



*"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth  
and the right of every child to be born."*

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*The Essence of Birthright is Love ~ ~ ~*

## Birthright of Burlington's Annual Fall Dinner – 6:00 p.m., October 17, 2015 Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex Junction

Special Guest Speaker: John Bruchalski, MD, FACOG

**Mexico City, 1987.** It was the beginning of Dr. John Bruchalski's conversion journey from abortionist to founder, in 1994, of the pro-life Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, VA—an obstetrical and gynecological medical practice that combines the best of modern medicine with the healing presence of Christ -- providing affordable healthcare to women, and in particular, to those with crisis pregnancies. In 2000, Dr. Bruchalski founded Divine Mercy Care, a non-profit organization performing spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In 2005, Tepeyac Family Center became a part of Divine Mercy Care and currently operates as the first Catholic healthcare facility in the Diocese of Arlington.



***Save the Date!*** Plan to join us for Birthright's Annual Dinner and Dr. Bruchalski's presentation about his conversion experience and conversation about his work and his message of hope.

Cost is by donation. Call 865-0056 (you may leave a message) or email [birthrightbvt@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightbvt@gmail.com) to make your reservation.

## New Volunteer Information Meeting

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
September 10, 2015  
Birthright Office  
289 College Street

Birthright looks to those with generous and dedicated hearts to carry out our mission of life. There are many ways you can share your love and talents to help Birthright be all that all it can be to serve the needs of pregnant women and their babies. Volunteer work can be done in the office, at home, or in the community, Please join us on Sept. 10 to learn how you can share your talents with Birthright. **Call 865-0056 or email at [birthrightbvt@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightbvt@gmail.com)** for questions or more information.

## Mother's Day Carnations – Alice Benson

Our Mother's Day flower fundraiser was successful once again, and the weekend was a lovely occasion to distribute flowers in honor of mothers. The fundraiser generated almost \$3500 in donations for Birthright, and the increase in the funds generated this year is partly due to the generosity of Chappell's Florist, who gave us a discounted price for the flowers.

We are grateful for the support of 20 churches and their pastors, including one new participating parish, St. Peter's in Vergennes.



An event like this requires many helping hands, and involved many wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time over the weekend to distribute the flowers and/or collect donations. One volunteer, Agnes Clift, helped at two parishes and also helped Jay Benson with the pick-up, organization and distribution of 3800 flowers! When they picked up their flowers, parish representatives were happily surprised when Jay presented each of them with a gift of honey from his apiary. Many thanks to all who contributed to make this a successful event for Birthright!

**Birthright International Convention - Toronto, Ontario**

**Love Always** was the theme of this year's Birthright International Convention, an appropriate theme for an organization dedicated to helping mothers love their babies to life. Evidence of the theme was everywhere—in the packages that were prepared ahead of time for each attendee, in the relationship among Louise R. Summerhill, Stephanie Fox and Mary Berney who now lead the organization that their mother founded in 1968, and in the smiling faces that greeted us as we arrived and each time we gathered for a training session. It was heart-warming to connect with friends made at last year's convention and to make new friends so easily. What a wonderful way to model the mission of our organization!

How do we live out the idea of "Love always?" We accept each woman as she is, whatever her situation may be, helping her to grow in love through the kindness of compassion and understanding, sharing her journey, and encouraging her to draw on her own inner strength. As we listen to her with the ear of the heart, we can assess her unique situation and help her to find solutions to the difficulties she faces.

Birthright International's current focus is to "get the word out" and reach young women where they are spending their time. One of those places is the Internet, and Birthright International is seeking volunteers to be online *Birthright Ambassadors*. If you enjoy keeping up with social media, perhaps this is a volunteer opportunity for you! The goal is simple—to create engagement with Birthright on Facebook, Twitter, Google, and YouTube—and there is a training program to help you get started.

On the local level, we are considering marketing through online outreach and promotion, putting together some videos, and finding other ways to make our presence known. If you have ideas and/or resources that you'd like to share, please give us a call or send us an email. We'd love to have you join our team! *Eve Dubois*

**Outreach Updates**

Our Fall schedule is filling up!

We will be hosting a table on:

- Sept 9: UVM's Student Activities Fair
- Sept. 19: Gifts of the Kingdom, Hilton Hotel, Burlington
- Oct. 10: Vermont Christian Rock-toberfest, North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington

Nov. 7: Vermont Catholic Conference, Barre  
This is in addition to the New Volunteer Information meeting on September 10th and our Annual Fall Dinner on October 17th.

We have had two advertisements in the Burlington Free Press in the past two months and hope to have more, funds permitting. This is in addition to several ads in Seven Days over the past year and a half.

We hope to do more outreach. Volunteers skilled in marketing would be a big plus for our goal of creating more awareness of Birthright in our communities.

**To Remember & Honor Those we Love:** Consider making a tax-deductible donation to Birthright to honor or remember someone you love; we will mail a special note to the person you designate acknowledging your gift. Simply use this form to make this special donation.

**SPECIAL BIRTHRIGHT DONATION**

In Honor of / In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*Please designate the person you would like a special note sent to here:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Our Mission Statement**

*Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering a positive alternative to abortion. It is a non-profit charity that provides caring, non-judgmental help and support to women who are distressed by an unplanned or untimely pregnancy. All Birthright services are free, confidential and available to any woman regardless of age, race, creed, economic or*



**Our Needs**

♥ **Prayer**—for those in need to find their way to Birthright. For more volunteers. For current volunteers, that they stay physically and spiritually strong and are effective in reaching out and helping those seeking our help.

- ♥ Kimonos/nightgowns
- ♥ Baby bottles
- ♥ Diaper bags
- ♥ Infant socks
- ♥ Burp pads
- ♥ Nursing bras

*Thank you!*