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

- Louise Summerhill, founder of Birthright International

A note from our Director...

I am continually amazed and inspired by the exceptional community of friends who work together to create a culture of life here in Pittsburgh! Though we are from all backgrounds and walks of life and hail from different cultures and various religious denominations, we all share a love of and deepest regard for human life! This shared conviction has made for a powerfully active and deeply committed pro-life community in our beloved city! It is because of this shared commitment that Birthright of Pittsburgh has assisted more abortion-minded women and families to have their babies than ever before! This significant increase in 'abortion saves' at Birthright is in large part due to our greater collaboration with The Sidewalk Advocates and 40 days For life, whose participants stand vigil in front of Planned Parenthood to offer life-saving alternatives to moms and babies! The lives saved due to our ongoing collaboration with these wonderful groups are a clear example of how effective the joined efforts of all of the various members of the Pittsburgh Pro-Life Community truly are! As is written in scripture: "We are many parts, but we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share. Let the Spirit of love make us one indeed, one the love that we share, one our hope in despair, one the cross that we bear." Let us continue to bear the burden for the unborn that we all share together! God uses our many various gifts and talents to do amazing things and save many more lives when we do!

Bus News

Thanks to your generous response to our Birthright Bus Ad 2021 Appeal letter, we have renewed our contract with PAT for an additional six months! There really is no greater priority than to reach abortion-vulnerable women with our message of hope and help! Your generosity on behalf of the unborn and their mothers is saving lives right here in our own hometown! Our deepest gratitude is reflected and expressed by our ongoing advocacy of the moms, babies and families who found their way to Birthright because of your generosity! It is our intention and hope to purchase more ads on additional buses, as well as ads on bus shelters, to reach as many pregnant women as possible in all areas of our city! With your ongoing support, Birthright will continue to help more babies who were in danger of abortion to be born right here in Pittsburgh!



We would like to make available an **electronic version** of our newsletters (and possibly other mailings) to our Pro-life Community here in Pittsburgh. If you would like to take advantage of this new opportunity, **please send us your email at hope@birthrightpittsburgh.org**



Birthright Open House!

*Come join us for an evening to celebrate the blessings of our
new suite.*

Food and fellowship

with the

Prolife Community of Pittsburgh

Date : 10/23 Time: 6:00- 10:00p.m.

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Birthright of Pittsburgh Evenings of Inspiration

As you have likely heard, there has been a significant increase in the number of babies saved through the work of Birthright of Pittsburgh! This being the case, we have decided to invite Birthright parents, so thrilled to have chosen life for their children, to share their stories of encouragement with those who are experiencing challenges surrounding the birth of their unborn children. These “Evenings of Inspiration” will present our uniquely gifted Birthright parents with the opportunity to share encouragement, resources and friendship with those who need it most!

Our moms (and dads) will enjoy a relaxing evening of socialization and snacks, while their babies (cared for by our loving volunteers) enjoy our newly equipped nursery!

Birthright of Pittsburgh has no doubt that these “Evenings of Inspiration” will bless all in attendance and serve to help build a community of support and love for all!



Take a look at our new Nursery! Our moms can relax while the children play.



A Blessing for Birthright

God sent Birthright a great blessing this past spring: Bonnie Goltz! Bonnie, a multi-talented, retired teacher and sidewalk advocate hit the ground running and has yet to stop! In addition to assuming the task of co-editor of our newsletter, Bonnie has spearheaded several organizational and “sprucing” projects to give our new suite a more “homey and welcoming” feel. When asked what brought her to Birthright, Bonnie shared: “As a sidewalk advocate, I wanted to offer real help and solutions to women entering Planned Parenthood. When I interviewed at Birthright, not only did it fit like a glove, but I found a place that could offer the personalized help so needed by these abortion-bound women.” Bonnie has greatly advanced our program with her many gifts and talents, and we know she will continue to be a blessing to Birthright and the families and babies we serve in the years to come!

Join our Volunteer Team!

Our Greatest Need: We would like to staff our office from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., five to six days a week so that we can be available to meet the needs of clients at convenient times for them; although our hotline takes calls 24/7. We hope to have our walk-in services available more frequently.

Ways you can help:

- ◆ Staffing our office by answering phones and/or directing calls as needed to Executive Director
- ◆ Client interaction
- ◆ Providing free pregnancy tests, information on ultrasound, referrals for services (various types of maternal and child support available within our community), free clothing and diapers
- ◆ Newsletter and brochure preparation
- ◆ Creating and updating contact database; technology assistance
- ◆ Speaking at schools, parishes and community organizations about Birthright
- ◆ Helping with Red Rose Day collections
- ◆ Coordinating a diaper or baby clothing drive



New baby clothes, preemie-12 months



- Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kohl's and Macy's**
- Giant Eagle Gift cards**
- PAT bus passes (Port Authority Connect Cards)**
- Uber, Lyft passes (to bring clients to our office)**
- Local fast food restaurant gift cards, such as Subway and McDonald's**
- Baby wash**
- Diaper cream**
- Hooded baby towels**
- Diapers- preemie, newborn, and size 1**

Uniform (all alike) shelving units for our baby items and diapers to make the most of the space we have for our collection. (We have purchased three already and could use more of these units.) They are on wheels so they are easily moved about for volunteers to create layettes for our babies.



