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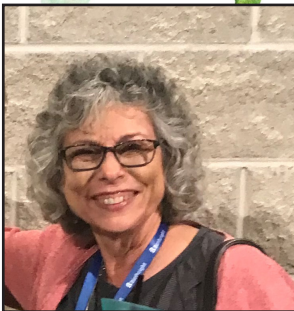
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4th Quarter Newsletter

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

DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Birthright turns a new page as we enter the dawn of 2026, grateful for God's continued guidance and provision. As we reflect on the year 2025, we are humbled and encouraged by the work accomplished through faith, love, and service. Over the past year, we experienced a 160% increase in client contacts compared to 2024, a clear sign of the growing need within our community and the trust placed in our ministry.

Birthright operates with no paid staff, yet in 2025, twelve dedicated volunteers generously served more than 1,300 hours. The vast majority of donations were directed straight toward client assistance, allowing us to respond compassionately to families facing a wide range of challenges. Some clients experienced particularly urgent crises, including a large family at risk of displacement due to foreclosure, along with transportation and basic living needs. Through prayer, guidance, and practical support, Birthright was able to walk alongside them and help identify solutions during a difficult season.

At Birthright, we make every effort to meet our clients where they are, both physically and emotionally. This includes home visits for those without transportation and flexible support beyond regular office hours. Appointments are never a requirement—we strive to welcome each individual at the door with love, dignity, and compassion, reflecting Christ's call to serve others. The gratitude expressed by our clients affirms this mission; recently, one regular client brought her husband to meet our volunteers simply to share their heartfelt thanks.

Our volunteers truly are jewels with hearts of gold. Their devotion to our clients is evident through their unwavering commitment, whether they have served since Birthright's earliest days or joined us more recently. Together, we are a unified team striving to make Birthright a place of refuge, hope, and healing for those facing crisis and uncertainty.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our donors, whose increasing generosity has helped us meet the growing needs of those we serve. We are equally thankful for all who support Birthright through prayer, encouragement, and faithful partnership. With God's grace, we look ahead to 2026 with hope, trusting that He will continue to lead and sustain this vital ministry.

Blessings,

Pat Bowman

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VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Volunteers gathered for a Christmas celebration at **Four Winds Coffee and Tea** on December 6. The venue generously provided an upstairs conference room for the festivities, where everyone enjoyed games and prizes, with gifts given to all who attended. A delightful luncheon followed, creating a relaxed and joyful time of fellowship.

While we unfortunately missed the opportunity to take photos during the excitement, most of our volunteers were able to attend. The gathering offered a wonderful chance for volunteers who typically serve on different office days to connect with one another outside the office, as well as spend time with Board members.

Volunteers in attendance included **Blanca Swift, Lory Greaves, Irene Compton, and Victoria Evans**. Volunteers who were unable to attend were **Paz Ramirez, Connie Carver, Cathy Nasalroad, and Julie Halberg**. Volunteer Board members present were **Paul Gray, Cyndi Haynes, Anna Neam, and Pat Bowman**.



BIRTHRIGHT BOARD

The Board met following the Christmas Party, with Julie joining by speakerphone and taking notes. During this meeting, several recommendations were made to strengthen overall Board operations. Two new members were added, increasing the Board from four to six members, along with several role updates.

The current Board members are **Paul Gray, Chairman; Cyndi Haynes, Treasurer; Anna Neam, Board Member; and Pat Bowman, Director and Board Member**. We are pleased to welcome **Julie Halberg as Secretary** and **Victoria Evans as Public Relations Officer**.

Our Board is made up of Individuals with Diverse Talents and Experiences.

Victoria Evans, Public Relations Officer, brings creativity, energy, and a strong connection to community outreach. With experience in photography, editing, healthcare, and nonprofit board service, Victoria plays a key role in strengthening Birthright's visibility and engagement. Her insight into connecting with younger generations helps expand our reach and share Birthright's mission in meaningful, modern ways. Victoria is married and a devoted mother to a young son, and she balances her professional skills with a deep passion for service and community impact.

