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What's New!

Birthright's Trivia Night 2011 was awesome ... and if you weren't there you missed out on a great time! We had more teams, better trivia categories and questions, and more fun than ever before! The winning team, "Brass Tacks", took home some great prizes thanks to many wonderful donors in our community, and nobody left empty handed thanks to the vast amount and variation of remarkable silent auction items bid on throughout the evening (who would have thought you could have a great night out with family and friends, help a great cause, and finish your Christmas shopping all at the same time!) Our Celebrity Expert Lifelines surpassed expectations with their performances, our team of esteemed Judges were fair and vigilant, the food was ... well in some cases ridiculous ☺, and David Adam, Trivia Emcee, was dashing and witty as always! Remember to keep your Saturdays in November open and be on the lookout for this year's registration form. You're not going to want to miss the FUN in 2012!



Hopefully the brochure pictured at right above looks familiar, because Birthright produced and distributed hundreds of them recently through Church bulletins and other means. It really highlights not only the sanctity of life but also what Birthright offers our community. And most importantly, it describes what all of you can do to support us ... volunteer, donate, and pray.

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**

Check out our local website @
www.birthrightquincyil.org
or email us at
birthrightquincyil@att.net

Inspirational Quotes about **Pregnancy**

"A baby is something you carry inside you for nine months, in your arms for three years, and in your heart till the day you die."

- Mary Mason

"We have a secret in our culture, it's not that birth is painful, it's that women are strong."

- Laura Stavoe Harm

"If I had my life to live over, instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle."

- Erma Bombeck

"Life is a flame that is always burning itself out, but it catches fire again every time a child is born."

- George Bernard Shaw

"Anything I've ever done that ultimately was worthwhile... initially scared me to death."

- Betty Bender

"Think of stretch marks as pregnancy service stripes."

- Joyce Armor

"If nature had arranged that husbands and wives should have children alternatively there would never be more than three in a family."

-Lawrence Housman

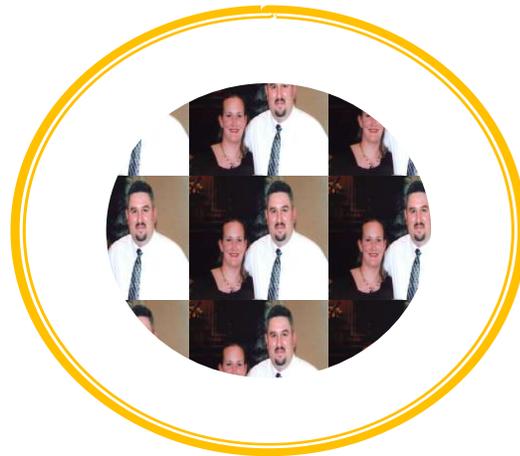


**Helping
expecting
Mothers &
their Babies
in Quincy
since 1973!**

Testimonial . . .

When I first called the Birthingright number, I was expecting a quick and easy answer to where I could take my girlfriend for an abortion. I was a little surprised at first to hear a guy's voice on the other end of the line, but not nearly as surprised as I would be at the outcome of the conversation. First of all, he treated me with respect and made me feel like I was really in control of my situation when all week I had felt so helpless and scared. By making me feel so comfortable right away on the phone, he was able to slow things down and ask me some questions that probably changed the course of my life. He assured me that abortion was my right, but asked what I knew about it. Of course I knew about it, but until that point I tried to pretend that I didn't, especially to my girlfriend, who was probably even more scared than me. He asked me if I cared about her too, and whether I intended to continue my relationship with her going forward. As I responded yes, he made me think about how a decision like the one we were contemplating would affect our relationship going forward, and whether or not I wanted her to go through the mental and physical anguish that could certainly arise. Finally, he asked very frankly, "what's standing in the way of you and her having this wonderful baby that's already growing inside of her, and how can I help you?" As it turned out, he actually was able to offer solutions that made sense to me to every obstacle I threw at him, and while I was afraid at first he would try to convince me not to abort, I had ended up convincing myself. And when I talked to my girlfriend about it, she cried and said she was so happy and relieved she wouldn't have to go through with it. We are going to get married someday, and we'll have a wonderful family, thanks in part, to Birthingright in Quincy.

-Justin



Volunteer Spotlight

Megan & Dennis Barragree Quincy Volunteers

Megan & Dennis have been a vital part of the Birthingright organization for years, operating mostly behind the scenes helping to organize donations and items purchased for clients as well as community events like the KC BBQ and Dogwood Float. They put in the work and never seek recognition, so we are very pleased to spotlight them now! They have two children, Michael and Sophie, and are both employed by Landmarx in Quincy. When they aren't working, they're known for throwing the greatest parties ever for their nieces and nephews!