Spotlight on Our Volunteers

Rosemary

Her story...



I have been volunteering at Birthright for about three months now, but I have had my sights on the organization for more than 30 years when I lived in the Philadelphia suburbs and a friend told me about her volunteer work there. With my three children grown and most of my work as an editor behind me, I thought this was the best time to start doing more volunteer work. Birthright was tops on my list, as I have always had a passion for doing what it takes to protect the unborn and support their mothers post-birth. I knew when I first walked in the office that I was meant to be there. The director and the volunteers pour so much love into what they do, and they truly care for each and every client. As a devout Catholic who relies on her faith in every aspect of life, I believe God has placed me at Birthright to live out that faith. Aside from my work at Birthright, I also volunteer at my parish and at Beverly's Birthdays, another wonderful organization aimed at serving the needs of children in our community. When I am not doing any of those things, I am probably watching sports, another of my passions!

Emily

Her story...

I have volunteered at Birthright for one year, and it has been such an inspiring experience. Each woman has encouraged me with her strength and determination. Through each new relationship, as we overcome challenges and share joys, I have only become more confident that together we can protect the right to life for all children and provide for the needs of both women and children in every circumstance.

I first started working at Birthright in response to prayer and inspiration from the Holy Spirit. I strive to center my life on submission to the will of God. This foundation has led me to prioritize my Catholic faith, as well as relationships with family and friends and service to others. I have been so blessed to grow up in a beautiful, strong, and loving family and feel compelled to offer from my abundance to families seeking support. Beyond Birthright, I work as a Grade 4-6 Emotional Support teacher in the Pittsburgh area. I also love to travel, read, play volleyball, hike and bike.



Volunteers (Continued)

Marissa

Her story...

I started volunteering at Birthright in March after moving to Pittsburgh in January. I studied biology in college and work in biomedical research now because I love life! Additionally, I believe that every human life is a precious gift and deserves all the rights and dignity given to us by God. I am inspired by Birthright's commitment to being a source of fellowship, strength and resources for women and their families in our community. The right to life is the most pressing issue of our time, and I am motivated to be part of the generation that sees an end to abortion. I previously volunteered at



JMJ Life Center in my hometown of Orlando, FL. I feel very blessed that I found another group of amazing individuals at Birthright of Pittsburgh who are also devoted to defending every child's right to be born. *Outside of work*

and volunteering, I love anything outdoorsy and can always be found reading in my spare time.

Shandee

Her story...

My husband and I have been married 23 years and have three children. The second child has Down Syndrome; we were told to abort and that she would not live. That was 20 years ago!! Our lives would have been so much different without her. Abortion is not the only choice!! We want everyone to know each child is special and will change your lives no matter who they become. Birthright is the best place to give your time because every life matters!!

My husband and I live in Pittsburgh; I'm a teacher, and he gave 27 years of his life to serving as a police detective in the city of Pittsburgh. I am forever grateful to God for sending me to Birthright for this volunteering opportunity. I love it here!!



Volunteers (Continued)

Anna

Her Story...

I have been volunteering at Birthright for two years now on a mostly weekly basis. I am a senior at the University of Pittsburgh and am highly involved in their pro-life student group and Catholic Newman Club. My experience with assisting pregnant women and women with children goes much farther back than two years. Throughout high school, I regularly volunteered with the Sisters of Life, at a Catholic religious order with a charism for supporting the most vulnerable, namely women and their children. Volunteering at Birthright in college has allowed me to better care for my Pittsburgh community, especially women in need. Every time I am in the office, talking with women about their lives and sharing resources, I grow in understanding of what many women go through. This allows me to better care for them individually as well as in other pro-life activities like Sidewalk Advocacy and talking with pro-choice students on campus.



Bonnie

Her Story...

I am a retired elementary teacher and my hubby is a retired Mechanical Engineer. We live in McKeesport with Jenny, our daughter, and Kaitlyn, our 6-year-old, gift-from-God, granddaughter. Our children were adopted decades ago from Catholic Charities in Cleveland, Ohio. Our son, Michael, is an iconographer and photographer. Our daughter works for CVS as a pharm rep. The foster mother of our son (who became a great friend) volunteered at a place called Birthright. At that time I didn't know much about it .

I came to Birthright to answer my own question about how I actually was going to help moms with babies. I started praying at Planned Parenthood (in January after moving back home to Pittsburgh in 2019) and then trained as a Sidewalk Advocate but that was not enough. I had to know how I actually was going to support moms to be.. So far, my prayers are answered. I look forward to many days of helping families.