

Winter
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Quarterly
Newsletter



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What's New!



Birthright Trivia Night 2012

was a fantastic success once again thanks to all of the donors, volunteers, trivia players, and silent auction shoppers. Emcee David Adam entertained throughout the evening and the local celebrity expert lifelines

once again shined brightly. Everyone had their fill with the new food and drink options and many left with awesome silent auction treasures. It was a GREAT Evening—you owe it to yourself to join us next year and join the fun! Even better Trivia awaits in 2013, and all teams registered two weeks in advance will be entered to win a free table!

Can Birthright make it 3 in a row?

2011's Baby's first Birthday float earned Birthright the Governor's Award. 2012's float depicting Child's First Lemonade Stand was good enough to bring home the Mayor's Award. What will 2013 bring? Please help us make it a success and join us as we go for 3 in a row!

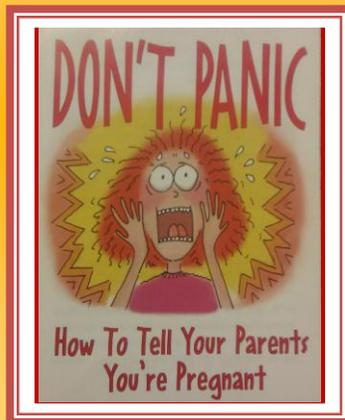


Birthright of Quincy is now a member of the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce. We hope this will open new doors for Birthright in 2013.



Parenting a Pregnant Teen?

Many parents have goals and plans for their children that can appear dashed by unplanned pregnancy. Remember, your child is already in a panic for the same reasons and may come to you for guidance. Take a deep breath, and then reassure your child that you will always be there for them just as our Heavenly Father is for us. Reaffirm the sanctity of life and God's plan for your child and embrace His greatest gift.



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 Verses From the Bible

A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. John 16:21

He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD. Psalm 113:9

All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace. Isaiah 54:13

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:13-16



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

Testimonial . . .

There was a time not long ago that I felt paralyzed by the fear of the unknown; the fear of facing the consequences of my unplanned pregnancy and all of the negative things that could happen because of what I had done. Worry had replaced the other things that used to occupy my days and nights.

Today, joy, gratefulness, and satisfaction have taken the place of that fear, I believe thanks to my friend at Birthright. My son is healthy, happy, and growing like a weed! I've been having a blast taking pictures of him each and every day. I've decided I may even take up photography I enjoy it so much. And the Birthright volunteer was right on about my baby's father—he would really have to step up if he would be a productive part of our lives—and he has! I realize that no one has a perfect family, but we are doing good. I wonder how things are going at Birthright, and if there were any miracles there today? That's what they were for me. I just can't thank them enough for everything they have done for me. I love being a mother and nothing else compares to holding my sleepy, cuddly son in my arms.

He is my everything.

-Stephanie

Volunteer Spotlight



Sue Ostermiller

Quincy Volunteer

Sue has been volunteering for Birthright for nearly 20 years, because she believes children are a precious gift from God and there is a great need in our community. Sue knows there is no greater love than that of a mother for her child, but many women and girls facing unplanned pregnancies are scared and don't know what to do, and they need someone to listen and not judge, and then help them find solutions. Sue belongs to Blessed Sacrament Church and is married with five children.

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Training - Mar 9th 10am-12pm

**At the Birthright Office. Contact Patty at 440-8388 for more details if you're interested. CHANGE LIVES!
Topic: Accessing Community Resources- continued.**

**Dogwood Parade – May 4th 9am
Birthright Float**

We need volunteers to help with planning, float construction, and of course to walk with us during the parade! Please contact Patty at 440-8388 for more details if you're interested.

For only \$3, you and your family and friends can buy a Birthright of Quincy tote bag to use for shopping, trips to the park or pool, and more. To get yours, stop by during our office hours or contact us by phone or email today.



Birthright Client Statistics

4th Quarter 2012 – 37 Clients Served

Thank YOU

Thank you to St. Dominic's & St. Anthony's Parish in Quincy for the absolute perfect Birthright Trivia Night venue in 2012—St. Dominic's Gym.

Thank you to our 2012 Trivia Night Lifelines: Greg Haubrich, Matt Schuckman, Katie Kraushaar, Mayor John Spring, Dr. Crystal Perry, and Whitney Williams. Your time and talents helped make a good night great!

Thank you to our distinguished 2012 Trivia Night Judges: Judge Bob Adrian, Deacon Terry Ellerman, and Laura Kent Donahue.

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 Emily Robbearts and Sarah Roman for sharing their time and talent training Birthright volunteers on resources in our community.

Thank you to all who respond to our newsletter with your generous donations & to our volunteers for everything you do for the mothers and babies of our community!

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: birthrightquincyil@att.net

Visit us @ www.birthrightquincyil.org



Letter from the Director

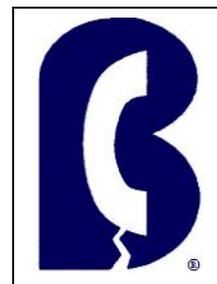
Happy New Year! We are still here!! Amazing Grace keeps us on the path ... in His Holy Grace. Reflecting on 2012, I am delighted to share with you how God continues to hold us, guide us, and bless Birthright and our service to those who seek answers and support at perhaps the most difficult time in their life. Remembering our purpose, our goal remains the same and is purely motivated by our love for God, the unborn, and their mommies ... a small part of the Pro-Life movement yet incredibly affective as we enter into the Holy state of Grace with a God who loves these girls and women and is eager to heal, restore, and empower them to overcome all the problems that accompany an unplanned pregnancy. Sometimes it is very hard to know where to start, where to enter into their "mess," and yet, to enter as a true friend knowing that we have your support and God's amazing wisdom to really make a difference in their life. We are not there to take away their "choice" or make them "do the right thing." Just as God trusted the human race with a "free will" we also trust our clients with the God-given ability to make the best decision for themselves and their baby. In May, I was privileged to support and comfort a beautiful woman who made the ultimate sacrifice of love by offering her little boy for adoption. Due to serious health problems, she knew she couldn't give him the future he deserved. It was a perfect example of true Love. 2012 also produced more opportunities to reach the "abortion-minded girl" through our website. Each need is so different, and many clients seem so much more desperate than ever before, so we are stepping up our efforts to be equipped to handle any need with more extensive training this year starting Feb. 9th. Please put this date on your calendar, and if you're New Year's resolution is to volunteer, please contact me as we continue to be ready for the amazing stories that God will write for us at Birthright this year. Thank you as always for your prayers and support as we continue to serve. Special Kudos to my amazing family—my husband Bill, and our Kids and Grandkids who work so hard all year to support me and my efforts as director—I would be lost without them.

God Bless!

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