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4th Quarter Newsletter



"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every baby to be born."
-Louise Summerhill

Letter from the Director

We have been through summer activities, weddings, baby showers, reunions, vacations, picnics and family gatherings. This is hoping, that everyone had a wonderful summer.

Birthright of Grand Junction is edging into the 7th year of operations, but very few know the history of the organization. We are one of the many Chapters of *International Birthright*. Chapters are located throughout USA, Canada and Africa.

Birthright International was born October 15, 1968, in Toronto Canada by 46-year-old Louise Summerhill. A wife of a doctor and mother of seven children, with five still at home. The youngest were 4-year-old twins. Louise felt the call of God to start Birthright to help frightened pregnant women. She had no experience as an organizer, but with the encouragement of her spiritual adviser, she stepped forward in faith. The first beginning was in a small, donated basement office, hand full of volunteers and \$300 in the bank account.

All Chapters abide by Louise's Charter. "The guiding principle is the wisdom of the simple statement, *It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born* is undeniable. It clearly shows Birthright's mission to foster love and respect for both mother and baby. By showing non-judgmental love and support to the pregnant woman, we help her to respect her baby's life. We do not use pressure tactics to induce the distressed mother to carry her baby to term. We love her and pray that by our example and with our support she will have the confidence and self-respect to choose the alternative to abortion." (Article I – Birthright Charter)

After Louise's death in 1991, her twin daughters, Stephanie Fox and Louise Summerhill, carried on her vision. They both share the Presidency of *Birthright International*. Stephanie Fox's daughter, Victoria Fox, is the Executive Director.

This is a very brief history of *Birthright International*. Louise Summerhill (daughter of the founder) published a 110-page book on "The Story of Birthright", which goes into more detail. In the next newsletter, I will give a brief history of *Birthright of Grand Junction's* beginning.

Blessings,

Pat Bowman

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



Welcome our new volunteer, Lory Greaves. She is a retired registered nurse, who specialized in hospital women/children services. She is a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She heard about Birthright from a Birthright volunteer and felt the call to become a volunteer. She has a strong belief in alternatives to abortion, such as adoption. She comes to us with fresh new ideas and sincere enthusiasm.

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Moms' comments:

"This is an amazing organization".

"I am so happy, that I was told about Birthright."

"Blessing, inspiring, calming, supportive, inspiration of healing, can make it through anything by talking it out."



4th Quarter Donors:

Downtown Vineyard Church for allowing Birthright to set up a booth for recruiting new volunteers

St. Bridget circle: baby items and diapers

Mesiah Lutheran Church: food baskets and baby items

Private donors: Handmade greeting cards, scrapbook albums, gentle used clothing, crochet lap blankets, knitted hats and monetary donations

Knight of Columbus IHM #13621: Large check amount

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