Birthright of Pittsburgh, Inc.

***"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born."* - Louise Summerhill, founder, Birthright International (1968)**

47 Years in Pittsburgh!

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Merry Christmas!

BIRTHRIGHT LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Birthright friends gather around Father Joseph Freedy. Father Freedy was the guest speaker for the luncheon.

Executive Director, Paula Smith (L) with Kea Michaels. In November she performed for Birthright's luncheon at The Chadwick.

"Soul with a touch of Jazz" defines Kea's melodious voice. Like the mingling of the three rivers of Pittsburgh, she sings jazz, show tunes and R&B. Kea is Pittsburgh's musical gift to itself and she belongs to all of us. Just listen to her new video.

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Just released: Kea's Official Music Video:
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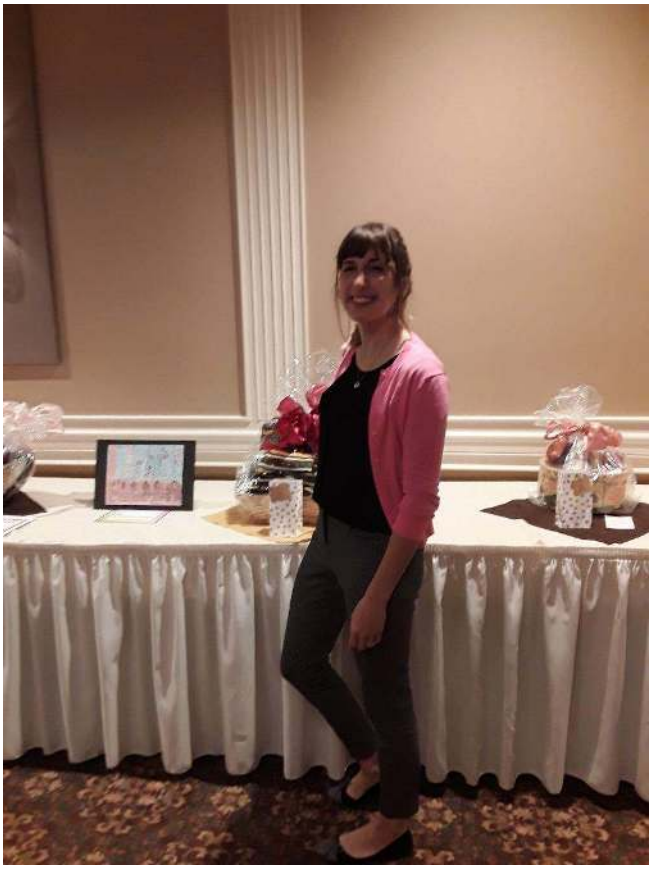
Birthright members & friends socialize at luncheon



RECENT EVENTS

PCUC October 2018 banquet. L to Rt: Mary Robson, Helen Cindrich, PCUC Director, and Paula Smith.

Paula Smith won a basket!

In the News…

Washington D.C., Nov 28, 2018 (CNA/EWTN News).- A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that abortion rates in 2015 reached their lowest level in 10 years, although limitations in data collection make it difficult to assess actual abortion numbers in the U.S.

The CDC has monitored the number of women who seek a legal abortion since 1969, and relies on voluntary reporting of abortion statistics from the areas being studied. The CDC's analysis covered the years 2006-2015.

The analysis found a range of abortion rates in 2015 across different areas of the U.S. - from 2.8 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years in South Dakota, to 23.1 abortions per 1,000 women in New York.

A total of 638,169 abortions for 2015 were reported to CDC, leading to a ratio of 188 abortions per 1,000 live births. This is compared to over 1.4 million abortions in 1990.

The data suggested a decrease in the number of abortions among women 15-44 by 26 percent, and an overall decrease in the number of abortions per 1,000 live births by 19 percent, compared to 2006.

The majority of women who had abortions in 2015 were in their 20s. Nearly 60 percent of those who had abortions in 2015 were women who had given birth before, and nearly half had had abortions before.

The analysis notably does not include data on the number of abortions performed during 2006–2015 in the states of California, Maryland, and New Hampshire. The report notes its own limitations, stating that these three states "did not provide CDC data on a consistent annual basis."

"During the period covered by this report, the total annual number of abortions reported to CDC was 68%–71% of the number recorded by the [Planned Parenthood-aligned] Guttmacher Institute through a national census of abortion providers," the report reads.

California is the most populous state in the U.S. and has almost no laws restricting abortion.

Meet new volunteer—Janice DiCarolis!

Janice DeCarolis holds a fetal model.

Birthright Luncheon Fundraiser
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With Appreciation

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Thank you to the volunteers: Katey Devine, Maria Harper, Jacob Heilman, Paul Hoffmann, Debbie Natali, Michaela Pershe, and Mary Robson. You are a special group, many of whom have been faithful to Birthright for a long time. Your light and goodness burns bright and steady in devotion for mothers and unborn babies.

A special mention to Norbert “Chip” Kelsch and John Fries for their invaluable professional expertise and humble generosity in filming “A Child’s Right.”

Most of all, from our hearts we say thank you to our donors. Without your unwavering support month after month and year after year, we would never remain a beacon of hope in the darkness for mothers uncertain and worried about caring for the little one within them. Your commitment guides and inspires us along the way as we work together for a common purpose. You are the spirit of Birthright.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a momentous day for Birthright!

All Life is Sacred.
Birthright of Pittsburgh offers heartfelt condolences and mourns the losses with family, friends and members of Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill.

"As long as we live, they too will live. For they are now a part of us as we remember them."
~Jewish Prayer