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Suggestions or Comments: _____

Yes, I am able to make available your literature at a location open to the public.
 I wish to receive information about volunteering with Birthright.
 Please add/do not add my name to your mailing list. (circle one)

I would like to contribute: \$5 \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$1000 other

Yes, I wish to help BIRTHRIGHT of Harford County to assist anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. To realize and to choose an alternative to abortion that saves the baby's life and gives the mother a life worth living.

Birthright never has and never will sell, lend, or give your name or address to any other organization. You have our word!

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Our Mission: To assist women in a crisis pregnancy to carry their baby to term.

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 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
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 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
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Results of a Positive Pregnancy Test

The volunteers at Birthright inform a woman the results of her positive pregnancy test. What happens next is the unique moment when the reality of a pregnancy hits. Reactions vary from unbridled joy to quiet resignation; from tentative excitement to utter panic, and all kinds of feelings in between.

It is interesting to sometimes see two very similar situations come up, but to witness two very different outcomes. When facing an unplanned pregnancy the thinking of one woman might be one or more of the following:

- *What are people going to say?*
- *My parents are going to be so mad.*
- *My boyfriend is not going to help.*
- *I have no support, no place to live and take care of a baby.*
- *I can't afford it.*
- *A baby would change all my plans...it's inconvenient.*
- *I'm too young.*
- *I didn't plan for this to happen.*



Conclusion: I can't have a baby.

This woman is usually thinking of how the pregnancy affects her without considering the baby at all. Another woman might have the same circumstances: i.e., no support, inconvenient, lack of money, no job, unstable housing, etc. Yet abortion does not even enter her mind. Despite her situation she resolves to find a way to make it work.

Conclusion: It will be hard, but I will have the baby.

This woman is thinking of the baby and values its life above her own plans.



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OUR NEEDS

large diapers
size 4 & 5

baby wipes

baby shampoo

baby wash

baby formula

booties or socks

Undershirts
size 12 & 18 months

Prayers for our
volunteers and clients



Results of a Positive Pregnancy Test *(continued from first page)*

What makes one woman choose life for the baby without hesitation even when the problems seem insurmountable, while the other who relates the very same story cannot see a way to give birth, even despite receiving accurate information and support from her volunteer? We don't really know but think it has to do with trust. Trust in Birthright, that when we say we will walk with her through this pregnancy we really mean it. Trust in herself to overcome any obstacles in her life. And trust in God who has a plan already in place for this mother and her child.

We talk about these things with a client and offer all the resources at our disposal, but in the end she has to decide who to trust.

Our hearts rejoice with one outcome, and break with the other. Fortunately, we see many women wanting to give life and we help work them through the difficulties.

For those who choose to abort, our heart and our door are always open to them.

How is My Financial Donation to Birthright Used?

- Money that is donated may be used for operational costs that would enable us to have a warm, welcoming and safe place that a woman can come and talk through her crisis situation. It also supports a 24 hour hotline, located in Atlanta Georgia, staffed by trained Birthright volunteers.
- Birthright is staffed by two part time employees. Carol Maglov as Director and Elyse Colao as her Administrative Assistant. Carol and Elyse are paid for their administrative work with the volunteers and ministry only. Birthright's volunteers do all the real work of support, mentoring, educating, and loving our numerous clients.
- Money could be used for outreach. Outreach would include visiting communities and offering information and literature about the Birthright ministry. We can only help women if they know we are here. Spreading the word is an important part of outreach.
- A third way the money might be used is for pregnant women who participate in our Prepare to Parent Program. This program is for someone who is pregnant for the first time, especially a very young woman. A one on one mentoring program with a series of DVD's to educate them in areas of pregnancy and parenting. If she completes eight sessions she receives a gift card to Baby's R Us, to purchase a new crib, car seat, or other needed baby items.



Little Ways to Save

Donate formula and diaper coupons.

We appreciate and encourage you sharing your diaper, formula, and baby food coupons. The clients do use them and save. We offer a coupon basket that clients can browse through when they visit the office. They are most tickled when they find \$4.00 off on baby formula. If you haven't bought baby formula in a while you would be amazed at how expensive it is. Yes, most of our clients do get monthly WIC vouchers (food coupons) but they don't last through the whole month and that's why Birthright tries to help.

Homemade wipes inspired a client.

When we ran out of donated baby wipes we started to offer a recipe for homemade wipes. Needless to say the initial reaction from the clients was not thrilled, but a few days later one of the clients called us. She was very proud of herself and called to tell us she had made the baby wipes. She said they were easy to make, cheaper than store bought baby wipes, and worked great. What cheered us the most was how pleased she was with herself. We believe small seeds of accomplishment go a long way. If you are interested in our homemade baby wipes, here is the recipe:

Home Made Baby Wipes

- 1 roll strong paper towels
- 2 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon baby oil
- 2 tablespoons baby shampoo
- 1 circular container

Directions:

1. Using a sharp knife cut roll in half making two smaller rolls.
2. Pull cardboard center out of one small roll.
3. Place roll in container.
4. Mix liquids together and pour over paper towel.
5. Place lid of container on tightly and wait until liquid is absorbed.

email newsletter.

If you would prefer to receive our quarterly newsletter by email visit our website www.birthrightofbelair.org and sign up. Please call or drop us a note if you want to be removed from our paper mailing list. This is not done automatically when you sign up for the email.

Would you tell the people who support Birthright that I said thank you? Me and my family are doing all right now and Birthright was a big help.

~From a former client



I asked God to
give me love...

God said,
"I will send you
those in need
for you to give
your love to."

~Claudia Minden Weisz