Julie Halberg, Secretary of the Board, is a dedicated servant leader whose commitment and reliability are deeply valued by Birthright. Actively engaged in the community, Julie has provided leadership on several major projects and brings strong organizational and administrative skills to the Board. Alongside her husband, she owns and operates a local business, giving her practical insight into stewardship and operations. Julie also volunteers weekly as Birthright's office coordinator, faithfully supporting the Director through data entry, organization, and day-to-day assistance that helps the ministry run smoothly. Married with three grown children, Julie's heart for service and quiet dedication make a meaningful impact on our mission.

Paul Gray, Chairman of the Board, brings visionary leadership, generosity, and tireless dedication to Birthright. Deeply rooted in community service, Paul serves on multiple nonprofit boards and is a passionate and effective fundraiser who helps ensure the sustainability of the organizations he supports. As a business owner and accomplished artist, he brings

creativity and strategic thinking to the Board. Paul also generously volunteers his time as a photographer for Birthright's newborn babies, capturing precious first moments for families to cherish. His commitment, compassion, and hands-on service make him an invaluable leader and advocate for Birthright. Paul is married and deeply devoted to his family.

Pat Bowman, Birthright's Director and a dedicated Board member, is the heart of our organization. Her unwavering commitment, compassion, and leadership guide Birthright's mission each day. With a background in the medical field, Pat brings both professional expertise and deep empathy to her work, offering counsel, encouragement, and steady support to the women and families we serve. She works closely with volunteers and Board members, fostering a culture of trust, care, and service. Widowed and retired, Pat has chosen to devote her time and talents to Birthright, and she treasures her large family, especially her ten great-grandchildren—who inspire her continued dedication to nurturing life and hope in our community.

Cyndi Haynes, Treasurer, faithfully serves Birthright through both leadership and hands-on compassion. Married with grandchildren, Cyndi is an active volunteer in her church and regularly serves individuals experiencing homelessness by assisting at local shelters. She goes above and beyond for Birthright's clients, often delivering essential items to mothers without transportation, offering in-home support during times of illness, and providing food from her own resources when needed. Her generosity, reliability, and heart for service are deeply appreciated.

Anna Neam, Board Member, has been a cornerstone of the Birthright Board since its beginning. Having served in multiple roles over the years, Anna brings invaluable experience, continuity, and wisdom to the Board. She is a trusted resource whose creativity and thoughtful ideas continue to support and strengthen the organization. Anna is married with grandchildren and remains actively involved in her church and family life, always serving with dedication and care.

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ENRIQUECIMIENTO CONYUGAL BABY SHOWER



Enriquecimiento Conyugal is a faith-centered marriage enrichment ministry that invites married couples to grow together in love, communication, and their relationship with God. Through prayer, reflection, and shared spiritual guidance, couples are encouraged to strengthen their marriage as a sacred covenant while building deeper unity and trust. This ministry is open to couples at all stages of marriage who desire to place Christ at the center of their relationship.



ANDREW

Birthright is proud to recognize Andrew as one of our youngest donors. Andrew is the 12-year-old grandson of our volunteer, Lory, and generously crocheted two baby blankets for Birthright's babies. It is truly inspiring to see a young person voluntarily take on a project like this in service to others.

Andrew has been crocheting for two and a half years, learning mostly through YouTube, and he also attends a weekly crochet club. He comes from a homeschooled family of six children, two boys and four girls—and enjoys experimenting with new designs, including blankets and other crocheted items. According to his grandmother, Lory, Andrew also has a love for cooking, having taken cooking classes in the past, and especially enjoys baking and decorating cakes.

In addition to his creative talents, Andrew is an entrepreneur. Along with his brother, he operates **A & J Landscaping and Snow Removal**, where they provide yard work in the summer and snow removal in the winter. Andrew even engineered a way to transport their equipment by building a hitch for their trailer to connect to his 12-volt Razor. He manages a list of regular clients, closely watches the weather, and proactively contacts customers ahead of snowfall. Andrew is currently saving toward his goal of purchasing a pickup truck.

We are grateful for Andrew's generosity, creativity, and servant heart, and we thank him for being a wonderful example of giving back at such a young age.



Thank You, Andrew!

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