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Our Mission: To assist women in a crisis pregnancy to carry their baby to term.

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## The Gift of Adoption....

### A Reflection from an Adopted Child

We saw this article, which was inserted into St Margaret Parish's bulletin, and wanted to share it with those who have not seen it. Enjoy!

*My name is Olivia. I am fourteen years old, the same age my mother was when she became pregnant with me. Instead of choosing abortion, my birth mother put me up for adoption. There was no way that she could have taken care of me because, at age 15, she was still in school and her mother worked full time. I feel extremely lucky that my birth mother made this choice because otherwise, I probably wouldn't be here at all. I feel blessed that I have been welcomed into a loving, caring family that wants me to do my best and succeed in life. Adoption has saved so many lives. Through adoption, children are given a chance at life and a chance to make contributions to society. Hopefully women who are pregnant will realize that their child is a remarkable gift that is waiting to be born. I have expressed my support for adoption by attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C. each year since the second grade. I ask you to think about my story before you think about an abortion.*

- Olivia

What a blessing it is to have this beautiful teenager share with us her story. We are so often bombarded with all of the 'issues' that it is so refreshing to hear from someone so young who very succinctly gives us a glimpse into her life and her thoughts about her life's journey. After reading Olivia's reflection please take the time to not only lift her up in prayer, but also lift up her birth mom. How much pressure her birth mom must have felt, especially that she was just 15 years old! If you can put yourself in her 15 year old body and mind, you can only imagine how much courage and strength she must have had to go through with the pregnancy and then hand over her baby to total strangers. Praise God for giving her those gifts so that her greatest gift, her daughter, Olivia, is here to witness to us all!



## *“Why doesn’t everyone come to Birthright? This place is amazing!”*

- Social Worker who came to Birthright, with a client, for the first time.

### When asked to explain Birthright, one volunteer responded:

Birthright is a safe place where women can go for emotional, material and spiritual support and nonjudgmental guidance. It is a place where she can safely share her story. Birthright helps fill the gaps that so many of our clients have in the areas of parenting, material resources, and love and support.

My focus is to encourage our mothers and love them where they are. I believe they all teach me something. I try to encourage them in what they are doing well and help them see other choices in areas they can improve. Mostly I want to sincerely listen and give them gentle guidance, practical wisdom and support.

I think Birthright is moving in a positive direction with clients. I have heard several new clients or first time callers tell us a friend told them about Birthright. So many of our clients just know we will be there when it is particularly tough. We are like family that we might ignore for a while but will be there to help us when we need it.



*“I really enjoyed the way you talked about Birthright and wanted us to be a part of the conversation. It’s not often that a speaker asks for the opinions and thoughts of the audience. It’s encouraging to know we can make a difference.”*

- Gracie, High School Student

## Love & Hope Support

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