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Tri-County Birthright

Fall & Winter Newsletter



From the Director.....

Dear Friends,

Another fall season is upon us and almost another year in the books at Birthright. This year has been much better than 2020, although some challenges still present themselves.

Communication is key with our clients and we are continuously working on how to best reach them where they are. Right now we are focusing on updating our website and making more frequent follow up calls to each of our active clients. Certainly a task that couldn't be done without having our dedicated volunteers, of course!

This spring, we began a "Happy First Birthday" program where the child receives a gift bag with an embroidered bib, bubbles, new toy, snack bags, new board book, a Culver's ice cream coupon and a brand new outfit. Tiny newborns are super special but we wanted to remind the moms and babes that we are still here and care about them a year later into their journey together! So far it has been very appreciated!



Many of our moms have a plan and are getting back on their feet or looking for a job when they come to us. However, we still see the occasional mother who has been abused, kicked out or just plain struggling to get by after a loss. We strive to do our best to help those who are most vulnerable and in need of a bit more care or an extra dose of love that day.

Hopefully they are feeling that when they come into Birthright. If so, then we have done our job well....

~ Holly

DO YOU ENJOY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING??

If so, we would LOVE donations of holiday gift items for our clients...

****PLEASE BRING IN BY NOVEMBER 29!!****

Moms:

Hot chocolate mix/ single serve coffee packs/ cookie mixes/ chapstick
Christmas chocolates/ small candle/ mug/ hand lotion/ hand soap

Babies:

*New or like new winter coats and apparel (BOY & GIRL)

*New or like new toys for children ages 0-3 years

WE THANK YOU....

- Newborns In Need
- Ascension Parish, Chesterfield
- Heritage Presbyterian Church, Wildwood
- St. Paul's, Fenton
- Most Sacred Heart, Eureka Loving Stitches, Women's Club
- Amazon Smiles
- St. James Parish, Catawissa
- St. Mary's Parish, Villa Ridge
- Sacred Heart, Valley Park
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Eureka
- Lutherans for Life
- St. John the Baptist Church, Villa Ridge
- St. Bridget of Kildare, Pacific
- ET Security & Fire, Pacific
- Today's Family Dental, Eureka
- Franklin County Dental & Implants, Washington
- Feed My People, High Ridge

A special thank you to the many individuals who are able to donate monetarily throughout the year and of course those who stop by with their children's gently used clothing and items to donate to our center as well! We could not keep going without your help!

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS....



Irene Sieve— 29years

Dana Hellebusch— 1 year

Karen Marklin— 7 years

Theresa McDonald— sub

Linda Weber— 6 years

Beverly Sutter— sub

Celeste Litton— 5 years

In Training:

Mary Holway— 3 years

Carol Cates

Julia Wertin— 1 year

Lorraine Forsythe

Sandie Raymo— 1 year

Mary Griese— 1 year



*“It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth,
and the right of every baby to be born.”*

*~ Louise Summerhill,
Birthright founder*





Edna Hauser
Mary Harmon

Al Camden
Carolyn Hanneken

Ellen Hager
Lloyd & Ruth Sutterer

Bill Riley
Cheri & Dave Scheu

Dave Holdinghausen
The Holdinghausen 20

Elaine Henry
Delbert Henry
Meredith Rakey

Anna Shimkus
Betty Kilbreath
LeRoy & Susan Kunkel
Barbara Winkler
Ronald & Jeanne Schaller
John & Connie Bachmann
Jim & Mary Swift
Steve & Jan Redington
Joyce Kelly

In Honor of:
Tom & Lois Martin
John & Barbara Heger

A mom who chose adoption!
Erica Clancy

** Please note, if you donated over \$100 to Tri-County Birthright in the calendar year of 2021, you will be receiving a tax credit form in January.*

Let us know if you expect one but do not receive one for any reason!

There is NO longer a cap on credits and the amount of tax credit has increased to 70%.

LAYETTE NEEDS:

We have been blessed with many donations this year, but it seems sometimes we hand out certain things as fast as they come in!

We are always in need of items for our layettes we give out to new moms:

- **Baby wash and lotions**
- **Large (8oz) baby bottles**
- **Diaper rash ointment**
- **Feminine products for moms**
- **Soap & deodorant for moms**
- **New clothing items, boy or girl**
- **Thermometers**
- **Nail clippers**
- **Comb/brush sets**
- **Diaper bags**
- **Similac formulas**
- **Newborn diapers**

IRA CHARITABLE GIVING:

For those over 70, remember it is possible to make tax free charitable gifts to a non profit, tax exempt organization like Birthright!

This does not preclude receiving the MO PRC Tax Credit. Your gift will count towards the Required Minimum Distribution and will help you avoid taxes on your income.

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*A special thank you to **Today's Family Dental** in Eureka and **Franklin County Dental & Implants** in Washington for donating boxes of children's and adult toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Our clients have definitely appreciated them, sometimes it's the littlest things!

