

**Winter
2010
Quarterly
Newsletter**



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**ADOPT A BIRTHRIGHT BUS-STOP BENCH
IN QUINCY FOR 2011**

One of our very best marketing tools for 2010 was our bus-stop bench on the corner of 30th & Maine in Quincy, which not only led many of our clients to Birthright this past year, but also served as a steady reminder for the rest of the community that we are here. We now have two more benches this year at 12th & Maine and 18th & College. Eric Knockel, the bench owner, has offered us a great discount (thank you Eric) but a significant expense of \$200 per bench per year remains. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to make a specific tax-deductible charitable contribution for 2011 that will surely make a difference in the lives of many in desperate need. There are three benches available for adoption in 2011 at a cost of \$200 each, as well as the opportunity to "ADOPT" our local website, BirthrightQuincyl.org, in 2011 for \$125. The remaining website costs are being sponsored by Eric Thomas of ETC Computerland (thank you Eric). Both the website & the benches are and will continue to be a significant marketing tool for Birthright of Quincy, and by adopting them for 2011 you are helping to free up Birthright funds for use towards those clients the benches and website bring us. Bench and website sponsors will be recognized in our newsletter and on our website, and will have the gratitude of Birthright Volunteers and Clients throughout our area, along with the personal satisfaction of knowing you made a difference in the lives of both women and child.

To Adopt a Bench or the Website for 2011 or beyond

Send your gift to **BIRTHRIGHT, Adopt-a-Bench, P.O. Box 407, Quincy, IL 62306**



BIRTHRIGHT OF QUINCY IS ONLINE

Our new local website offers information about Birthright of Quincy, our contact information, our philosophy, our services and office hours, upcoming events, current and past newsletters, and how the community can get involved with Birthright. We also provide a link to Birthright International, as well as an opportunity to email us or subscribe to our newsletter. This site is designed for supporters and clients alike ... so visit Birthright of Quincy online today, and tell your friends and family too!

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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**

Check out our new website @

www.Birthrightquincyl.org

FACTS & FAQS

Fact "Diaper" backwards spells "Repaid".

Fact According to researchers from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, the more children a married couple have, the happier they are.

-United Press International

Fact Morning sickness doesn't always occur in the morning.

-encyclopedia.com

Q. Who volunteer more—men or women?

A. 58% of volunteers are female

-Bureau of Labor Statistics

Q. Who said, "There is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies"?

A. Winston Churchill

-allgreatquotes.com



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

Testimonial . . .

I was raised in a good, Christian, pro-life family; when I was little, I remember thinking, "how could anybody kill a baby?" When I was eighteen, I moved out on my own and began attending college. I had my first serious boyfriend and life seemed right on track. I was very busy, so I didn't even notice when I missed my first period. The next month came and went so I bought a home pregnancy test ... Bam—positive. I started freaking out. What was I going to do? My life was over. I couldn't have a baby ... I could barely take care of myself. What were my parents going to think? What about my boyfriend—he probably wouldn't want a baby. What about college? A career? It was decided in that moment. I had convinced myself that I had no other choice and all of my better judgment went right out the window. Everything I had been taught about this baby living in my belly was gone now. My mind was set—I was going to have an abortion ... and it would be quick and easy and then I would go on with my life like it never happened and no one would ever even know—except for my best friend. We drove to an abortion clinic in Peoria and sat and waited in the waiting room. Tick, tock, the seconds felt like minutes and the minutes like hours. I was horrified as I looked around amid women joking and laughing. I heard one girl say, "this is my third, how bout you?" It made me sick to my stomach. My friend looked at me and said, "let's not do this today, okay?" I agreed and we drove back home. Thankfully my friend had heard of Birthright and suggested that we go there and at least talk to a volunteer. I was scared that this volunteer was going to shame me into keeping my baby ... or even worse, call my parents! When we walked into the Birthright office we were greeted by a nice lady with a big bright smile. I sure wasn't feeling cheerful, but somehow I felt a bit comforted by that smile. She administered a pregnancy test and we talked for two hours straight ... I felt completely comfortable with this total stranger. I told her why it just wasn't possible for me to have this baby and I even told her all the reasons why, but one by one we went through my problems and somehow seemed to find solutions for all of them. She even went with me to talk to my parents and my boyfriend when I was ready. Anyways, I gave birth to a 9 pound, 7 ounce little girl several months later. To think that I almost gave all of this up. How could I have ever thought that this little girl wasn't exactly what I needed. One of the first visitors I had in the hospital was the Birthright volunteer that helped me that day. She had that same huge smile on her face that she did the first day I walked into the Birthright office. At that moment, I just knew everything was going to be okay. I almost made the biggest mistake of my life, and Birthright changed my life. They truly helped me and they saved my daughter's life.

-Jaime

Volunteer Spotlight



Mary Jane Bauer

Quincy Volunteer Treasurer

After 34 years of teaching, Mary Jane began volunteering with Birthright in 2003. She believes it is everyone's civic duty to give back to their community by volunteering, especially after retirement, and she is proud to serve a worth-while mission that makes a real difference in the lives of so many at Birthright in Quincy. In addition to her vital post at Birthright, Mary Jane continues to teach part-time, volunteers at the Blessing Tea Room, is a fundraiser for organizations like the PBPA, and serves as an organist for St. Francis Church and Holy Family Chapel.

