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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 of Birthright International

Meet Them Where They Are

This fall I was (luckily) able to attend the annual Birthright Convention in Nashville, TN. Driving down from Pittsburgh and back with my exclusively breastfed 6.5 month old and my mom to help (thank God!) wasn't what I initially had in mind, but we made it work. Giada clearly enjoyed herself (below) and I learned so much and was excited to share it with all the volunteers!

One of the biggest takeaways, was the importance of having a more welcoming and neutral space for women in crisis and to "meet her where she is". Many times they don't feel they have anyone to listen to them and everyone's always telling them what to do, so giving them this nonjudgemental space to really say what's on their mind can be truly lifesaving!

If you recall, it's been about a year since moving down to the first floor of our building and we have been working really hard to make changes and updates to reflect this sentiment. As you will see in the next few pages, these updates are essential as we build up our clientele.

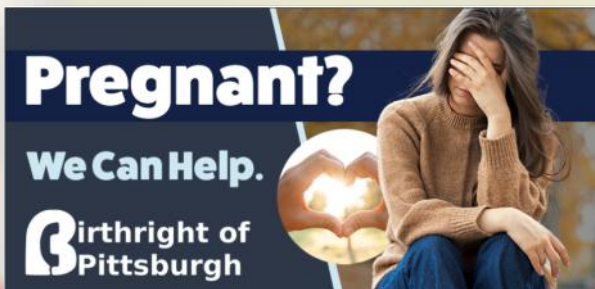


Have you seen our new advertisements?

New rotating, digital billboard located at the intersection of Herron Avenue and Bigelow Boulevard, always visible to those in need!



Billboard designs by Lamar Advertising



Kiosks on the University of Pittsburgh's campus

Designed by Paul Hoffmann & Nina Tomko, advertising by Rivet Campus Media



Increased Community Awareness

Since beginning the billboard and campus kiosks, we have seen increased webpage traffic through our Google business page, which has resulted in an **increased** number of pregnant women reaching out for assistance!



- ♥ Before new ads: averaged ~2 new clients per month
- ♥ After new ads: averaged ~5 new clients per month
- ♥ This year, we have provided services for more than 74 **different** individuals, their babies, and families
- ♥ 10 of our Birthright mamas had babies this year, and there are still more to come!

Join Our Team!

As you can see, with an **increased** number of women coming to us for assistance, **we need more volunteers!** Volunteers are **crucial** to keeping our doors open and providing support to mothers and babies in need. If you have felt called to get more involved in the pro-life movement, contact us to learn more, training is provided!



- ♥ Must be 18 years of age, or older
- ♥ Submit resume and letter of recommendation
- ♥ Be able to work a consistent 2-hour weekly shift, of your choice, between the hours of 8am-8pm

Volunteer Spotlight!



Cecila Caro ♥ Hi! I'm Cece. I've lived in Pittsburgh all my life and graduated from Pitt with a degree in library science. I love working with kids, and my current jobs as a nanny and a children's librarian let me do just that! I've been involved with the pro-life movement for as long as I can remember (my mom was the director of Birthright of Pittsburgh when I was a baby!), and I really love our mission of making it easier for women to choose life for their children. When I'm not working or volunteering, I enjoy reading, drawing, singing in my church choir, and taking walks around my neighborhood as an excuse to do Pokémon Go. Thanks for all your support!

Deborah Tachiri ♥ Hello, friends! My name is Deborah. In my spare time, I enjoy reading books, roller skating, and hanging out with my friends! I am originally from Kenya, but immigrated to Texas, where I was raised. I received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with minors in political science and legal studies from the University of Texas at Arlington. I am currently pursuing a Masters in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University. At the same time I started following Christ is when my God-given passion to support families and provide pregnant women with true choices began. I am volunteering at Birthright because I aspire to follow the example of Christ to serve others by meeting people's physical and spiritual needs. To whoever is reading this, your support and donations provide women with resources, opportunities, and support! Isaiah 30:18, Deuteronomy 15:7-11, 1 Peter 4:10.



