



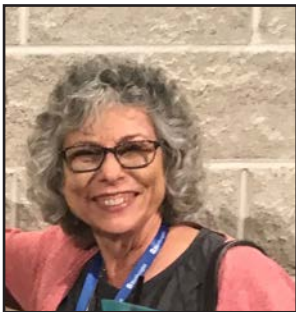
Birthright of Grand Junction

® January – March, 2024
1st Quarter Newsletter



*“It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth
and the right of every baby to be born.” ~Louise Summerhill*

DIRECTOR’S LETTER



Please accept my apologies for the two-month delay of the 4th Quarter Newsletter. I was struggling to find someone to replace Melody Corpening. Thank you, Melody, for your dedication and talent on building our previous Newsletters. Roxanne Schick of Artyrox Design came to our rescue and was able to build our 4th Quarter newsletter within two hours. We received many positive comments on the new design. Roxie shared her personal life and how it influenced her prolife commitment. Thank you, Roxie.

During this 1st Quarter of 2025, we’ve seen an increased need for baby items. Unexpected family crises required more assistance than usual. We were fortunate to see them through with the generosity of our donors. Thank you all for your help.

We are thankful to see young visitors at Birthright. A High School student and RN Nursing student came in to interview me for their school project papers. Also, a group of students for life spoke with me on how we can assist each other. In helping us they were willing to post Birthright flyers on the college campus bulletin boards. We will refer interested prospective members. We referred a young lady, who was looking at joining such a group.

Thanks to all,

Pat Bowman

OUR VOLUNTEERS



Birthright welcomes volunteers in many capacities. We fit you to your talents, there are so many ways you can make a difference. Visit with us to discuss options. You will be trained and be able to follow a mentor. Birthright is love, encouragement and hope. We are non-judgmental. Come in for a visit and we will give you a tour of the facility. We will answer questions and explain what we are about. In fact, any visitor is welcome to learn more about Birthright.



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BIRTHRIGHT BOARD NEWS

By law, a non-profit organization must be governed by a Board of Directors. What are the responsibilities of the Board? To connect our Chapter to the larger community of Birthright International. To ensure our Chapter is following the Birthright Charter and Policy Directives. Setting and monitoring goals and objectives. Annual review of finances and creating a yearly budget.

The Board has experienced some changes this past year. There were resignations and nominations. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Toni Rubalcaba and Christopher Cameron stepped down, because of hardships. Now, we are saddened that Melody Corpening has stepped down as the Chair. It was a difficult decision for her, because of her love for Birthright's pregnant moms and their babies. Her decision was based on the growing needs of her profession, family and health. The past two years she have made tremendous accomplishments. With her professional experience in Board procedures, she helped form a more productive Birthright Board. She traveled to the International Birthright Conference in Chicago to ask questions of the International Board Members and mingled with various Chapter leaders to bring back ideas to help our Chapter. She was essential in helping us develop our website and start work on SEO (search engine). This is a partial listing of her achievements.

We are excited to announce that Paul M. Gray has accepted a position on the Board. He states his reason for accepting, "To help further the pro-life cause and support mothers in need." He is married, has a family, member of the Knights of Columbus, professional photographer and artist. He volunteered to do photo shoots of our newborns. The moms will greatly appreciate that gift. He brings enthusiasm to the board; his commitment is greatly appreciated.

At present, the Board is comprised of 4 members. Anna Neam has been a board member since the beginning and held many roles. Cyndi Haynes held a Board position for five or so years. In addition, she makes monthly home visits. She delivers to two moms, who have no means of transportation to the office. Pat Bowman as Treasurer. It is a good fit because of her daily financial management as Director. Paul Gray is the Chair and Secretary. He is confident in assuming these positions, because of his experiences.



MOM'S CORNER

We would love to share some comments from Moms, who were assisted by Birthright.

Email: "I just want to say thank you so much for the diapers, food and formula. It was so lovely fellowshipping with you this afternoon. May the Lord bless you."

Home Visit: Mom thanked us for driving 60 miles to deliver formula, diapers and wipes. They were down to one car and were out of formula and diapers for the babies. They had some unexpected hardships come up. We were invited in for a visit and were entertained by the babies.

Office visit: A client came by to pick up diapers and wipes. She was moving to the Denver area to care for her mother. The client stated, "I will miss you all. I enjoyed my chats. I will call when I get there to let you know that I have arrived safely. I want to keep in contact by phone."

Office visit: "I am concerned about all the evil out there in the world... It is good to know that an organization like Birthright is here for pregnant women... I feel safe here, because of your home-like environment, kindness and support."

DONORS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS

COURT #941

Mark Opitz from the IHM Knights kindly donated his time to assemble a new shelving rack for the baby supply room.

St. Bridget Circle – Baby items and money

Private Donors contributions were money, baby clothing, knitted hats, diapers, other baby items, handsewn diaper bags, gently used clothing and hand quilted baby fleece blanket.

We are very appreciative of the giant baby shower, that the Catholic Daughters arranged for Birthright on February 16. It was a big celebration with cake and snack foods. We all had a wonderful time during the “Meet and Greet” in getting to know all the members. Birthright is thankful to all who have contributed to making it a tremendous success.



Birthright and Catholic Daughters

Pictured in the Photo at the Right

Pat Bowman - Birthright Director

Blanca Swift – Birthright Office Volunteer

Anna Neam – Birthright Board Member

Linda Hall – Catholic Daughters Local Regent

Barbara Ward – Catholic Daughters State Regent



Donated Baby Items



Baby Shower Cake



Birthright and Catholic Daughters Members

Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941

CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality.

The CDA gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women.

*For more information about Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
please call our Regent, Linda Hall at 970-462-1011.*