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Yes, I wish to help BIRTHRIGHT of Harford County to assist anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. To realize and to choose an alternative to abortion that saves the baby's life and gives the mother a life worth living.

I would like to contribute:  \$5  \$10  \$20  \$50  \$100  \$1000  other

Yes, I am able to make available your literature at a location open to the public.

I wish to receive information about volunteering with Birthright.

Please add/do not add my name to your mailing list. (circle one)

Suggestions or Comments:

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Name:

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

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### Birthright is Listening – Birthright Cares.

Her boyfriend doesn't want the baby; her parents say she is too young; her friends say she is crazy to even consider it – but she is considering it. She told the Birthright volunteer that no one was listening to her – that no one cares that she wants to have her baby.

#### *Birthright is listening – Birthright cares.*

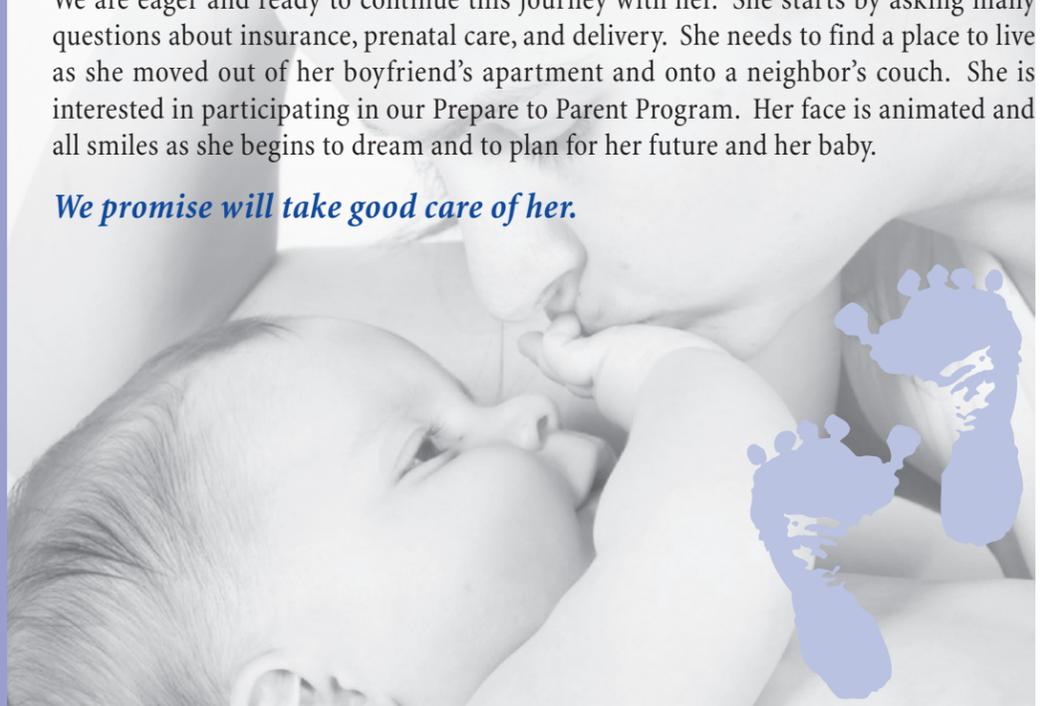
She called Birthright often and was always in tears. We gave her the time and respect she needed to sort through her thoughts. Then, suddenly her phone was disconnected and we lost touch. Weeks went by with no word. With the amount of pressure being put on her we were sure she aborted. It happens all too often – a woman has an abortion because it's what other people want.

#### *All we can do now is pray. We may never know the outcome - but God does.*

Then one day she walks in our door – and Praise the Lord she's still pregnant! We couldn't believe it and were so excited. Can you imagine the amount of strength it took this woman to stand against all and say no to abortion? She adamantly claims that she did not abort because her Birthright volunteer believed in her.

We are eager and ready to continue this journey with her. She starts by asking many questions about insurance, prenatal care, and delivery. She needs to find a place to live as she moved out of her boyfriend's apartment and onto a neighbor's couch. She is interested in participating in our Prepare to Parent Program. Her face is animated and all smiles as she begins to dream and to plan for her future and her baby.

