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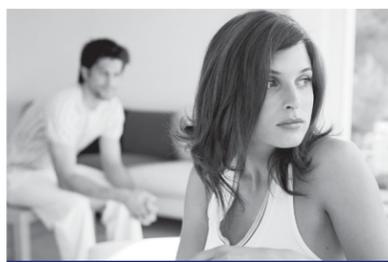
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an alternative to abortion that saves the baby's life and gives the mother a life worth living.

Yes, I wish to help BIRTHRIGHT of Harford County to assist anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. To realize and to choose

Birthright has ministered to people in Harford and the surrounding communities since 1973. 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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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
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Is Anyone REALLY Listening?

We exist in a world surrounded by breaking news 24/7, social media, video games, YouTube, Facebook, podcasts, Candy Crush, smart phones, laptops, Netflix ARGHHHHH! You get the picture. There is SO MUCH being said to us...said at us, but in all the noise is anyone out there really listening?

Anyone volunteering at a 'helping ministry', can probably attest to the fact that, for the most part, time spent with a person in need is time spent **listening** to what that person is saying. While the primary focus should always be on the **person** before us, there are those times when no matter how pure the intent we can lean towards addressing the **issue** and **not the person**.

The first step to real listening is in the **receiving** of what the person is telling you and letting that person know with your silence that what they say matters. Next your undivided **attention** at that moment can make someone feel that they are important to you and that it is okay to let their guard down. It can be so hard for someone to share their life's weaknesses with another and we all fear that people will think less of us if we show them a vulnerable side, when in reality the opposite is true. Sharing our own weakness gives credibility and shows that we really do understand their pain while allowing us to have more compassion in the moment. Many of us have broken down over our own journey and know firsthand that it takes someone listening to get us back on the road to rebuilding.

Summarizing what someone has told you lets them know that you actually listened to what they were saying and helps to iron out any communication gaps or misunderstanding of their particular situation. And finally, **asking** open ended questions can hopefully get a person motivated to make baby steps toward a fuller life.

In the end, through all our good efforts we may not be able to change a life but maybe a small seed will be planted - the size of a mustard seed, perhaps - and we have to trust the Holy Spirit will do the rest. By listening and making that small investment of love, time and patience in a person's life, great things will happen.

And speaking of listening, in a recent article in the June 2015 monthly magazine 'The Word Among Us', it was written that Pope Francis had recently instructed his Bishops around the world, "I want you to have a conversation with our people so that their voice reaches my ears".... With over 1 billion Catholics in the world the Holy Father is going to be doing a LOT of listening.

God Bless you Pope Francis!



Love & Hope Support

Our Needs:
We are grateful for all
that we receive

*24 month Summer Boy Clothes,
Sleepers, and T-Shirts*

Similac Advance Formula

Newborn boys and girls clothes.

*Spread the word about Birthright
by placing our pamphlets at
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*Invite us to speak at your women, men,
or youth group. For a youth group, we
discuss ahead of time what you feel is
appropriate for your group.*

*We are looking for prayer partners.
Please call us for more information
410-838-0443.*

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*www.birthrightofbelair.org and
sign up. Please call us or drop us a
note if you would like to be removed
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you request the newsletter by email.*

Thank you!



Toni is a 76 y/o widow and mother of 3 who lives in Bel Air. She has been with Birthright for over 15 years! Toni first ran across Birthright while walking around town with her husband, Paul. They saw the sign, knocked on the door and not long thereafter the volunteer on duty took them on a tour. They became financial supporters of Birthright that day, but Toni promised God that when she retired she was going to do something meaningful with her life and we are so happy that she was true to her word. Toni continues to volunteer because she feels she is doing something worthwhile and loves the girls that come in as well as the other volunteers.

Ann is an 80 y/o widow and mother of 7 - 5 sons and 2 daughters! Ann has been at Birthright over 25 years and started by doing housekeeping. When her husband passed away she made the decision to go for training at the Greater Baltimore Pregnancy Center because she felt that she 'did not want to meet her maker without doing something loving in her life'. After the training Ann eased in to becoming a lay counselor and she continues to share her love with the women that come into Birthright. Ann attributes everything she does as wanting to do whatever she can to follow God's way and give it all up to His glory.

Toni and Ann work together as partners at Birthright. They find that when one has a difficult situation with a client, the other is silently praying her through it. They make a great team. They also work on the Clothes Ministry and are in charge of receiving and sorting the maternity clothes that are donated. The clothes are displayed in several closets that are easy for the clients to look through and choose what they may need.

Bounty of Benefits from Baby Bottle Boomerang!

Birthright has many supporters who have taken on our 'Baby Bottle Boomerang' challenge, and one of our most generous has been the Goddard Schools and their families. The Goddard Schools in both Nottingham and Forest Hill have been supporters of Birthright for years using the 'Baby Bottle Boomerang'. Amber, from Goddard, has said that along with the parents, the children put their change in the bottles too!

Just recently we received a check from the Goddard School in Nottingham totaling \$1,150.00 which represented \$650.20 in cash and coins from the children and their families, along with an additional \$500.00 donation by the Goddard School! This is just tremendous and we could not be more grateful!

Their donation helped us continue the important work of helping families in need. Just in the month of June 2015 we had 67 office visits. Of those 67 visits there were four babies born and we met with six more pregnant clients. We spoke with and ministered to two men and had thirteen of our pregnant clients participate in our Pregnancy and Prepare to Parent Program. All 67 office visits were given the time to talk, ask questions, and receive love and support from our amazing volunteers.

If your organization is interested in doing a 'Baby Bottle Boomerang' just stop by our office and pick up some bottles! Wonderful things are continuing to happen at Birthright but we could not do anything without the prayers, love and donations from our supporters.

We love you and thank you all for your generosity!

Thanks to all our donors who financially support the ministry of Birthright. All donations are tax deductible and remain in our Bel Air office. Birthright receives no state or federal money, and we rely on area churches, businesses, and individuals to continue this important work. Would you please consider a financial donation to Birthright?



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Bottle,
SAVE A
Life!

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