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Tri-County Birthright

Newsletter

From the Director.....

**Tri-County**  
**Birthright**  
in Eureka

Dear Birthright Friends,

Have you ever wondered what we really do inside our office each day? Some folks think that we are talking women out of abortions day in and out. While we do have women that call about it, mention it in the office and ask questions, that is often NOT the most common situation we are addressing.

I really want to let you know who the average client is, so you know just who you are supporting when you donate baby and mom items or generously share your treasure with us in monetary donations...

Recently, a teen mother came in with her infant, both brought in by a trusted adult in her life. She had only ONE bottle that she had been washing and reusing for the past 10 months. We were happy to supply her with many more bottles, and other items she needed. How I wish she would have been able to come in sooner, so she would have had the things she needed for his first year!! But, she was trying to make it on her own, being as good of a mother as she could with the life she was given. Thank goodness she had a helper who cared enough to show her the kindness she deserved. We hope to keep in touch. We truly hope she finds success with her future plans!

We really can't change their lives completely. Generational poverty and similar issues don't just go away because they were given some "free stuff" from our office. However, they can experience the love we have for others in our hearts. Birthright volunteers are very special people— I see it every day! They are called to be here because they have been given a beautiful GRACE to look past the mother's current lifestyle or situation and freely give— supplies, comforting words, perhaps a listening ear, without expecting anything in return.

So often, particular items come in, just as we were nearly out. I greatly enjoy watching God work through individuals and groups who bring in bags and boxes of the supplies our moms need the most. (Who would have thought a big jug of laundry detergent would absolutely make someone's day?? It does!) We love giving 'tours' of the office too— just ask if you would like to see!

Thank YOU for giving freely, of your own hearts... whether in prayers, money or material goods. Please know that it is greatly appreciated by everyone in our office and of course the families that receive help from Birthright.

~ Holly Haberberger  
Director

## DONATIONS, WE THANK YOU!

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

As a PRC, we can offer you a MO tax credit application for any donation over \$100. These are automatically mailed in January but if you want to beat the rush, call and ask for one to be sent early!

Use the QR code or visit



<https://bit.ly/BRTaxCredit>

- Newborns In Need, Eastern MO
- Heritage Presbyterian Church, Wildwood
- St. Paul's Church & KC 2440, Fenton
- Most Sacred Heart, Eureka Loving Stitches, Women's Club, SVDP
- Sacred Heart Ladies Club & KC 8887
- St. Mary's Altar Ladies, Villa Ridge
- West STL Co. Lutherans for Life
- St. John the Baptist Church & School, Villa Ridge
- St. Bridget of Kildare, Pacific
- Missouri Knights of Columbus
- Christ Prince of Peace, Manchester & KC 12986
- St. Joseph's Church, Manchester, Preschool & KC 9522
- Holy Infant Church, Ballwin
- Wednesday Club of Eureka
- Ideaman, Inc
- K & K Supply, Fenton
- Clancy's Irish Pub, Ellisville
- Archdiocese of St. Louis
- Republican Women's Club

## VOLUNTEERS KEEP US MOVING!

IRENE SIEVE- 32 YEARS

SANDIE FOLKS- 4 YEARS

LINDA SIMINO- 1 YEAR

KAREN MARKLIN- 10 YEARS

CAROL GATES- 3 YEARS

LINDA VAN WINKLE- 1 YEAR

LINDA WEBER- 9 YEARS

LORRAINE FORSYTHE- 3 YEARS

STEPHANIE FORCK- 1 YEAR

CELESTE LITTON- 8 YEARS

RACHEL ANDERSON- 3 YEARS

LYDIA SHERRER- NEW!

CHRISTA PETRY- 2 YEARS

\* ALSO, BIG THANKS TO MARY ELLEN, RUTHIE, THERESA AND BEVERLY FOR BEING OUR SUBS!



## IN MEMORIUM



*Donations can be made in memory or in honor of a loved one and also in celebration of anniversaries, etc. Thank you to our donors who honor the lives of loved ones with a contribution to Birthright.*

**Dave Holdinghausen**  
The Holdinghausen 20

**Bob Witte**  
Lloyd & Ruth Sutterer

**Delores Chapie**  
Carolyn Hanneken

**Bob Kalin**  
Lloyd & Ruth Sutterer

**Don Patterson**  
Tom & Cathy O'Connor

**Michael Farley**  
James & Del Glenn



Donations can now be accepted on Venmo!  
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# CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

## DO YOU ENJOY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING??

We would LOVE donations of holiday gift items for our clients...

**\*\*PLEASE BRING IN BY THE END OF NOVEMBER\*\***

\*NEW OR LIKE NEW WARM CLOTHING/ PAJAMAS (BOY & GIRL)

\*NEW OR LIKE NEW TODDLER SHOES/ BOOTS SIZE 4-9

\*NEW OR LIKE NEW TOYS FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS



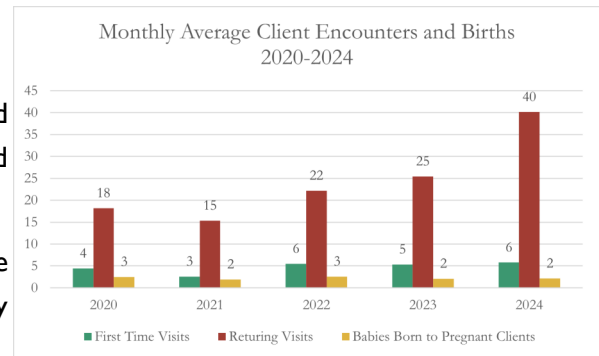
## OUTREACH AND BEYOND...

For the past two years, Rachel Anderson has served as our outreach coordinator. She travelled to partner meetings in Arnold and Washington, visited WIC offices, connected with local agencies, and gave a special touch to our marketing materials. She will still be a part of Birthright by transitioning to the board and volunteering when available.

Thank you for your dedication, Rachel!

Over these last two years, the increased outreach and some tech changes including the new website and increased social media have brought in more clients, more often!

But of course, personal referrals are still our number one reason that women report contacting Birthright. Every client matters!



## SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX



Learn More

[WWW.SHBB.ORG](http://WWW.SHBB.ORG)

Eureka is set to get a Safe Haven Baby Box in the coming months thanks to support from Birthright and other local groups. This box—which will be installed in the firehouse wall—is a safe, anonymous, and LEGAL option for mothers to surrender an infant to firefighters. It is a real fourth option for mothers in crisis, particular those at risk of abandoning their infants. Our office will post information in our client restroom and front waiting area as part of the awareness campaign. If even ONE life is saved, it will be well worth it.

## Our Board of Directors

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**Hours:**

**Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9:30-3:30,**



## **DONATION NEEDS**

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

We are always in need of items to give out to new mothers:

- **Baby wash and lotions**
- **Shampoo, conditioner & body wash for moms**
- **12/18/24 month PJ's**
- **Large (8oz) baby bottles**
- **New clothing items, 0-2T**
- **Thermometers**
- **Baby nail clippers**
- **Baby spoons**
- **Size NB, 4, 5, 6, 7 diapers**
- **Pull-ups in 2, 3, 4T**
- **Pacifiers**