

# TRI-COUNTY BIRTHRIGHT



SPRING 2018

## From the Director.....

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Assistant Director

### FYI.....

- PLANT SALE TIME! Order form inside!
- Stay tuned for details on our upcoming FUNdraising events!
- Celebration and Memorial Cards available at the office for any gift to Birthright
- Large diapers (4 & 5) and baby soap/shampoo/lotion always needed!

It has been an interesting few months as the Director of Birthright. I have witnessed and assisted in some interesting situations. I have seen young mothers come in need and receive supplies for their children. They are always very gracious. The clients are so eager to talk and show pictures of their babies. I have seen the volunteers giving their time and showing love, care and helpfulness to all the clients that enter. I have also witnessed the Board Members give their time and help in participating in fund raising events such as Old Newsboy's Day.

Through the month of January and now February I have been reflecting on Birthright and the pro-life movement. Since the passing of Roe vs. Wade there has been a peaceful Pro-Life march in Washington D.C. This year as I was watching it I noticed a very, very, large crowd, very happy people marching, and a positive feeling in the air. I was excited, encouraged and very hopeful. For the first time in 45 years, our President of the United States came out and talked on Pro-Life. I have also heard that there has been an increase in abortion clinics closing. We are in a good place in the pro-life movement.

There is still lots to do and to pray for. As always Birthright will continue to be

there for the women in need and also be there to support them when they doubt themselves. Furthermore we will stay with her and give her resources such as education and job information. We will see to the baby's needs until the child turns two. With your help our mission will continue.

I had the opportunity this year to attend the annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica of St. Louis commemorating the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe V. Wade. It was a beautiful way of remembering and praying for the aborted babies and their mothers. I again was encouraged and hopeful. The Mass was full of young and eager people ready to promote the pro-life movement.

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce you to Holly Haberberger, our new Assistant Director at the Birthright office. She will help me with the day-to-day business needs of Birthright. Holly is very eager and has picked up quickly on what is needed to run the office. She will be a wonderful addition to Tri-County Birthright.

-Theresa

*"Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*



## Plant Sale Time!



Please take the time to browse our new plant sale order form. First, there is a picture page of flowers to help you know exactly what you are ordering.

We are again offering some herbs for your garden.

This is a huge fund-raiser for us ...so we hope you will include us in your garden

plans for this year.

Please call our office at (636) 938-4221 if you have any questions. Extra order forms are available in our office.

**Orders are due by Friday, March 30.** Pick up day is here at the office lot on **Saturday, May 5. 1—4 pm.**

## Meet Our New Assistant Director.....

Hello, my name is Holly Haberberger and I will be serving as the Assistant Director here at Tri-County Birthright. I have been working with Theresa for the past month or so and I am enjoying every minute even though it is a busy time of year for the Birthright office. My husband and I have three school age children who keep us on our toes at all times so I feel like they've prepared me well for whatever comes my way here!

When Denise approached me with the position a few months ago, I wasn't sure if it would be right for me but I was willing to give it some thought. After some prayer I decide God was giving me the green light and He has certainly blessed the road for me thus far.

Although I was not previously a part of Birthright, I've begun to feel right at home in the office alongside Theresa and our wonderful volunteers. No matter the situation, I have seen firsthand how caring and helpful they are towards the clients we serve. It truly is a wonderful organization and I am happy to be a part of it. I'm looking forward to all of the experiences to come and the people I will meet in this position.

*Holly*



### 2017 Stats

Requests for Information (Phone Calls)	696
Office Visits	316
Pregnancy Tests	42
Babies Born	51
Clothing/Diaper Assistance	573
Office Volunteers	12
Office Hours Open	1,362

### We Give Thanks....

We owe so much of what we are able to do to so many.... God bless all! Here a some recent organizations who have contributed to our work. Most have done so for many years.

- St. James Parish, Catawissa
- St. Mary of Perpetual Help, Villa Ridge
- Newborns In Need, Ellisville
- Women's Club, Most Sacred Heart- Eureka

- Your Cause, LLC
- St. Francis of Assisi, Luebbering
- St. Paul's, Fenton
- St. Mark's MOPS Group
- Loving Stitches, Most Sacred Heart- Eureka



### CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS...

*(CARDS AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE)*

**In memory of:**

**Ruth Toben** - Kevin & Joan Desplinter  
 - Foundation for the School District of the City of St. Charles

**Elaine Henry** - Barbara Hren

**Bernice Smith** - Richard & Mary Kluba  
 - David & Stacey Burke  
 - Gregory & Paula Recker  
 - Paul Kopp  
 - Don & Mary Griese

**Bernice Smith** - Rita Haller

- Cary & Elaine Wilson
- Arnold & Linda Sandbothe
- Arthur & Connie Sandbothe
- Leonard & Karen Doorack
- Terry & Judi Sater
- Roland & Laverne Schwoeppe
- Jim & Chris Stefanus

**In celebration of:**

**Burlage & Holdinghausen Families**

- Dave & Betty Holdinghausen





