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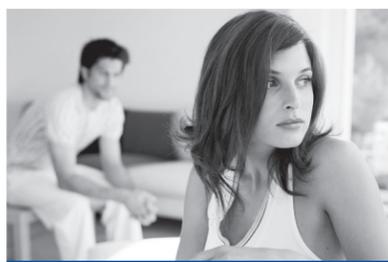
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an alternative to abortion that saves the baby's life and gives the mother a life worth living.

Yes, I wish to help BIRTHRIGHT of Harford County to assist anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. To realize and to choose Birthright never has and never will sell, lend, or give your name or address to any other organization. You have our word!

Birthright has ministered to the people of Harford and the surrounding communities for over 30 years. All Birthright services are free and confidential. Birthright is supported solely by individuals and a few local churches. We receive no State or Federal money. Birthright never has and never will sell, lend, or give your name or address to any other organization. You have our word!



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

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Think About It -

A client's boyfriend, along with her family, wanted her to have an abortion. When she said no they told her they would not help her. Birthright was able to step in and offer the resources and support that she needed through her pregnancy, and her Birthright volunteer was with her in the delivery room. She is back at work now and raising her son alone. She is grateful for all the support Birthright gives her, especially the emotional support. The people she thought she could count on want nothing to do with her or her child. Because of her young age and inexperience, she doesn't understand that sometimes baby's cry for no reason. That after being up at night with the baby and working all day, it takes its toll on anyone. Sometimes she just needs to fall apart. Sometimes she just needs a break.

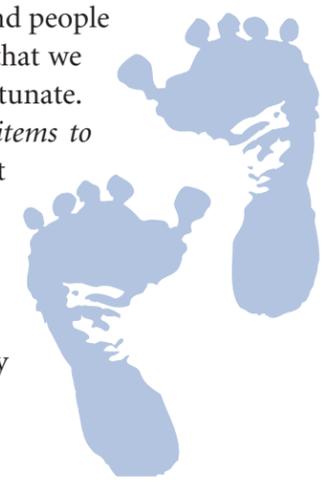
We cannot ask someone to not have an abortion unless we are willing to walk with them as they choose life. The story does not end when she gives birth. Often that's when the real help is needed. Sometimes we take for granted the people around us. We assume that because we have a family and friends who step in to help us when we are sick, tired, or in trouble, that everyone has that. They don't.

The Bible says in James 1:27, *God calls us to care for orphans and widows who are suffering.* Another way to say orphan or widow could be a child without a father and a woman without a husband.

The More We Give, The More We Receive

We continue to be blessed abundantly with material assistance - and we are most grateful. God is using us, you and I, to help other pregnancy centers in need. There is a pregnancy center in Baltimore that receives little, and often no, donation of materials. I believe it is a very poor area and people just don't have it to give. When I heard this I realized that we should be sharing our abundance with those less fortunate. So Birthright began to give some of the second hand items to this pregnancy center for their clients. I told them that Birthright would continue to help as long as the Lord provides. Have you heard the saying, "You can never out give God" - there is no truer statement here. The more we give, the more we receive. Thank you for your generosity in helping not one, but two, pregnancy center ministries.

Carol Maglov, *Director*





OUR NEEDS

large diapers
size 4 & 5

baby wipes

baby shampoo

baby wash

baby formula

booties or socks

Undershirts
size 12 & 18 months

Prayers for our
volunteers and clients

From a client:

Seventeen years ago I was in a crisis pregnancy and there were caring people at Birthright to help me. Now I feel God calling me back to Birthright to help others.



A Clients Story

Troubled by aching memories of an abortion I had when I was 16 years old, I turned to drugs and alcohol to numb the spiritual, emotional, and psychological pain. This choice began a cycle of addiction that led to time in jail.

After my release I soon found I was pregnant again. Believing that abortion was my only option as a drug addict, I walked through the doors of Birthright believing I could get an abortion here.

