

Birthright of Quincy, Illinois

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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.

BIRTHRIGHT CONTINUES TO BE BLESSED!



The KC BBQ was a huge success due to our supporters, volunteers, sponsors, and patrons!



Donations at Christmas time!



Our first-ever billboard donated by an anonymous supporter!

Our new location is 1200 Broadway, in the lower level of the Zanger Realty building. We feel so blessed to be in the Zanger building (again)! Thank you to our area pastors, deacon, and priest who came to offer special blessings for our new office space!



Check out our blog!

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



Visit us online!

www.birthrightquincyil.org





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Susan Asher

Hi to all, my name is Susan Asher, and I have been a volunteer with Birthright for over three years. I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. I met my husband, Terry, while we were both serving in the Air Force. After we retired, we moved to Quincy in 2002 to be near Terry's family. My journey to becoming a volunteer at Birthright is a long one. It started in St. Maria Goretti High School in Philadelphia, when I first heard about abortions and then the Supreme Court decision that made it legal. As a young adult I prayed for an end to abortion and supported pro-life organizations. When we moved to Quincy, I became involved in the St. Peter Parish's Pro-life ministry in 2005. The foundation of this ministry is prayer, education, and supporting pro-life organization and causes. It wasn't until 2021 that I realized I needed to do something more concrete. Through prayer, I was led to Birthright. Birthright's mission is to work with moms in crisis pregnancies so that they can overcome obstacles to giving life. The work they do is important and powerful. In a nutshell they save lives!!

With the support and encouragement of the Birthright Board (Patty Adam, Pam Eftink, and Katie Klausner), I found where I could best serve. I am usually there on Mondays doing office work, sorting, and organizing our baby item room or organizing our computer files. I also enjoy being involved in the Adams County web-based program that links non-profit charity organizations and the Adams County Health Department to each other. This is where we can reach out to other organizations to help our moms in need or other organizations can reach out to us as well. I feel that if I can work in the background, then the ladies that do counsel the moms in crisis pregnancies can concentrate on them.

There are a lot of moving pieces to operating a crisis pregnancy center, like Birthright. If I can play a part and help, I am happy to do so.

2024 KC BBQ SPONSORS

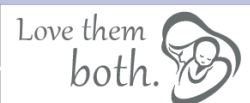
We are so incredibly blessed by our KC BBQ stand sponsors! We cannot thank them enough for their amazing generosity as it helps us continue helping mothers and babies in our community!!

Birthright's Presenting Sponsors:



**Thank you to all of our
2024 KC BBQ SPONSORS!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the dates!

**K of C BBQ 2025
Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle
August 8, 9, and 10**

**Upcoming Training Date
TBA**

**Annual Volunteer Banquet
TBA**

THANK YOU'S

- We thank the Quincy Knights of Columbus Council #583 for their continued support and for donating and displaying our pro-life signs on their property.
- Thank you to everyone who donated baby items at Christmas time (and anytime!) to help keep our supplies well-stocked, and thank you to the wonderful people who coordinated.
- Thanks to all of our volunteers. We welcome our new volunteers and appreciate them for stepping up to help our community.
- Thank you to Paddles for a Purpose for choosing us as the benefiting recipient for their event in August.
- Thank you to Noon Kiwanis of Quincy for choosing Birthright as a recipient of their generous grant.
- Thank you to the Diocese of Springfield for choosing Birthright as a recipient of their generous grant from the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope.
- Thank you to the following for displaying our pro-life signs on their properties: Bethel Assembly of God, St. Francis, St. Dominic, Area Home Services, and River of Life Church.

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

Testimonial...

I had been raised to believe in the sanctity of life, but by age 24 I found myself scared, confused, and alone . . . I found myself pregnant. I had no family support except for my 75-year-old grandmother who had helped raise me. I was very angry with my "boyfriend" who now wanted nothing to do with me or our baby, so I scheduled an appointment at the abortion clinic to "fix" the terrible mistakes I had made. On the way there I realized I couldn't go through with it, but I still didn't know what to do. I wished I could go to sleep and then wake up problem-free. My grandmother contacted Birthright, and although I was afraid, I talked to a volunteer. She didn't judge me, but really cared and listened. She helped me find real solutions and gave me the chance to make the best choices possible, which for me included adoption for my child. It was the most loving and selfless thing I could do as a mother, and with the right help I know I will find the perfect family to love and care for my baby. ~Janice

Letter from the President...

Dear friends of Birthright:

A big thank you to Katie Klauser for a beautiful job creating this newsletter... as you can see, Birthright has been very busy this last year. There are so many people to thank for helping our Birthright in Quincy be the best we can be!

I hope you will take some time to come and visit our new beautiful office space. A return to the basement of Zanger Realty feels like coming home after being away for 5 years.. with so much extra room that flows perfectly for our office volunteers and clients. We are so grateful for the opportunity to continue to offer our free services for mommies and babies.

I hope you have seen our beautiful first-ever billboard in front of the Hy-Vee gas station at 12th and Harrison. We also have a beautiful new sign in front of the Knights of Columbus. We thank them for their continued support and their donation of this beautiful sign. There are also small signs in strategic places all over Quincy suggesting the gift of babies are not a mistake, but a masterpiece! ❤️

Please, please pray like you've never prayed before for God to make abortion unthinkable... 65% of all abortions are now chemical. It's so hard to offer girls and women our wonderful services if they don't have a need to even ask for help.

I hope you will all find a way to get involved with protecting the unborn. Pray about what God is calling you to do then act on it. Please pray for me and all of the wonderful volunteers at Birthright. Thank you! ❤️

~ Patty

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 @ 217-577-8558 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
 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 Klausner, Co-director
 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!