

TRI-COUNTY BIRTHRIGHT

SPRING 2019



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FYI.....

- Stay tuned for details on our upcoming Bunco fundraiser! (date to be announced, call the office if you want your name on a list to be notified)



- PLANT SALE TIME! Order form inside!
- Celebration and Memorial Cards available at the office for any gift to Birthright



Large diapers (4 & 5) and baby soap/shampoo/lotion always needed! We are also **out** of thermometers and nail clippers.

From the Director.....

It's that time of year again, the time that everyone looks forward to after a cold, gloomy winter... SPRING! It's a time that makes us think of the new things that God has in store for us in the coming seasons. For some, it is getting out and brightening up the outdoors around their homes (see plant sale info below!)

For many of us at our Birthright office, it can mean more clients coming in as the weather improves and even more new babies on the way! The month of February has 7 client babies on our waiting list for layettes- more than usual for us. We are always so happy to see the tiny newborns and be able to help their mamas provide for them. Usually it is through tangible items that are simply absolute baby necessities, but sometimes it's advice about burping newborns or

how to properly install their car seat.

Mom-to-mom counseling is what Louise Summerhill asked for in her Birthright Centers and thankfully, with our dedicated weekly volunteers, we are able to provide that to our clients in so many ways.

We greet them with a smile when they come in for supplies. Wish them Happy Birthday and give them a small gift, just for them. A follow-up call to see how they are doing. These little things that the volunteers do help them feel important and makes them feel someone cares for them.

God Bless,

Theresa & Holly

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."



Plant Sale Time!



Please take the time to browse our new plant sale order form. There is a picture page of flowers to help you know exactly what you are ordering. There have been a few slight price increases due to our supplier's cost increase.

We are again offering some herbs for your garden. This is a huge fundraiser 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 Saturday, March 30. Pick up day is here at the office lot on **Saturday, May 4. 11-1 pm.**

New Happenings at Birthright

We want to update all of you on some exciting new changes that are now in place at Birthright.

- We have purchased a cell phone for the office so now we can send our clients text messages as well as them texting us. We have found that our clients prefer to text rather than call. Our hope is that this will enable us to have better contact with them and serve them better.



- To make our clients feel that we care and are here for them, we are adding their birth date to the client sheet. We will now text a Happy Birthday message to her and give a card or small gift if she comes in during her birthday month.
- We are working to get advertising online, as we are seeing a trend with our clients being influenced by social media.

- Thanks to a generous donation, we have been able to implement a Car Seat Voucher program to help some of our clients in financial need obtain a seat for their child!



2018 Stats

Requests for Information (Phone Calls)	504
Crib Vouchers	12
Utility/Rent Assistance/ Gas Vouchers	52
Pregnancy Tests	29
Babies Born	44
Clothing/Diaper Assistance	458
Office Volunteers	13
Office Hours Open	1,362

As Birthright Directors, we and our volunteers are continually working on finding new and small ways to help our clients and their babies stay positive by bringing small little smiles to their faces.

We Give Thanks....

We owe so much of what we are able to do to so many... God bless all! Here are 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**
- St. Francis of Assisi, Luebbering**
- St. Paul's, Fenton**

Knights of Columbus, Kansas City

Lutherans for Life

Vincent P. Ring Charitable Foundation

Fellowship First Baptist Church, High Ridge

Knights of Columbus, St. John's Gildehaus

Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge



CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS...

(CARDS AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE)

In memory of:

Elaine Henry - Delbert Henry

In celebration of:

Chad & Christine Carey

- George & Paula Kaigh



