

Birthright



Five months after the Supreme Court decision legalized abortion on demand a group of committed Catholics joined together and opened up Birthright of Joliet. They realized that abortion is not a loving option for a woman in an unplanned pregnancy and offered free pregnancy tests, counseling in *all* their options. Birthright was originally founded in 1968 by Louise Summerhill, mother of seven, in Toronto, Canada. Birthright of Joliet was founded in May 1973 and is one of over 350 affiliates. Through Birthright, the pregnant woman in crisis finds help as near as her telephone. We exist to help women who are faced with a great personal crisis and looking for help. Free pregnancy tests, pregnancy counseling with alternatives to abortion, community resource information and clothing resources for mother and child are part of the free resources offered to clients. All services are free and confidential. Positive support is provided for during and after the baby is born.

Birthright is a non-profit, interdenominational, non-political, emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright is staffed by volunteers dedicated to helping any woman distressed by her pregnancy.

Is God calling you to offer love and support to women facing an untimely pregnancy? Join our team of "lifesavers". Please prayerfully consider joining our staff as a counselor or assistant in filing clothing needs. Or be a prayer angel and remember us in your daily prayers. Because Birthright is privately funded by personal contributions from members of the local community, financial help is needed. Donations are tax deductible.

Call Birthright @ 815-725-3411

Your help is needed in the following areas

In the Office:

- Pregnancy counseling
- Sorting clothing
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Professionals for Referrals:

- Counselors
- Nurses
- Doctors
- Social workers
- Clergy
- Financial counselors
- Employers

Spiritual Aid:

- Your prayerful support is always welcome

...committed to the spirit of nurturing life.

Birthright offers free comprehensive care to any woman who is distressed by her pregnancy.

...dedicated to the belief that women are important.

Birthright realizes that living out an unexpected pregnancy is a demanding experience. Birthright cares about the physical and emotional well-being of women and provides aid as long as it is needed.

...willing to share talents through a definite time commitment.

Birthright requires responsible and active volunteers to meet the needs of its clients.

...able to be a friend without passing judgment.

Birthright offers love and caring to show a woman there is a way for her to give birth to her baby and face the future with dignity and hope.

...caring and helpful in a positive and tangible way.

Birthright helps the woman to build on the positive. Its many practical services give her the support she needs to work out her problems.

Be a Lifesaver!