Upcoming Events

Birthright Float in the Dogwood Parade

TBA – May 2011

KC BBQ Birthright Booth (Raffle/Bake Sale)

TBA – August 2011

2nd Annual Birthright Trivia Night

TBA – November 2011

New Volunteers Are Training Now!

We still need new volunteers, including several key positions. Contact the Director if you or someone you know is interested.

Make a donation to Birthright without spending a dime ...

When you switch to our e-newsletter, you save Birthright the cost of printing and mailing. If you really like receiving our mailed newsletter – no problem! But, if you use your email regularly anyway, why not make the switch and enjoy our full color version at virtually no cost to Birthright!

To Switch to our Email Newsletter:

Email us at birthrightquincyl@att.net with "Switch to E-Newsletter" in the subject line, and include your name & address. We'll take care of the rest!

Birthright of Quincy CLIENT STATISTICS

1st Quarter 2010 (Jan – Mar)

24 Clients served

2nd Quarter 2010 (Apr – Jun)

26 Clients served

3rd Quarter 2010 (Jul – Sep)

33 Clients served

4th Quarter 2010 (Oct – Dec)

36 Clients served

119 Clients served in 2010!



Thank You

Thank you to Eric Knochel at Parkit for your help with Birthright's new beautiful bus-stop benches!

Thank you to Eric Thomas & ETC Computerland for your continued support with Birthright's IT needs, especially your work with our new website!

Thank you to our Celebrity Expert Lifelines at our 1st annual Trivia Night: Don O'Brien, Dennis Oliver, Steve Eighinger, & Don Crim.

Thank you to our panel of esteemed judges at our 1st annual trivia Night: Lonny Lemon, Bob Adrian, Terry Ellerman, & Bruce Rice.

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Birthright of Quincy



Thank you to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, and to St. Peter, St. Anthony, & St. Dominic Catholic Churches for your generous and much needed & appreciated donations!

Thank you to Zanger & Associates for choosing Birthright as their charity for 2010!

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

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

Thank you to all who respond to our newsletter with your generous donation!

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Visit us online @ Birthrightquincyl.org



Letter from the Director

What a great opportunity to rest a bit and reflect back on the past year. Please, take some time out of your busy schedule to sit quietly and reflect. For me, this is a great time to evaluate where the past year has taken me ... besides just another year older. "Our God is a God of balance," so I try to make sure my scale isn't tipping too far in any one direction. Once again in 2011, I promised myself that I will eat better and exercise more, and as each year goes by, I find those goals are becoming more practical and attainable. I have taken the month of January to travel and get away for a while ... a nice vacation, although I remain connected by phone, email, and this newsletter to Birthright's clients, volunteers, and other supporters.

Our success in 2010 was, at times, both amazing and overwhelming! I am very proud to say that Birthright has established itself as a well -respected & sought after organization in Quincy, and all of Birthright's representatives have served our purpose well with wonderful, selfless, and caring support. No matter how you were able to help, each one of you are wonderfully unique & special and bring something very valuable to our organization—Thank You.

Even though my assistant, Joe Bordewick, does not need or want any type of personal recognition for his contributions, I must say that many of the incredible improvements and updates, such as the newsletter, website, Facebook page, updated training manuals, and basically every other area of our organization has been due in large part to his hard work. I want to personally thank him for being a breath of fresh air and an avenue of great hope for what Birthright of Quincy really can and should be. It has been scary for me at times to tread in areas where I felt inadequately equipped or unsure, but Joe's education and experience, ethical and professional approach, genuine kindness and encouragement, and his great love for Birthright and what we stand for has led our beloved Birthright to a new place in our community where we can have a greater impact helping our dear clients and their babies.

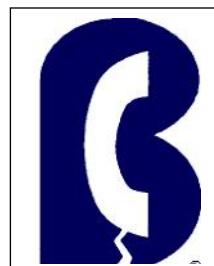
We can pat ourselves on the back briefly, but realize that we must roll up our sleeves & continue to work even harder to improve every day and do more to help others in need. I know as we put God and others first, God will always take care of us! Again, I invite you to join us in our efforts. We still need more phone and office volunteers because we need to be open more for the clients who need us ... we need more speakers and more help with fundraising ... and we need to get more of our brochures & flyers into schools and other agencies that can offer their clients our services. I would like to host 4 "volunteer nights" in 2011; times and dates TBA. If you are interested in getting involved & would like to know more, please call me at 217-440-8388 or email me at pattybilla@att.net. As you take a moment to reflect on 2010 and look ahead, let volunteering be a part of your new year's resolution.

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Sincerely,

Patty Adam

Patty Adam, Director, Birthright of Quincy
(217)440-8388, pattybilla@att.net



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. 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 _____

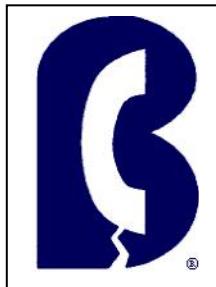
If so, where would you like it sent? NAME: _____

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

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) _____ 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 LL Suite A, Quincy, IL 62301

OR BirthrightQuincyIL@att.net