# Birthright of Quincy, Illinois

# 3 NEWSLETTER

Helping expectant mothers & their babies in Quincy since 1973.

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#### WHAT IS BIRTHRIGHT?

We are a non-profit, non-judgmental, non-denominational organization funded completely by donations from our community & staffed 100% by volunteers. Our goal is to provide pregnant women and girls any support they need to bring their child into the world & beyond. We are not political or controversial. We believe an expectant mother should never feel like abortion is her only option.

#### WHAT DO WE OFFER?

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL:
Friendship & Support, Reliable
Pregnancy Tests, Maternity &
Baby Clothes, Information &
Referrals, and more.

# WHAT'S NEW?

#### Implementation of a New Initiative

We are currently implementing a new initiative that will help increase our reach of potential clients online. We are partnering with a pro-life, non-for-profit digital marketing firm called Life Advancement Group (LAG) that specializes in pro-life target advertising by using cutting-edge technology along with Google ads. This new endeavor is expected to help us reach more abortion-minded women and girls online so we can speak with them directly and offer them our services. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward with this new adventure in our mission!

#### Reassignment of Officers

Our beloved Penny Roberts has decided to step down as director due to her busy schedule. Thankfully she has agreed to stay on as a volunteer. Thank you, Penny, for your time and dedication with Birthright! We are very blessed to have you on our team!

Pam Eftink and Katie Klauser have agreed to be our co-directors moving forward, and Susan Asher has agreed to be our secretary. We are so thankful these ladies have taken on these important roles at Birthright!

# We now have a blog!

Scan the code below with the camera on your smartphone to read our blog posts!





#### <u>WEBSITE</u> www.birthrightquincyil.org



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PLEASE HELP GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT BIRTHRIGHT'S MISSION BY LIKING, SHARING AND FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM. THANK YOU!!



#### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

In Memory of Our Dear Friend
Sylvia Collins
Oct. 1. 1932 - Feb. 22, 2022

We deeply miss our dear friend, Sylvia, who was a Birthright volunteer since 2004. She loved helping people and had a passion for the unborn and their mothers. Her motivation was to prevent others from feeling the pain and regret a loved one close to her has felt since aborting many years ago.

Sylvia worked at Motorola for 24 years and retired from Radio Shack after 26 years and then used her time to give selflessly to her community through Birthright and as a volunteer DJ (Sylvia's Smooth Jazz) on WQJC 107.9.

She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church where she was very active in the Secular Franciscans, St. Francis Liturgy, St. Francis Food Pantry, and flower committee, and as a communion minister, reader and greeter. And in addition to being a Birthright volunteer, she was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

We are forever grateful for the selfless acts of love Sylvia dedicated to Birthright and the Quincy community.

## Testimonial...

Reflecting on how complicated life can be, I am just forever grateful that we found Birthright of Quincy... I hardly know where to start...

My friend, who used to be my girlfriend, dropped a bomb on me when she said she was pregnant. She's now with a new guy, and still wants me to be in her life and help take care of her... Very difficult and complicated! I really want her back and would love to take care of her and our baby! Problem is, she doesn't want me that way... Even though it is hard to just be friends. I truly love her and want her to be happy; even if it doesn't include me.

She wanted to abort for many good reasons and even though I didn't agree with that decision, I agreed to help. I googled abortion in or near Quincy and saw an ad for Birthright so I assumed they would help. To my surprise, they did help, but not like I expected them to. After talking on the phone with the Birthright volunteer for an hour and a half, we had a new plan. The very kind and understanding person on the phone seemed to know exactly how we felt and how to help us. We were offered a free ultrasound to be able to make an informed decision based on how developed the baby was.

In the meantime, my friend fell in love with our baby! Now that we have Birthright to help us, we know that everything will be OK. There are still some unanswered questions but just realizing that we will get all the help we need from a trusted friend gives us so much peace and hope. We are so grateful to Birthright of Quincy! -Ben

## 12TH ANNUAL Trivia Night 2021

We would like to thank everyone who participated in any way with our 12th Annual (Virtual) Birthright Trivia Night 2021! We had lots of fun (as usual!) and we are so thankful for everyone who helped make it a success: our fantastic emcee. Dan Deibert, all the players, the Birthright volunteers who worked behind the scenes, Diana Hagenah who provided us 'command central', all of our thoughtful sponsors who gave so GENEROUSLY, as well as area businesses who donated items for prizes for our top 2 teams! 1st Place was Team "Why Google Sinatra when you can Bina Crosby?" and 2nd Place was Team "Suk it Trebek". Again, many thanks to everyone who supports our mission. We live in an amazing community that truly blesses us with love and support to help us continue serving mothers and their babies in the tri-state area.



1st place winners!
Team "Why Google Sinatra when you can Bing Crosby?"



2nd place winners!

Team "Suk it Trebek"



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Save the dates!

K of C BBQ Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle August 12, 13, 14

13th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction Saturday, November 5, 2022

**Upcoming Training Date** Sunday, July 10th @ 2pm

**Annual Volunteer Banquet TBA** 

## THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to the Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #583 for their continued support.
- Thank you to all the volunteers, businesses and individuals who contributed in any way to our 2021 trivia night.
- Thank you to everyone who donated baby items at Christmas time (and anytime!) to help keep our supplies well-stocked.
- Thank you to all of our Birthright volunteers. We welcome our new volunteers and thank them for stepping up to help our community.
- Thank you to the QU Students for Life for their continued support.
- Thank you to the wonderful ladies at Beacon of Light Pregnancy Center in Maryville, IL for their guidance, expertise and resources to help us with our new online ad campaign endeavor -with Life Advancement Group -- to reach more mothers and girls online who may need our services.

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



MANY THANKS TO OUR TRIVIA **NIGHT SPONSORS! WE ARE SO BLESSED BY** YOUR **GENEROSITY!** 

Our trivia emcee: Dan Deibert with HIP Trivia Website: hiptrivia.com Email: dan@hiptrivia.com Contact Dan for your next virtual trivia event!



#### Letter from the President...

So much has happened, and there's been so many changes for all of us in the last couple of years, it's hard to put into words... As many of you know, my husband and I both contracted Covid at the end of August last year. My wonderful husband passed away September 2nd and I was very ill for several months also fighting for my life. Even though it's been over eight months, I still have long-term effects from Covid & I ask for your prayers to continue to get well.

God has truly blessed Birthright during all of these difficult & trying times with amazing volunteers and support from our wonderful community. The needs of women and girls did not go away because of Covid. In fact, we have seen an increase in contacts of precious clients who need our help. These are desperate times, and our community has not let us down. There's not enough room on these pages to let you know how grateful I am for all of you! As you continue to help us, we hopefully will have an opportunity to help even more. We also ask you to pray for us as we continue to serve.... Patty

Please help support our cause by liking, sharing and following us on social media!





# 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 local expectant mothers. Your help in any of these ways would be appreciated.

EMAIL: help@birthrightquincyil.org OR CALL
PATTY ADAM @ 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** 

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

# HELP YOUR COMMUNITY. DONATE.

Please mail your tax-deductible financial contribution to: Birthright

Birthright PO 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 money, gift cards, new maternity or baby clothes, diapers, or other items.

Birthright Office: 217-224-1277

Patty Adam, President Pam Eftink, Co-director Katie Klauser, Co-director Susan Asher, Secretary Mary Jane Bauer, Treasurer

We are asking for the support of your donation—whether it be cash/gift cards or the gift of NEW maternity or baby clothes/items. 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!