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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...

As I approach my 3 year anniversary at Birthright, I am reflecting on God's incredible providence for our mission for life! Through our devoted and generous prolife community in Pittsburgh, Birthright of Pittsburgh has expanded it reach and the services we provide! As a result of the astonishing generosity of a number of private donations and Respect Life Groups, we have been able to offer more practical resources to our clients!



Some of these include: diapers and lovely new clothing and blankets for babies, monetary donations to keep us giving, and gift cards for emergency food and shelter when needed! It has long been the belief of Birthright that pregnant women are entitled to all the help necessary to bring their baby to term. Because of the support of our loving community, we are able to meet more of these needs each year! Thank you

Bus News



As you know, because there is no greater priority than to reach abortion-vulnerable women with our message of hope and help, advertising is key! Your generous donations to our advertising fund have truly been a lifesaving investment, as Birthright of Pittsburgh continues to help abortion minded mom's choose life right here in our own hometown!



Frank Cindrich

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Patrick D. Murphy

It is our intention and hope to purchase additional ads at the many bus stop shelters located throughout the city so as to reach as many pregnant women as possible.

With your ongoing support, we can make this goal a reality. Please consider partnering with us to purchase bus shelter ads today!

Attention :



We would like to make available an **electronic version** of our newsletters (and possibly other mailings) to our ProLife Community here in Pittsburgh. If you would like to take advantage of this new opportunity, **please send your email to:**

hope@birthrightpittsburgh.org





Birthright Open House!

Members of the Pro-life community gathered to celebrate life on 10/23 for our Birthright of Pittsburgh Open House!

With live Jazz music to greet them upon their arrival, leaders and volunteers in our beloved and devoted community turned out to make the evening one to remember.

Delicious food, donated by Charlie and Amy Helmstetter, and the KOC Bellevue Council #1400 was enjoyed by all as they visited with new and old friends alike. Some of those on hand included Toni Jester of Rachel's Vineyard, Meredith Parente of The Magee Project, Michael Syugh, President of PCLC, members of the Legion of Mary, Sidewalk Advocates, Charlie and Amy Helmstetter, and a good number of Birthright volunteers, donors, and family members too!



Birthright of Pittsburgh Afternoons of Inspiration



Children's room

Nursery

On Saturday, 10/30, Birthright hosted its first monthly luncheon for clients and their children. This special afternoon gave Birthright's moms the opportunity to enjoy camaraderie and community with one another at time when folks, (especially moms home with infants) are feeling particularly isolated.

Our moms enjoyed a yummy, hot lunch while having the opportunity to share their stories with one another. Hearing the tales of other moms, clearly so happy to have chosen life for their babies, was a source of inspiration for our new clients walking the same path! Our moms were given a chance to recharge as their babies were lovingly cared for by our volunteer babysitters. These wonderful young women from Respect Life at Pitt made sure the little ones had a blast in our new nursery! Our moms left refreshed and encouraged to be part of such a loving and caring community through Birthright of Pittsburgh.

First Client Get Together!



Join our Volunteer Team!

Our Greatest Need: We receive phone calls daily from women who need help with unexpected pregnancies, moms with supply needs (diapers, etc.), Sidewalk Advocates from Planned Parenthood who need our immediate help for a woman, and other types of calls which we are absolutely grateful for!

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. Our hotline takes calls 24/7. We hope to have our walk-in services available more frequently. If you can donate your love by sitting in our office to receive phone calls, we will train you.

Ways you can help:

- ◆ Staffing our office by answering phones and/or directing calls as needed to Executive Director
- ◆ Client interaction
- ◆ Delivering supplies (layettes, diapers, baby equipment, clothing to moms in need.)
- ◆ 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 for mailing.
- ◆ Creating and updating contact database; technology assistance
- ◆ Speaking at schools, parishes and community organizations about Birthright
- ◆ Helping with Red Rose Day collections
- ◆ Coordinating a drive for diaper ,baby clothing, new baby equipment .
- ◆ Organizing infant clothing room



- ◆ 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
- ◆ Diapers 4, 5, and 6
- ◆ Shelving for our baby supplies (\$60 each).

- ◆ Monthly rental fee for our "Greensburg Supply Room" (We inherited many, many baby items from the Birthright office in Greensburg which closed. They paid for a year's rental of a supply room for us. The year ends in early 2022. The monthly fee is \$400.)





**Baby shower for:
Mommy S and Daddy J
celebrated in November.**



Client Corner



*Mommy E's and Baby A's * Story* This time last year Mommy E. was keeping vigil beside Baby A's incubator around the clock. In fact, the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is where she lived for 6 months, as her precious baby fought for her life. Just a few weeks earlier, Mommy E. was transported to Magee Hospital where Baby A. was delivered at 24 weeks, weighing only 1 lb 4 oz. E was an epileptic, who was badly battered by her mentally ill husband, causing her a seizure and go into premature labor. Unfazed by broken ribs, a broken jaw, and post surgical stitches, mom kept prayerful watch, sleeping in a chair, next to her baby day and night! With the prayers of the prolife community of Pittsburgh, and the support channeled through Birthright, Baby A miraculously survived multiple cardiac arrests, repeated episodes of respiratory distress, and several open heart surgeries! There is no doubt in Mommy A's mind that beautiful baby A is alive (and well) because of prayer!

The story, however, didn't end there. While staying at the hospital, it was necessary for E. to attend court to tend to the domestic abuse charges faced by her mentally ill husband. While waiting at the bus stop, she had an Epileptic seizure and was dragged by thugs into an ally where she was sexually assaulted while unconscious. The rapists were eventually found and charged thanks to a security camera which caught the crime on tape. It was only shortly thereafter that E. was faced with the awareness that she had conceived a child. Needless to say E. was overwhelmed by the reality of another baby when Baby A, was not even gestationally 35 weeks old. "I didn't know how I was going to do this all on my own." she said. "I am married: I never planned to be a single mom!" Traumatized by the assault, E. sought the assistance of PARR (Pittsburgh Action Against Rape) and bravely continues to recover from this and past traumas.

Infant A's story

*Note to reader: Both children have names that begin with A.

Little Sis, A's story of her life at less than one month

Once again, however, the story continues. With the encouragement of Birthright, Mommy E. faced her fear and bravely chose life for this new baby. Although tremendously challenging, she persevered. With Baby A. in tow, E. began prenatal care at Magee. Referred by her OB to a Geneticist, E. obediently made an appointment. It was from that very office that she placed a desperate call to Birthright where she informed Regina of the Dr.'s insistence of her need to abort! Having been told this during her previous pregnancy with Baby A., Regina reminded E. of her own mind and heart which did not submit to coercion then, and would not do so now. The end result? A beautiful, healthy, perfect, newborn baby sister A!





Make your Christmas be blessed 100 fold!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
2022.
Happy Chanukah



Please keep our moms, babies,
and their families in your
prayers.