Welcome Birthright Babies!



Would you or your small group like to visit the Birthright office? Call us to set up a tour!



♥ Open House visitors! Former volunteer Angie brought her daughter (left) and baby boy (pictured below with Giada)!



♥ Mary, Mother of God's Respect Life Committee stopping in for our open house & bringing a very generous donation! (above)



♥ The Pro-life club from Oakland Catholic dropping off a Winter Clothing Collection!

♥ Tom Kimcata of the Emmaus Men's Group at Christ the Divine Shepherd, dropping of 40 boxes of diapers & wipes! (right)



♥ Volunteers Cece & Mary with gorgeous hand-made blankets from Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish



♥ Mary Hutchinson, Allie Foster, and Ellie Smith from Oakland Catholic, helping clean and organize the children's room!

Celebrating Life Through Sonogram Art

We are excited to share a new project to uplift mothers and families in need! *Behold Your Child* is a unique art ministry created by local artist Caitlin Solan. Caitlin transforms sonogram images into colorful, vibrant keepsake paintings to show the beauty of life in the womb.



Caitlin has recently launched a pro-life Patreon community as a way for supporters to help expand this mission. Donations through Patreon go towards providing free, custom sonogram art for the mothers we serve. Patrons can contribute as little as \$5 a month, and there

are additional tiers for anyone who wants to contribute more towards gifting these paintings to moms in our community. You can also follow her Patreon page by clicking "join for free" to see updates on the artwork and this ministry.

We are grateful for this chance to share beauty, encouragement, and hope in a unique way with the women we serve! To join the community and support this mission, visit Caitlin's Patreon at patreon.com/BeholdYourChild.



Help From Our Neighbors

If you know where we are located, then you know our neighbor is **Oakland Catholic High School**. We are beyond grateful to share with you the wonderful assistance they have provided Birthright this year.

A senior student **Anabell Evancho**, began a pro-life club and contacted us to organize a winter clothing collection for our Birthright families. After their collection, they had a **Mission Day** in which another group came to our office to organize clothing, supplies, furniture, toys, books, and clean our entire office! This group has also offered to assist us on a regular basis.



SPECIAL THANKS TO ANABELL EVANCHO ♥ KELLY LAZZARA (PRESIDENT) ♥ DORRIE DONAHUE (DIRECTOR OF MISSION INTEGRATION) ♥ MRS. APRIL WRABLEY ♥ MRS. LISA HUTCHINSON ♥ MARY HUTCHINSON ♥ ALLIE FOSTER ♥ ELLIE SMITH ♥ EVE WRABLEY ♥ MAGGIE CARROLL ♥ IZZY ZIELMANSKI ♥ AMIRAH PACE ♥ CECILY MCGINLEY ♥ EMILEE WILKS ♥ MADELEINE NAESER ♥ ANNA LAPINSKY ♥ MARIN BEST



*Thank you to all organizations that
arranged collections to benefit
Birthright moms & babies!*

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PARISH ♥ ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS PARISH ♥ ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH ♥
TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

Gifts Received

In Memory of

- ♥ **Rita Cunningham** (Harry & Barbara Cunningham)
- ♥ **Dorothy Gillen; Bob & Joan Newman** (Mr. & Mrs. Wohleber)
 - ♥ **Madonna Roney** (Linda Romansic)
 - ♥ **Mrs. Margaret Eileen Coyne Foley** (Mary Morgan)
 - ♥ **Nancy Sullivan** (Edward Sullivan)

In Honor of

- ♥ **Marita & Seamus Maloney** (James Maloney)
- ♥ **Giada Tomko** (Jackie Fetchko)



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Join us!

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We need more volunteers!

For more information, please contact Nina at 412-621-1988 or hope@birthrightpittsburgh.org

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