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Birthright of Harford County
38 East Gordon Street,
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WHOM WE SERVE

Post-Abortion Ministry

When a woman comes to Birthright regretting an abortion in her past, the volunteers are ready to listen without judgment. If the woman is interested, she can meet with the post-abortion ministry, who can help her make peace with herself and God.

Post-abortion ministry leader Cathy Nichols says, "Some women take many years to open up about their abortion. Many were very young and thinking, 'My life is ahead of me. How can I possibly have a child?' Many women are pressured into thinking that this is the only option, by the baby's father, parents, or friends. They are told, 'It's no big deal.' These women may feel a sense of relief initially but later suffer from feelings of grief and regret. They can suffer addictions, eating disorders, relationship challenges, and the inability to bond with future children."

The post-abortion ministry has a drop-in meeting on the last Monday of every month and also runs a study group that

works through the book *Forgiven and Set Free*. The aim is to help women who have had abortions find a way out of their destructive thoughts and behaviors and to show them that they are forgiven and loved by God.

For one client, Anna, the Bible study group was her safe place. While she was also receiving care from a therapist, Anna found a community in this group of women who were facing similar struggles. She is so grateful to the group's leaders for helping her to get out of her pain and guilt and instead find hope and peace.

If you are suffering from an abortion in your past, you too can find unconditional and judgment free help at Birthright. ❤️



**Name changed to maintain confidentiality.*

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WHO WE ARE

Katie Young, Newsletter Writer

Kate Young first heard of Birthright more than a decade ago, when she was pregnant with her first child. She loved Birthright's pro-life mission of helping families with babies. As her own family grew, she adopted the habit of donating baby items to Birthright regularly. Wanting to help more, Kate helped sort baby clothes in the office a couple of times. However, she was not able to volunteer on a regular basis because of the needs of her own family.

Then, in the summer of 2019, when she was pregnant with her fifth baby, Kate finally found a way to help Birthright in a more fulfilling way. She became the

writer of the Birthright of Harford County newsletter. The newsletter had not been sent out in some time, but, with Kate's help, it once again began to be issued a few times a year. The newsletter is important because it is a way to let people in the community-potential donors, volunteers, and clients-know about the good work that Birthright does.

Kate brings much writing and editing experience from her days in college and law school. A non-practicing lawyer, she has been a stay-at-home mom since her first child was born. During the pandemic, she has also taken on



the role of homeschooling mom! Kate and her husband, Brian, have two sons and three daughters, ages one to eleven.

If you are interested in volunteering at Birthright but cannot make a weekly commitment, please know that there is still a place for you! Helping behind the scenes or performing occasional tasks can help Birthright further its mission to encourage women to choose life. ♥

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Men and Abortion

Whether you realize it or not, both women and men make abortion decisions when facing an unplanned pregnancy. While legally the final decision rests with the mother, men have a great deal of influence in helping their partner make a pregnancy decision.

In a study at two Midwest abortion clinics, 210 male partners were interviewed. Of those 210, 57% said they would not

have chosen to terminate the pregnancy had it been up to them.*

Most men want to be supportive but feel like they have no say or that their partner wouldn't want to hear their opinion. All too often men follow the culture and say it's your body, your choice, even if they don't feel that way themselves. Even if they don't want her to get the abortion.

What most men don't realize is that their support is the most influential voice when a woman is making a pregnancy decision.

When working with women who have an abortion in their past, I have heard the anguish in her voice as she recalls how even when she was lying on the table in an abortion clinic, she was praying that he would barge in and protect her and his baby. Another client conveyed to me that when she told her partner she was pregnant he replied to do what she felt was best, but then resented her after the abortion was done.

I truly believe that if her partner steps up and commits to standing by her and their child, encouraging her not to get an abortion, she will go against any other influence, feeling empowered by his support. Men, please do not fall into the cultural thinking that she doesn't want you involved when in fact your voice is the one that matters the most. Even if you do not want to remain in the relationship, it is your responsibility to help her and support your child.

Our Men's Mentoring ministry is designed to help encourage and support dads so they can be a better support and encouragement to their partner and their child. Our male

volunteers come alongside these dads with hands-on, one to one guidance and assistance. One of



our male clients called our office telling us that as a result of a one night stand, the girl told him she was pregnant and he wanted nothing to do with her or the

baby. One of our male mentors built a relationship with him, advising and teaching him how to be a dad. 9 months later, he texted our volunteer a picture of his newborn son with the caption, "My new fishing buddy."

At Birthright, we pray that more men will see the gift of new life in a pregnancy and stand boldly beside his partner and his new child.

Stephanie Atha
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Executive Director

Thank You!

Loving Me to LIFE

Campaign

This Spring we launched The Loving Me to Life Giving Campaign to celebrate Moms and Dads during Mother's and Father's Day. Thank you to the following donors who recently partnered with Birthright to honor those who gave them the greatest gift: Life!

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