in Quincy. Chris is excited to help our wonderful team and mission.



## TESTIMONIAL...

My name is Tabitha. I am unsure who will get this but I was thinking of how I got to where I am and what makes me the person I am today. I started my journey for my masters in Human Services so I can work in the area that I found my confidence in. That's thanks to Birthright and Patty, who I miss dearly. If you're wondering who I am, I was a college student who did her practicum there at Birthright. It was a long time ago and at that time I was lost, unsure if this was the career field I should go for. As I grow in my career I keep remembering how much I loved being at Birthright. So I have started my adventure to get that feeling back. This email is just to say thank you. Thank you for believing in me and helping me realize who I want to be and what I want to become.

The best of thoughts,  
Tabitha

## Our Online Outreach

We have begun using Facebook ads targeted to specific audiences to reach more clients who need Birthright of Quincy. Chantese is doing a great job keeping our page fresh and full of great, relevant content!

We are also in the process of once again working with Vervocity Interactive in Quincy to update our website to ensure our online presence is as effective as it can possibly be.

**Our first ad was viewed 682 times by females ages 13-38 within 15 miles of Quincy**

*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 & Raffle**  
KC BBQ – August 10-13

**Quarterly Volunteer Meeting**  
Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am -1pm Birthright Office

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction**

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Quincy University. Doors open at 5pm, Trivia starts at 7pm.

## Upcoming Events

# Thank You's

A special thank you as always to Mark Holtschlag & the Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #583 for your continued support!

Thank you to Quincy Noon Kiwanis for your generous support in 2017!

Thank you to Blessed Sacrament Church for your generous donation!

Thank you to all of the friends, businesses and churches who are supporting our annual fundraiser at the 2017 KC BBQ!

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 recently!

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!



**Great Birthright turnout for the 2017 Dogwood Parade!**

**Mark your calendars & get your teams together for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction on November 4<sup>th</sup>**



## Letter from the Director ...

Dear Supporters of Birthright of Quincy,

We are called to Love our neighbor as our self. A seemingly simple command, but one that really only makes sense if we realize how special each of us is. If we don't love who we are and embrace our inheritance from the One who loved us first, what can we offer others. Have you ever noticed that of all the trees on earth, no two leaves are identical? How much does God love each of His creations, let alone each of us, created in His image. So we're called to love all our brothers and sisters in all of their special uniqueness—even those who aren't easy to love. We're further called to support those among us who are doing for others, whether we feel qualified or not. Have you, like me, ever let feelings of insufficiency stop you from doing all you could for others, or, been too proud or preoccupied to accept help from someone seemingly less qualified than you? When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it, and Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. Are you fully open to your call to serve others in whatever way God has chosen for you? In your stewardship-life, are you passively waiting for a wide door to open, or are you ready to go anywhere until God shuts the door?

Everything that God has allowed Birthright of Quincy to be for those we serve so far, we are in part because you have held us up through your various means of support. Even if you didn't think you could be what a scared mother-to-be needed, you were, through your prayers, your time and talents, and your donations. We are so appreciative of your support, and we welcome your continued support in both familiar and new ways going forward. Birthright of Quincy is 100% volunteer and funded 100% by donations from the community. Our clients are special and deserving of our love, and we'll continue to provide them with all that your and our partnership allows. Thanks and God bless.

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

**"Every weakness is an opportunity for God to show His strength in your life."**

My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.

*2 Corinthians 12:9*

*Client Statistics – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017 - 41 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](mailto: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!