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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Monday	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

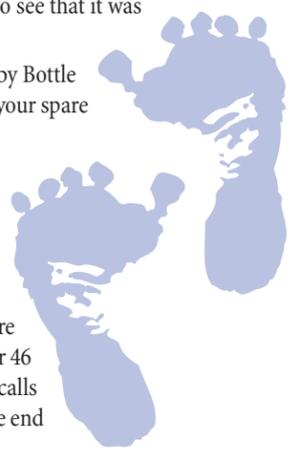
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## Here Are Some of the People We Met in 2010

- The fifth graders of St. Margaret School collected and donated gifts for Birthright during their opening school mass in September. When the students delivered the gifts to Birthright they were given a tour of the ministry to see how their gifts help those in the community. From this effort, two fifth grade girls have gone on to volunteer with Birthright once a month folding baby clothes, stuffing envelopes, and any other job that is needed. Thanks Maddie and Anna!!
- A client that we helped all through her pregnancy lost her son to SIDS. We were devastated to hear this sad news as each of our clients and their children become part of our Birthright family. Her son was just 10 months old.
- For several years a senior Girl Scout troop volunteered and made donations to Birthright. The girls have since graduated and gone on to college. One of the young women met a friend while she was at college and learned that the friend was pregnant. Right away she told her friend she was taking her to Birthright as she knew for sure that we would help her. Each time a person volunteers or donates time to Birthright is an opportunity for them to learn about the ministry and pass it on.
- A pregnant client had an adverse test result and was told her child may have Down syndrome. We encouraged the client to speak with two of our volunteers; one is a special education teacher who could inform her of the resources available to her and her baby; the other volunteer has a Down syndrome child in her family and was willing to talk about the blessing that he was.
- A client was going through a difficult situation and her children were taken from her by social services. Birthright offered friendship, prayer and encouragement for her until her children were returned. Birthright never blames anyone for the choices they have made. We look to see if the opportunity can teach something and be turned into a blessing. In this case it did.
- A client needed to go to court to get a restraining order against the father of her child who was a threat to her safety. We know it takes a lot of courage to file a legal action against someone and we are proud of her for doing so. Her Birthright volunteer accompanied her to court to hold her hand and be a silent support as she went through this process.
- We worked with two young women who are in foster care and pregnant. Both worked very hard to prepare for the birth of their child and hope to give them a better life. It is nice to see that the rules have changed in foster care. There was a time when you could not be in foster care and parent a baby at the same time. These special foster families are willing and able to provide a stable home and loving environment for the young woman and her baby.
- A pregnant client was looking for a housing program that would help her finish her education and get on her feet once her baby was born. Our Birthright volunteer traveled with her out of state to ensure that the facility we were recommending was of the highest standard. She was pleased to see that it was and felt confident in making this referral.
- The Goddard Schools in Forest Hill and in Nottingham participated in our Baby Bottle Boomerang program. This is where you take a baby bottle home and fill it with your spare coins. Together the two schools delivered to Birthright over \$2500.
- Along with many many individual and family donations, Birthright received donations from the Christmas Giving Program at St. Margaret's, St. Patrick's, St. Ignatius, St. Stephen's, St. John Hyde, and the Bel Air Knights of Columbus Ladies.



Thank you all for helping us to have a strong and successful year. In 2010 we were open six days and three evenings every week, with over 1800 hours covered by our 46 volunteers working inside the ministry and out. Our office received 760 phone calls and 987 office visits. With our new website design we received 3250 visits. By the end of the year we had ministered to 612 clients. Praise the Lord!



## WE NEED

*Diapers*

*Socks or booties*

*Rattles and infant toys*

*Baby wipes*

*Baby wash*

*Diaper ointment*

*Baby formula/food*

*Prayers for our  
volunteers and clients*



## Birthright's Other Volunteers

As a volunteer at Birthright I often stop to think of all those colleagues of mine without whom Birthright would not exist as we do. Those I am speaking of (and to) are you, our Patrons. I wish you could all fully grasp how much your efforts are needed and appreciated.

In addition to staffing the office, I sometimes pick up clothes donated to Birthright by people in our town. These Patrons often state how they wish they could "come down to the center to volunteer". Those same comments are expressed by those who feel they should "do more" than help with funding or offering prayers for those who come to Birthright for help.

