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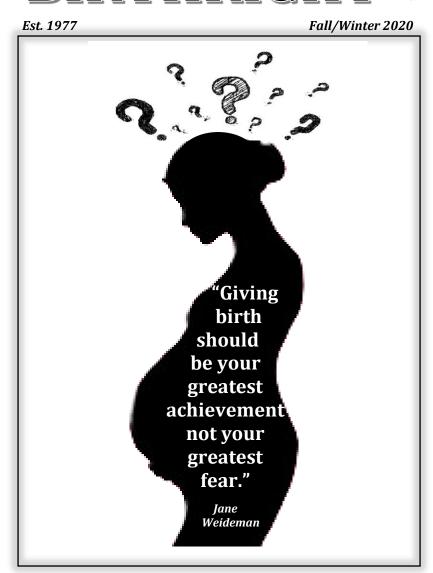
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RESOURCE CENTER for Pregnant Women of Onondaga County and New Mothers

# BIRTHRIGHT



### **TOGETHER** WE CAN MEET ALL MOTHERS' NEEDS...

### **HELP US to HELP THEM!**

### We are so blessed!



### **Donor Testimonies**

Terrence D. - ".... We are called to be people of action as well as faith."

Carlos B – "We have often thought of Birthright as a small, perhaps unnoticed pro-life organization. So, it is our hope that our "widow's might" offering to God in the struggle for life would be helped with ours."

Margaret K. – "Birthright is near and dear to our hearts." Jeanne and Brian – "There are so many in need of this help, and Birthright is the hands and feet of Christ in our community."

Ellen S-H - "I wish I could do more for Birthright and all young mothers in need. Since I am still able to work from home...I can give money to Birthright to use for anything young mothers and their precious children may need."

### Volunteer Testimonies

Our Board of Directors and office staff are all dedicated, volunteers, professional men & women--love in action!



We are grateful to Marty and granddaughter, Mckenna, for making so many cozy and colorful blankets for children!!

We V Volunteers Mary Ellen: "It has been a privilege to volunteer. It has given me the opportunity to assist women in our community that need help most - pregnant women and mothers with newborns."

Marilyn: "Birthright is life-affirming and helps women choose life."

Diane: "What a way to make a difference to families in our own neighborhoods!"

Barb: "Love Life--especially babies."

Share your time and skills with us and you will love this work, too!

<u>Call us to discuss a match</u> with your life experiences!

### We are a Resource Center for Women



### **Encouragement**



- We are available 24/7 through our 800 helpline, CNY 211 and at our local office.
- We give immediate support with free pregnancy tests, referrals for sonograms, personal care kits, new maternity coats and clothes.
- We offer free, endorsed books on pregnancy & baby's first year.

### **Family Services**



- We offer resources for free food, housing, medical/doula and other critical family services.
- We exchange services with many local government, private agencies and are participating with the Syracuse Diocese in "Walking with Moms in Need."
- We support women throughout pregnancy and after.

### **Baby Supplies**



- We offer free safe-sleeping boxes, bottles, clothing, blankets, snowsuits, hats, etc. for newborns.
- We have clothing, coats, hats, mittens, toys and books for infants over 6 weeks.
- We provide resources for free diapers, formula, car seats and many local services.

### The Real...at Birthright

"Tell me how much you have entered into the suffering of those around you, and I will tell you how much you love them." Martin Niemöller

A woman called for her sister who was pregnant and living alone. This new mother needed support - she just received news that her unborn baby had a heart condition – with only 3 of the normal 4 heart chambers – and required surgery after birth. Our volunteer, a retired nurse, provided needed encouragement and support. The child was delivered on time, in good condition despite health issues and immediately transferred to New York City for surgery. One week later, the baby was well enough to be discharged. A Birthright volunteer delivered an infant layette (during CoVid) with a pack and play provided from a local agency. We last heard this baby was doing well!

She needed a pregnancy test immediately – not from this community – in an abusive situation - out of a job and he did not want children. She was in her late 30's and always wanted a child. We talked about safe housing and other services; she asked for prayers. In a few weeks, we followed up and her doctor confirmed the pregnancy. She was so happy we sent her a newborn onesie and booties and put her on our future layette list. She is working now and joyfully anticipating the birth of her first child.

A mom called 211 for help for a 3-year old boy with neurological problems, whose main source of nutrition was formula. Because of his age, WIC would not cover this need. Birthright is an emergency contact on 211 so, we called our manufacturer's rep. who sent two cases of Enfamil to the mother's home. The mom was ecstatic and grateful since formula is so expensive and she had lost her job.

#### A Full House

Grandparents needed baby items for a grandchild born that day and were taking custody upon hospital discharge. They already were in process of adopting 7 other grandchildren and overwhelmed with a newborn. Our volunteer immediately put together a baby layette along with a resource packet for general services and special programs for grandparents.

We have had no fundraisers in 2020....so

# Please choose one way to SUPPORT LIFE" in CNY

### **DIRECT DONATIONS**



- Go to our <u>FACEBOOK</u> page <u>or</u> <u>to Birthright's Fundraiser</u>
- Or send your check to: 346 N. MIDLER AVE SYRACUSE NY 13206

#### **SHOP & DONATE**



- Go to <u>Amazon.Smile.com</u> and register for "Birthright of Onondaga County."
  - A donation to Birthright is automatic upon checkout!

#### **BOTTLE DRIVES**



- Virtual Baby Bottle Drive We provide baby bottles for display with instructions.
- Donate your personal or company Cans & Bottles in Birthright's name.
  (See participating centers on our Facebook post at "Birthright of Onondaga.")

#### **VIRTUAL BABY BASH**



- Organize an on-line Children's Coat Drive.
- Parish <u>Diaper Drive</u> via Church Bulletin.
- Decorate a drop-off box for Baby Shower gifts.

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### **OUR MISSION:**

Birthright is pro-life by loving and giving encouragement to women with unplanned pregnancies and pro-active by offering practical advice, emergency services, providing resources, free maternity and baby necessities - all given gently, without judgment and in confidence.



We assist pregnant women in many ways and defuse stressful situations surrounding pregnancies – along with supporting new mothers in every need.

FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN NEED: We offer practical options - pregnancy tests, helpful advice, new maternity coats and clothing, informational publications, personal care kits (recently added) - all free - as well as resources for free doula coaching, housing, food, medical/ legal services, financial support programs ... all so that women can make positive and informed decisions about the health and welfare of their families and children.



#### **Maternity coats**



FOR NEW MOTHERS: Despite CoVid and without fundraising, WE ARE BLESSED TO ROLL OUT NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2021:

Safe-sleeping boxes for infants,

publications recommended for baby's first year, as well as resources for free diapers, car seats, bus passes and new resources for emergency services.





## Be a Birthright Guardian Angel by Making a Memorial Gift

Birthright has been able to provide "life giving" services to pregnant women and babies during the COVID-19 pandemic through the continued hard work of its volunteers and the generosity of its donors. In fact, while other agencies curtailed their services, Birthright has been able to maintain, and in some areas expand upon, its "life giving" services because of a wonderful and unexpected bequest from a generous donor who remembered Birthright in her will.

What better way to remember a life well lived than to make a legacy bequest to sustain Birthright's mission.

Please consider remembering Birthright in your will or make a memorial gift in the name of a loved one.



In Loving Remembrance from David and Geraldine DeLucia and Paul and Patricia Mullin

In memory of PAUL D. BRENNAN from Marie Brennan

In memory of ANTHONY J. PERRA, SR. from Marie Perra and Diane Cima



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