# TRI-COUNTY BIRTHRIGHT

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We currently have 98 active clients. Of course that means many more children belonging to those mothers are benefitting because of those who donate

and provide for us.



#### SPRING 2024 From the Director.....

After a slow and snowy January, we've had a busy start to the spring season. Several new clients have found their way through our door, some newly pregnant and some ready to deliver any day. We are thankful for the agencies and other clients that refer to us. Recently, we've had several groups calling to ask our most requested items and needs in order to hold collections for us- the extra generosity made me wonder, who will be coming in to take all of these supplies? Apparently it will be for this influx of new families coming our

It is always wonderful to have just what the client is asking for. Sometimes it's a certain size diaper or particular brand of bottle. By the grace of God, usually the items have been brought in just prior and we are able to fulfill the request!



We are excited to announce we have a new

supplier, Ritter Farms for our annual plant sale, a longstanding Birthright tradition.

providing plants for our plant sale.

there will be two days for pick up.

tomatoes.

lawns and gardens.

Thanks to Fahr Greenhouse for many years of

This year will feature more hanging baskets.

We are not offering perennials, but there are

some beautiful options for annuals, herbs, and

Like last year, we will have extras for purchase

Thank you so much for supporting our moms and babies year after year as you decorate your

on the days of our plant sale! New this year,

**Plants For Life** 

Pick Up

Since 2020, we had only been open

on Mon, Wed & Thurs. We now

have enough volunteers trained so

that we can be open four days per

week. Our open hours are now Mon-

day- Thurs, 9:30-3:30. These hours

and volunteer's schedules. Appoint-

regular hours but that doesn't seem

Thank you for being a part in the

God Bless,

Holly

to be needed often.

mission of Birthright!

ments can always be made outside of

seem to best fit most of our client

Friday, April 26 from 4-7 PM - or -Saturday April 27 from 9-11 AM

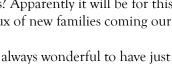
Order Forms must be completed by April15, 2024

**Online Ordering is SO EASY!** 

https://bit.ly/birthrightplantsale

way!

It is truly a grace to be able to serve our community. Our volunteers are some of the most wonderful people and are always happy to help these women and children in need.



### Friends of all ages...

The 8th grade class from St. Bridget in Pacific brought us some baby goods they collected from their school and parish during Pro-Life month. Their teacher requested a tour for their students and we were happy to do so! We showed them around the office and explained what we do. We are so grateful for the next generation to learn about Birthright and what it really means to be pro-life.



St. John's Gildehaus, Knights of

Lutherans for Life, Eureka

Feed My People, High Ridge

Holy Infant 2nd & 8th graders

Preceptor Epsilon Psi Sorority

Eureka Food Pantry

Ignite Church, Eureka

Columbus

As we were giving tours, we talked about how life often falls short of ideals. One boy gave the definition of ideal "the best it could be." He is exactly right. Sometimes a woman has a baby and doesn't have a perfect set up to make it easy. That's where we become helpers.

Perhaps they will encounter a young woman facing an unplanned pregnancy in the next few years of their adolescence and by coming here, they can suggest us as a safe place for her to get help. They are the future volunteers and supporters of this organization and we NEED them!

## 2023 Year Statistics

Requests for Information	400
Crib & Car Seat Vouchers	25
Utility/Rent Assistance/ Gas Vouchers	64
Pregnancy Tests	11
Babies Born to Clients	25
Clothing Pickups & Diaper Packages	1096
Office Volunteers	12
Newborn Layettes	38

#### We Give Thanks....

- St. James Parish, Catawissa
- Newborns In Need, STL
- Heritage Presbyterian Church
  of Wildwood
- Most Sacred Heart, Eureka Loving Stitches, Women's Club
  and the Knights of Columbus
- Eureka Pediatrics
- St. Bridget School

#### In Memory Of: Deacon Mike Suden

by: Jane Conover

Lloyd & Ruth Sutterer

by: The Holdinghausen 20

Dave Holdinghausen

Janet Avery

St. James Quilters

\*\*\*Reminder that donations can be made in memorial of a loved one or as a celebration of birthday, or part of wills and testaments. Memorial cards

\* Please make any checks out to TRI-COUNTY BIRTHRIGHT. Since there are many Missouri Birthrights, our bank is asking for this.

# Outreach and New Media

- There are two new pages on our website under the header "Resources." There is a lengthy list of local organizations that serve our population, and a list of Missouri Birthrights. If you notice something is missing, let us know!
- Outreach is going well and Rachel is on the road visiting organizations including Good Shepherd, Heritage Presbyterian Church, Eureka Fire Dept, and Lutheran Child and Family Services.
- We are now members of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce! Meeting with members of our community is a good way to stay connected with current events and to share information about our fundraisers and goings-on.
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- Visit our website and check out our blogs! Or if you would like to receive email updates, email outreach@tricountybirthright.org.
- Check out Holly and Stubbins selling Old Newsboys in November!!

### Story Corner



December was a busy month for us!! We had the waiting area filled with Christmas gifts, clothes and new toys for our moms to choose from. We were also gifted gas cards to hand out for each of our clients. They were excited to receive these things- a free toy here and there may not seem like a huge deal but it seemed that several times, we had just the thing their child would like or needed.

After a Peppa Pig toy came in, one mom scooped it up for her toddler. "She loves Peppa Pig!" How perfect!

THANK YOU so much to all who donated in any way- Amazon

Wishlist, monetary or otherwise.



