



BIRTHRIGHT OF QUINCY

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WHAT'S NEW

How about a new look for our newsletter for starters ... The original format has served us very well and has earned its retirement. We hope to bring you more variety and flexibility with our newsletters going forward.

The Students for Life Club at Quincy University (pictured on page 2 of this newsletter) have taken up the cause of spreading the good news of Birthright throughout their campus. They have recently received Birthright fliers from us and will be posting them across campus for their peers who may need us. It is such a blessing to witness young people act with such courage and conviction for the greater good of others.

Birthright is always looking for ways to operate more efficiently in order to be good stewards of your donated dollars (which can be difficult to do since we already work for free. ☺) Our latest efforts involve switching as many of you as we can to our emailed version of this newsletter in order to cut down on printing and mailing costs. It's the same full color newsletter; it's just delivered to you more quickly and without any direct costs to Birthright. If you can't live without our printed newsletter, no problem ... we'd love to continue sending it to you. But, if you already go online regularly anyway, we encourage you to make the switch. One of our volunteers will be contacting you soon to collect your email addresses if you are willing. Talk to you soon!

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*

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www.birthrightquincyil.org



TESTIMONIAL . . .



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

TABITHA ENSMINGER QUINCY VOLUNTEER

Tabitha is 24 years old and already is passionate about helping other people. She graduated from John Wood and currently is completing her degree in Human Services at Quincy University. Tabitha plans on making a difference in people's lives. She volunteers at Birthright because she believes in what it stands for. Tabitha has a four year old, and being just 19 when her child was born, she has gone through difficult times and has been faced with difficult choices. At Birthright, she is proud to be able to help other women and girls through their difficult times through support and encouragement.

I'm sharing this in hopes that it will help others out there who are in the same position I once was. Most girls have a first love. Mine was twenty-three and I never imagined that I could ever love a person so much. He was "just right" in my eyes, and I believed nothing could go wrong between us – and then I got pregnant. He immediately brought up abortion. I didn't know what to do, except that I wanted to have the baby. He kept worrying about what people would think, and spent all of our time together convincing me to have an abortion. At the same time, I noticed he wasn't around as much now showering me with his love. I called around for someone to talk to, someone who might be able to somehow help me, and I remember crying to a stranger over the phone. She encouraged me to come in and talk, but I wanted to do everything to keep the man of my dreams. I made the appointment at the abortion clinic. He sat in the waiting room to support me during this best-for-us-both Blip in our lives. Less than two weeks later, he broke up with me and became as cold a stranger as the one who performed the procedure. Not a day goes by that I don't have regret. I cry a lot. I can't believe how much hurt I feel over someone I thought I knew but didn't, and someone else I never even met but loved whole-heartedly and miss exponentially. If I could go back, I would have met with that stranger on the phone who offered to listen. I understand why she was there now. It's like Dr. Seuss book says, "I just have to save him, because after all, a person's a person, no matter how small." Don't ever let someone else tell you what's best for you. The gift of life that some of us are lucky enough to be blessed with is between us and our creator. Respect it. Respect life. - Ally



Quincy University Students for Life collected and donated nice baby items to Birthright

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."*

May 3rd, 2014 Dogwood Parade Birthright Float

We need help designing and creating another award-winning float, as well as volunteer walkers to help spread awareness of Birthright during the parade.

Mark your calendar and make this year's Dogwood Parade a meaningful one by joining Birthright's Float in 2014!

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU'S

A special thank you as always to the Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #583 for their continuous support.

Thank you Church of St. Peter and St. Anthony/St. Dominic Church for donating over 100 NICE baby care items to Birthright for Christmas.

Thank you to the following people whose support contributed directly to a very successful 4th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser in 2013:

- St. Dominics
- David Adam, Emcee
- Katie Price, Donna Vogel, Glenda Yates, Silent Auction
- Matt Schuckman, Lifeline
- Fr. John Doctor, Lifeline
- Brian Inman, Lifeline
- Steve Eighinger, Lifeline
- Hon. Bob Adrian, Judge
- Laura Kent Donahue, Judge
- Deacon Terry Ellerman, Judge
- Birthright Volunteers
- Teams, Players, and Donors

4TH ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT TRIVIA NIGHT
at St. Dominic's Gym in Quincy on Saturday, November 2nd, 2013. 35 teams enjoyed 11 new categories of trivia with Birthright's unique twist as well as the best Silent Auction in the Quincy area.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .

Hello Birthright friends,

This marks my first letter to you as I fill in for Director Patty Adam, who is enjoying some well-deserved R & R as she recharges and prepares to continue God's work serving the clients of Birthright of Quincy. Many of you who know Patty have seen firsthand how much she gives of herself to others through this particular ministry. Her past letters have certainly detailed our community's need for Birthright, but this letter gives me the opportunity to help others realize how much goes into satisfying that need by Birthright's few. As volunteer Director, Patty works more hours per week now than she did before she retired. And some are hard hours, filled with emotion and angst. And her volunteers, and her family, do as well. And they love it. And they are glad to do it. But they need more help. Birthright needs more people like Patty who are willing to commit to rescuing women and girls from the brink of despair. We're talking about a commitment of a few hours per month—productive hours, helping clients find solutions to the problems they worry about the most. Hours spent listening as a true friend to someone who needs it more than you might imagine ... but as much as we all deserve. The reward is immeasurable. God creates each life with purpose, and Birthright's work helps expecting Mother's to achieve the Blessings that He has intended in their lives. If you've ever held a child that belonged to you, a relative, or a friend, you can imagine the joy that will be yours holding the child of a Birthright client who is eternally grateful to you just for being a friend. Change a life. Volunteer.

Warmest Regards,
Joe Bordewick
Assistant Director, Birthright of Quincy

"THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO LIVE YOUR LIFE. ONE IS AS THOUGH NOTHING IS A MIRACLE. THE OTHER IS AS THOUGH EVERYTHING IS A MIRACLE."

~ ALBERT EINSTEIN

*Client Statistics – 4th Quarter 2013
40 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 the unborn and their mothers to serve our area. Your help in any of these ways would be appreciated. 

**EMAIL BIRTHRIGHTQUINCYIL@ATT.NET OR CALL
PATTY ADAM AT 217-440-8388 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 new
maternity or baby
clothes**

**Birthright Office
217-224-1277**

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

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!