

**Winter
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Quarterly
Newsletter**



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of Quincy**
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What's New!

This Newsletter . . . for starters. Birthright of Quincy is embarking on a plan to improve our overall service and effectiveness so we can reach more clients with our mission of help and hope. Not only will our new office get a fresh look, but we will also be incorporating new technology and procedures into our daily operations in order to improve our training, communication, and readiness. It is our hope that this progress will complement our already-talented and dedicated staff.



*I am the greatest
gift you will ever
receive . . . thank
you for loving me
Mommy!*

We are currently working on filling several key volunteer positions within Birthright of Quincy to ensure our agency will maintain great organizational effectiveness for the foreseeable future. These volunteers will work with the Director to implement and maintain positive community relationships, fundraisers, various marketing tools, and much more.

We are also in the beginning stages of website development for our Quincy center, as well as the establishment of an e-mail list for our quarterly newsletter. If you are interested in joining our e-mail list or learning more about our organization and how you can get involved, contact us today at (217)224-1277 or BirthrightQuincyIL@live.com

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
Pregnancy Tests
Maternity Clothes
Baby Clothes
Information
Referrals**

FACTS & FAQS

Fact The word *Fetus* is Latin for offspring or little one

Fact Three weeks after conception, the baby's tiny heart is already beating.

Fact By eight weeks, the "little one" has developed every organ found in an adult and is even sucking his or her thumb

Fact At five months, although you can legally abort me, I could survive outside my mother's womb

Q. What percentage of women in the U.S. undergo fertility treatment?

A. 15-25%

Q. What percentage of women in U.S. seek to adopt a child?

A. 5%

Q. What percentage of pregnancies in the U.S. end in abortion?

A. 22%



Helping
expecting
Mothers &
their Babies in
Quincy since
1973!

Testimonial . . .

"I was pressured into an abortion when I was only eighteen years old. I have felt tremendous guilt and anguish every day since the procedure, and instead of fading away like I have hoped, those feelings have only gotten stronger as time has passed. At the time I felt scared, confused, and backed into a corner by the baby's father, my parents expectations, and my own plans for my life . . . I never felt like I had a real choice. I was horrified and ashamed later when I learned the real facts about my terminated pregnancy. I was uninformed, didn't have the support I needed, and was looking for any way to justify my decision. I wish someone would have been there for me."

-Sarah

Volunteer Spotlight



Patty Adam Quincy Director

Mrs. Adam has been a Birthright volunteer for almost thirty years. It is her passion in life to offer a real choice to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy and she has helped countless women & girls responsibly bring their babies into the community. Mrs. Adam has recently retired from the Quincy Post Office after 30 years of service. She is married to Bill and enjoys spending time with her many kids and grandkids.

Upcoming Events

~TBA

Cleaning and painting at the office:

Join us for pizza and soda and help make our new office warm and welcoming!

Volunteer Training:

Refresher training for current volunteers as well as new volunteer training.

New Fundraiser opportunity:

More info to come!

Closing out 2009 . . .

Birthright of Quincy closed out 2009 by witnessing the beautiful wedding of a young woman who—21 years earlier—had been in danger of being aborted. Like many of our clients, her 19 year old Mother had nowhere else to turn when she came to Birthright in desperate need of help. She found a friend at Birthright and all of our lives were changed forever. What a wonderful reminder of why we do what we do . . . Happy New Year!

Good News!

Abortion facilities in the U.S. are dwindling as Americans become more pro-life . . . the real choice! According to a Dec. 8th report by Operation Rescues, Abortion centers fell from 2,200 in 1991 to 713 today.

What does this mean?

We must be well-trained, financially equipped, and otherwise prepared to help all those women and girls who are facing the difficulties of an unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

Thank You

Thank you to Zanger & Associates for providing a safe, affordable, attractive, and convenient office for our new location!

Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus for your generous support!

Thank you to all those who donated baked goods and raffle items for our fundraiser . . . thanks to you it was a great success!

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

Birthright of Quincy



Thank you to all of the wonderful Birthright volunteers who selflessly serve their community!

Thank you to our partners throughout the community who work with us to serve those in need!

Thank you to our friends at the Church of St. Peter, St. Anthony's, and St. Dominic's for the new infant clothes, diapers, and baby items donated for our layettes through your Christmas campaign!

Want to get in touch with Birthright of Quincy or subscribe to our newsletter?

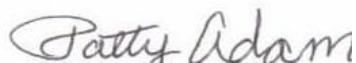
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Letter from the Director

J have personally been honored to serve as a Birthright volunteer for the past twenty-eight years and have experienced many life-changing opportunities to make a difference in the lives of many grateful people. In return I have gained a great deal of understanding as well as a genuine compassion for the women and girls who have sought assistance while facing the toughest times of their lives. Many of these girls have fallen into a trap in believing that they must abort their unborn children in order to continue on with their lives. Ironically, it is the blessed gift of children that allows us to ascend to a greater existence. I used to believe that simply convincing people that abortion kills a baby would be enough to stop the terrible trend. Unfortunately, after hearing time and again the horrific circumstances our clients endure, I have realized why they sometimes feel backed into a corner. I have realized that they have legitimate reasons for feeling the way that they do.

What they need and deserve is someone who is non-judgmental and accepting . . . who will really listen . . . help them slow down and think . . . calm their anxieties and fears . . . and offer them real solutions. They need someone who can offer them hope for a future . . . a wonderful future with their blessed child. Hopefully, we can be that someone here at Birthright of Quincy.

Sincerely,



Patty Adam, Director, (217) 223-9688

Birthright of Quincy



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY . . . PLEASE DONATE!

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!



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

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Mrs. Adam, Director - 217-223-9688

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 receipts for tax purposes at your request.

Donation made by/in the name of _____

In the amount 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!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . . 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 the following ways would be appreciated.



Friendship Counseling

Administrative Work

Fundraising

Marketing and Publicity

Recruitment

YES . . . I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING!

Please contact me about possible ways I can serve the community with Birthright!

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____ MOBILE _____

ADDRESS _____

Briefly explain how you would prefer to serve and/or what specific skills/talents you possess:

Please remit this portion to: Birthright Director, 1200 Broadway LL Suite A, Quincy, IL 62301