Upcoming Events

Abortion Day of Healing

Saturday, March 24th, 2012 9am-3pm in Springfield IL
Retreat for those who have had an abortion or have been affected by an abortion. Abortion hurts, forgiveness heals. For more info, check out the events page at www.birtherightquincyil.org or call 1-877-722-4355 to register. Cost is \$15, Birthright will sponsor if needed.

Dogwood Parade – Birthright Float

May 5th, 2012 in Quincy. Start planning now to support the Birthright entry by helping with float preparations or walking with us.

Pregnancy Q&A to “Lighten” Your Load

Q. Should I have a baby after 35? A. No, 35 children is enough.

Q. When will my baby move? A. With luck, right after high school.

Q. What is the most common pregnancy craving?

A. For men to be the ones who get pregnant.

Q. The more pregnant I get, the more strangers smile at me.

Why? A. 'Cause you're fatter than they are.

Q. My wife is five months pregnant and so moody that sometimes she's borderline irrational. A. So what's your question?

**Q. What's the difference between a pregnant woman and a model?
A. Nothing, if the pregnant woman's husband knows what's good for him.**

Q. How long is the average woman in labor?

A. Whatever she says, divided by two.

Q. Do I have to have a baby shower?

A. Not if you change the baby's diaper very quickly.

Birthright of Quincy CLIENT STATISTICS



1st Quarter 2011 (Jan-Mar)

18 Clients served

2nd Quarter 2011 (Apr-Jun)

28 Clients served

3rd Quarter 2011 (Jul-Sep)

35 Clients served

4th Quarter 2011 (Oct-Dec)

28 Clients served

Thank YOU

Thank you to all of our 2011 Trivia Night teams and players for making the night one we'll never forget. We can't wait for the 2012 edition and we hope you'll join us again!

Thank you to Eric Thomas and ETC Computerland for donating a laptop computer to Birthright for training and presentations, as well as their continued support of our local website!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #583, especially Grand Knight Phil Haxel for your continued support of Birthright!

Thank you to our volunteers and all who respond to our newsletter with your generous donations and support!

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 the community for your wonderfully generous donations!



Want to get in touch with Birthright of Quincy or subscribe to our newsletter? Call (217)224-1277 or (217)440-8388
E-mail us: birtherightquincyil@att.net
Visit us @ www.birtherightquincyil.org



Letter from the Director

Happy & Blessed New Year Everyone!! What a great year 2011 was for Birthright & how very much I look forward to 2012...anticipating a new breath of life from God Almighty into the great cause of the unborn! "Wake up & Rise up oh great prayer warriors!!" Please pardon me if I sound too bold but I believe it is "your" daily prayers that power our work & without that important ingredient we are not able to succeed in this great ministry. We have come such a long way in so many needed directions & I hope this newsletter has reflected them for you, so I must take this opportunity to thank the special volunteers who are really helping Birthright make a difference.

Thanks to Assistant Director Joe Bordewick. You have brought Birthright of Quincy to far-reaching places that I didn't believe possible. We are internet savvy thanks to Joe & able to really be a beacon of light in the dark night for many young girls & women. A little girl is soon to be born that might otherwise have been aborted had her mommy not have happened upon our local website. Thanks Rose Gott for remaining faithful as our volunteer coordinator for 30+ years. You are the glue that has kept us together. Thanks Mary Jane Bauer for keeping our books in order and paying our bills & always being a friend & helping me to prove my accountability to our faithful supporters. Thanks Megan & Dennis Barragree for keeping our office in order. They are the silent worker bee's that keep our office organized and make sure we always have a beautiful layette ready for the arrival of each new baby & miracle that we are honored to be a part of. Thanks to our media volunteers, Chrissy Wilson and David Adam who have helped us in so many ways "get the word out" & become a service agency that is so much more visible now than we have ever been in the 40 years we have been in Quincy. Thanks Matt & Liz Jackson for getting so involved in coordinating our events, which by the way, having been nothing short of spectacular. Thanks to all the faithful phone volunteers, that no matter what, sit at the office each scheduled time and wait... pray... and long for the opportunity to really make a difference in the life of a mommy...no matter what the circumstances...to make the right choice for herself and her child.

We continue to train new volunteers and will become even more confident and better able to be of great service to the community as we continue to train. We are acutely aware of the ever changing needs of our clients and work hard to keep up with their needs. Upcoming training this year will include: more infant adoption awareness training, referral source training, helping the abortion-minded client, abstinence/STD training, & post-abortion training...etc.

I was delighted to hear a recent poll that said the # 1 response to a New Year's Resolution for 2012 was to volunteer more... This is an open invitation for you to become a Birthright volunteer!

Sincerely,

Patty Adam

Patty Adam, Director, 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

Birthright Office - 217-224-1277

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

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/Donations

Marketing and Publicity

Volunteer Recruitment

YES . . . I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING!

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

NAME(S) _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____

AVAILABILITY (Days/Times) _____

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 Suite A, Quincy, IL 62301
OR BirthrightQuincyIL@att.net