#### *We promise will take good care of her.*





## WE NEED

Diapers

Socks or booties

Rattles and infant toys

Baby wipes

Baby wash

Diaper ointment

Baby formula/food

Baby clothes, preemie to 24 months

Children's books

Maternity clothes, all sizes

Books on pregnancy, parenting

Prayers for our volunteers and clients

Please keep in mind that we can only accept items for newborns to size 24 months. We do not have the room or resources to keep larger. There are other organizations in our community to accommodate the need and we give referrals.

## Question?

### *Do you ever see the babies after they are born?*

WE DO and it's one of our greatest joys! Most of our clients will bring their new baby to the Birthright office for a visit. When we walk with someone through a crisis pregnancy they become very special to us. When we see their new baby, we respond as if they are family – they feel like family to us. We shower the baby with gifts and take pictures and give many hugs. In the coming weeks the volunteer will check on the new mom with phone calls and visits as we know that now that the baby is born she will feel tired, overwhelmed, fearful, excited, happy, and unsure. Our prayer is that Birthright's help will assist as the woman transitions into motherhood.

I recently visited a client in the hospital the day after she gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Sophie. I can't describe the awe I felt being there. I marveled at how natural and calm the mother was with her newborn. This same woman had many worries and obstacles as she walked through her pregnancy without the baby's father or her family by her side. Now there is only peace and happiness.

Her Birthright volunteer stayed with her throughout the delivery and over the first night. This isn't something that we are normally asked to do, but when we are it is an honor to witness and assist in the miracle of birth. This will be an experience the volunteer will never ever forget. The last birth I attended was 15 years ago and to remember it still fills my heart with joy.

As I sat and watched Sophie and her mom I kept hearing in my heart; **This is why you are here. This is why Birthright is here.** Sometimes my job is really hard but moments like this make it worth it. This summer I will be celebrating 21 years as the director of Birthright of Bel Air.

Carol Maglov



## A Client in Crisis

- needs our minds to **think**
- our eyes to **see**
- our mouths to **encourage**
- our feet to **walk** with her
- our hearts to **love** her

## From a Birthright Volunteer

It happened, I blinked, and suddenly my baby was riding a two wheeler. I blinked again, and she's driving a car. My baby is now the age of some of our clients at Birthright. This has given me a reason to pause.

If my daughter were pregnant, what kind of a person would I want her to seek for help? This person should be understanding, non-judgmental, knowledgeable on current issues and resources, and definitely not preachy. This person should really listen and connect her with the help she needs in the community, maybe even placing difficult phone calls for her. This person should help sort through overwhelming options, so she knows she can get through this. This person should be available for calls if a question comes up or just to talk. This person should understand there are two people who need loving, the young woman before her and her unborn child. This person can be found at our Birthright office in Bel Air.

But just as important, what kind of parents would I want my daughter to have if she became pregnant? Hopefully, they would be the kind who would hug first, talk later.

## A Card in the Mail from a Grateful Heart

A pregnant teenager came to your Birthright office. You listened to her concerns and helped her sort through her situation. When she seriously considered adoption, you put her in touch with a licensed agency. The bottom line is that we are now the grateful, proud parents of a gorgeous baby boy. We could never thank you enough for being the link that made our dream come true.

## Want to Know How to Pray for Birthright?

If you are looking for some specific ways to be praying for our ministry, you may want to consider these suggestions:

That anyone who is experiencing a crisis pregnancy would be led to Birthright or some other ministry that can help them.

Pray for our clients as they come in, that they would be vulnerable and open with us. Let's pray that any walls or obstacles come down.

Pray for the volunteers, that we will listen with our whole heart to those we meet. Many times the key to sharing the truth starts with good ears.

Pray for those who feel led by the Lord to provide for this ministry. That God will bless them abundantly as they have blessed us.

*It is with sad news that our dear friend, Dr. Fred Hatem, has died. Dr. Hatem was a friend, advisor, and a founding Board of Directors member of Birthright before he retired a number of years ago. Dr. Hatem was a local OB/GYN and he often offered his services and advice to Birthright.*

*The success that Birthright of Harford County has today is because of the strong foundation build thirty eight years ago. Dr. Hatem was an important part of those early years. Since that time thousands of women have been helped through the Birthright ministry. Our appreciation and thanks go to Dr. Hatem.*

*Dr. Hatem died June 6 of heart failure. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hatem family.*



A mother's joy begins when new life is stirring inside... when a tiny heartbeat is heard for the very first time, and a playful kick reminds her that she is never alone.

~Author Unknown