Within minutes I discovered that Birthright was not an abortion clinic but rather a ministry. Through the care that I received that day, the entire course of my life was changed. The loving volunteers gently outlined that my pregnancy was a baby and not some mass of tissue. No one had ever told me that, although I always wondered. The volunteer helped me enroll in CAP, which is the Center for Addiction and Pregnancy, to overcome my drug addiction and get the best prenatal care. Birthright offered me hope and enabled me to choose life for my daughter. She is alive and healthy today because Birthright was a door of hope to my family's life.

At Conception

From this point on, through the entire life of this new human being, no more genetic information is needed. All of the inherited characteristics of this very special and unique person are in place. Our new person's gender, eye color, bone structure, hair color, skin color, susceptibility to certain diseases, and so on have been established. The miracle of life has occurred and begun. It is an established scientific fact that all life, including human life, begins at the moment of conception.

Chapter 1, The Unborn Child is a Person
What Makes God Cry the Most - by Jim Harrison, 2008

Leo Tolstoy, the great Russian writer, tells of the time he was walking down the street and passed a beggar. Tolstoy reached into his pocket to give the beggar some money, but his pocket was empty. Tolstoy turned to the man and said, "I'm sorry brother, but I have nothing to give."

The beggar brightened and said, "You have given me more than I asked for - you called me brother."

To the loved, a word of affection is a morsel, but to the love starved, a word of affection can be a feast.

Max Lucado, in He Still Moves Stones

Birthright - Your Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Years ago we adopted the saying, *Birthright - Your Bridge Over Troubled Waters*. As I read the words of the 1970's Paul Simon song, I see how true it is.

When you're weary, feeling small
When tears are in your eyes,
I will dry them all
I'm on your side
When times get rough
And friends just can't be found

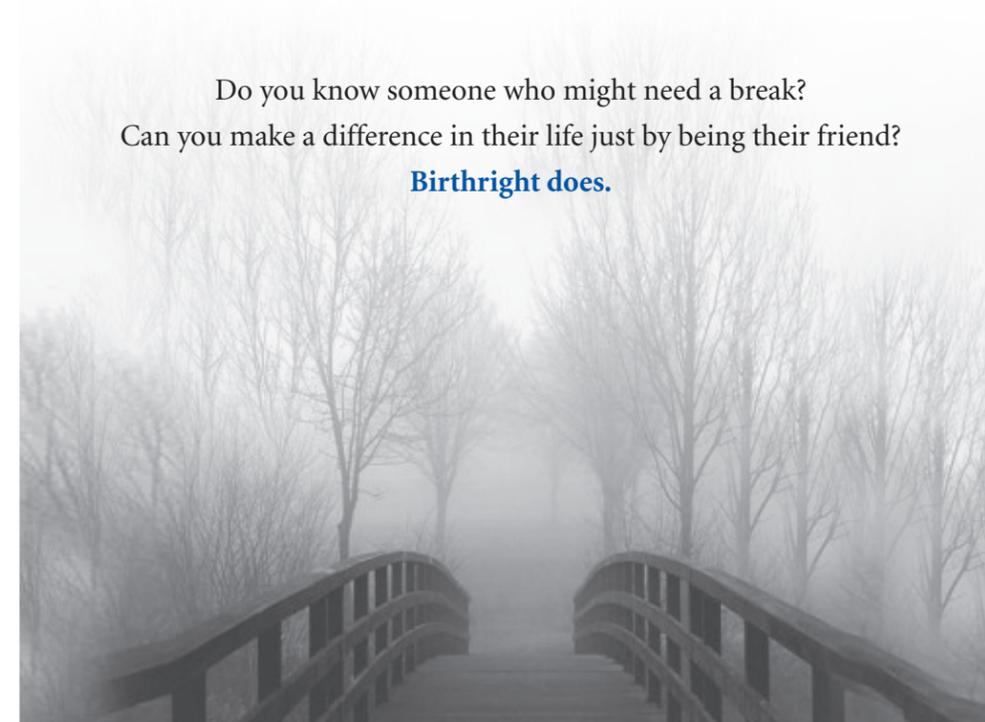
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay my down...

When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
When darkness comes
And pain is all around...

Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind.

Do you know someone who might need a break?
Can you make a difference in their life just by being their friend?

Birthright does.



Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life... God said, "Rather, I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."

- Claudia Minden Weisz

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