

Birthright of Pittsburgh, Inc

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"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



We are so very happy to share our newly installed sign with you, our Birthright family! It is our hope that with it we will welcome as many women who need us to avail themselves of our help and support! When vulnerable women and girls seeking a pregnancy test enter Planned Parenthood, or other abortion facilities, they are easy prey for those pushing an abortion agenda. Rather than offer encouragement and support, these entities often manipulate using fear tactics to achieve their heartless goal. Birthright is here to be the voice of hope, offering practical resources, emotional support and accompaniment from the moment the woman finds out she is pregnant, throughout all nine months and beyond! Thanks to you and your generous support, Birthright continues to offer alternatives to abortion to woman and girls most in need of help in these difficult times. Where there is life there is hope!

Upcoming Event

Please join us at the Birthright office at 7:00pm on September 21st for our upcoming **BIRTHRIGHT OPEN HOUSE WINE AND CHEESE DIAPER DRIVE! We will begin the evening with the blessing of our new sign, and then enjoy a tour of our office while sharing some wine and cheese and learning about our mission. Please bring size 1 and 2 diapers to share with our Birthright babies!**

BIRTHRIGHT USA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Hundreds of Birthright chapters attended the Birthright International convention in Atlanta GA this past June. This year's convention was a special celebration of 50 years of sharing love and hope with pregnant moms and their babies in the USA! Only 1 year after its 1968 founding by Louise Summerhill in Toronto Canada, the first Birthright USA chapter opened its doors in Atlanta GA. Since then, hundreds of chapters have been inspired to open all over the country and in several nations throughout the globe! The opening of the Birthright International call center soon followed. Also housed in Atlanta, the call center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer support and direct women to their local Birthright chapters. This year's convention provided an opportunity for chapter directors and volunteers to draw encouragement and knowledge from one another as they work towards the common goal of creating a culture of life and love! Truly, the essence of Birthright is love!

Executive Director, Regina (front left), and Birthright convention attendees enjoyed a wonderful night of friendship and fun!



Wish List

Newborn diapers

Size 1 diapers

Size 2 diapers

New baby boy clothing 3- 12 mos

Receiving blankets

Gift cards to Giant Eagle

Hand knit items

Small baby toys

Baby books

MEET OUR NEW VOLUNTEER



Regis Flaherty recently retired as General Manager of the National Institute for Newman Studies. Previously, he was Director of the Gilmary Retreat Center. He is a bestselling author and continues to work as a retreat director and speaker. With Libbie, his wife of 44 years, he has four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He has been involved in pro-life activities for many years, beginning in college at Duquesne University, where in 1974 he was involved in the first pro-life rally and prayer service on campus. He joined Birthright of Pittsburgh as a volunteer in April of this year. He is helping with a variety of activities including the Red Rose Campaign.

When asked why he decided to volunteer at Birthright, Regis responded, “I wanted to work with an organization that helps both mother and child in very personal and tangible ways, and Birthright has been doing that for years. Since starting here, I have been so impressed by the generosity, care, and dedication exhibited by Regina and all the volunteers. I just hope that I can contribute to the good work that helps so many women and children.”

Opportunities

Have you been wanting to get more involved in helping to build a culture of life in your community? Birthright is looking for volunteers! Our non profit Pregnancy Support Center is completely volunteer driven and needs caring, compassionate people just like YOU to help our women have their babies with dignity and support. Consider becoming a Birthright volunteer today! Call us @ 412-621-1988, or email us at hope@birthrightpittsburgh.org.

A REMEMBRANCE OF NANCY P. SULLIVAN

by Paula A. Smith



Birthright celebrates a 40th Anniversary in 2011. Nancy Sullivan stands at the cake with members.

Nancy Sullivan died unexpectedly ten days after her 75th birthday on May 30, 2019. She and her husband, Edward J. Sullivan, were married for more than 50 years and were the parents of four children with six grandchildren. She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Nursing and the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing and School of Medicine, where she worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner.

In 1974, while caring for a young family, Nancy became a Birthright of Pittsburgh volunteer three years after the organization was founded by Rita Cunningham. She continued to faithfully serve countless mothers and babies at Birthright for many years as a volunteer, board officer and board president. She lived her pro-life commitment to the unborn through tireless involvement with clients, training new volunteers, board leadership, fundraising and educational outreach. Her husband, Ed, also supported Birthright by coordinating Red Rose day collections.

Her son, Ted, said at her memorial service at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Highland Park, where she was a member and deacon since 1969, “She was a loving, and caring daughter, friend, sister and mother. She always had a smile. She gave all of herself in every interaction. She maintained many, many activities at Birthright and always had more time to give. She instilled in us: service, kindness and inclusiveness. Her kindness, love and compassion is still here with us in her children and grandchildren and in those she touched in so many ways.”

Generous donors who gave to Birthright in honor of Nancy Sullivan



Volunteers at Birthright

Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Ellen Christopher

B. Pastorik

Mr. and Mrs. James Richard and Donna Grab

Ms. Cindy Ashley

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Janice Klear

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome and Kathleen O'Sullivan

A LETTER FROM A FRIEND

What can I say about birthright?... Well, I can say that it is an organization that doesn't get enough credit for the work that they do. I can say that the

people who spend their time working there, value others, and value life. I can say all of these things because they are true.

I personally have a relationship with the ladies and gentlemen of this organization. They have helped me through trying times of homelessness, domestic violence, and pregnancy.... It's because of this organization, that I was able to get on the path to now having my own safe home that I can raise a baby in, and finally get on the career path that I have dreamed of.

I also would like to thank the Executive director of Birthright, Regina Ranelli. Regina is an inspiration and a hope for all women. She is dedicating her life to make sure that women don't look at life and see failure, but look at life, so they can see success. Never have I came across a more beautiful person, who is one of the main reasons for my own personal success, and still plays an instrumental part in my life. I also want to thank some of the volunteers who help keep this organization running, they too have the spirit and drive to nurture people in the direction they need to go. Thank you, and I wish this organization many years of success.....