How can we communicate to all of our Patrons that what you do is volunteering? It can only be prayer that encourages God to place the right words on our tongues when speaking with someone thinking of aborting her child. Many of us wonder "where in the world the idea to say what I said came from?" Well, those words are not from this world. Rather, they came from our Patron's prayers, through God, to our voices right when we needed them!

Those blankets, the infant clothes, toys, etc., included in the layettes we offer after birth, and the pieces of maternity clothes we provide during pregnancy, may be just enough to help complement our efforts and make a lady's unbearable situation bearable.

With the front line support our Patrons give through financial contributions, we are able to offer those in difficult situations an office where they can talk, obtain information on various issues in their lives, and get the support they need to help carry their child to term.

Just picture some young woman who now sees being pregnant in a more positive light, and looks a little better, because she has a presentable maternity outfit to wear. Directly or indirectly, you Patrons donated that outfit! Picture a little one cuddled up under some blanket that one of our knitters, or sewers made by hand and by love. You Patrons provided this as well!

Birthright's ability to maintain the 1-800 hotline continues, and it is often our first line of contact. You Patrons have allowed the counselors to keep this active.

Each of the centre's phones, critical for communication since Birthright's inception, would be silent without our Patron's help.

Some Patrons think you are not Birthright volunteers (!) Yeah, right... you have untied our hands by lending us yours! After many years here, and after speaking with other office volunteers, I can say we all fully understand how important your prayers, acts of kindness, and support are to allow the loving work of Birthright to continue at its current pace. Without your help, it would not be possible for us to help all the women and girls who call and visit the Birthright office.

Many of the thousands of children helped into the world since Birthright was founded (and now add their children to this number) would not have been born without your help. It's because of our patron's efforts, as they've volunteered in their own much-needed way, that our Birthright work is made possible!

We say thank you for what you have done. We ask for you to remember us, as we will remember you while we join our talents to keep Birthright the caring, safe haven that it is for those who need us.

Your colleague,  
One of Birthright's Other Volunteers

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## Some People We Meet

A mother with an unruly toddler – she doesn't really want anything; she can't even talk because the child with her is running around, but still she stops in. She desperately needs the support, just to get out of the house and be with other adults.

She's home caring for an ailing parent and raising a small child. She feels isolated and alone. She loves that we call her and send cards of encouragement. When she comes to the office she apologizes for talking so much but she says she looks forward to being around other people.

For these reason we started our Ladies Night Out program several years ago. On the last Wednesday of the month clients are invited to a ladies night where they will get extra attention from the volunteer team, meet and get to know other mothers, and enjoy a time of fun, food, and conversation. Some months we bring in a speaker and others it's just for us to talk. Child care is provided so that all mothers are able to attend. Over and over we hear how much this program is doing for those we serve.

## What Our Clients Are Saying

In honor of Ben's 3rd birthday, I would like to thank you again for helping me through my pregnancy. God has truly blessed my life. I pray for your ministry as you touch so many lives, just as you touched mine three years ago.

I can't believe it has been two years since I had Jacob. It feels like only yesterday that I was calling you and asking for your help. I don't know what I would have done if it wasn't for your help.

We just don't know how to thank you. We feel so blessed to have you in Cloe's life. You are truly an angel!

## Why I Give to Birthright

Birthright has the ability to speak with the women about their unborn children when I cannot. Birthright not only provides education to women and their families about child development and the dangers of abortion, they physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually support the women through this time of great concern in their lives. I am honored to help financially this important work.

A woman donates diapers and formula to our office. Several years ago she came to us as a client. She was 19 then, unmarried, and living with her mother. Her mother wanted her to abort her baby, but she couldn't do it. She came to Birthright and received help throughout her pregnancy and in the early months that her daughter was born. This woman is raising her child alone now but she has no regrets. She has a good job and adores her little girl. She can't imagine life without her. Money is still tight but when she can, she purchases items for Birthright. In her way, she wants to support other young women who come to us for us.

### Notice

*Our dear friend and colleague, Kurt Linnemann has stepped down as a Birthright Board of Directors member to pursue full time ministry in the fight against abortion. Kurt served on the board for thirteen years and now knows that God is calling him to do more in the areas of awareness and policy change. We are happy for Kurt and excited to see where God is taking him.*



*When God likens  
His love for us  
with that of a  
mother for her  
child, we can  
surely see the  
dignity of  
motherhood.*

~Louise Summerhill,  
Birthright Founder 1984

