



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

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## *God's Blessings for a Happy and Joyful Easter Season!*

The creed and philosophy of Birthright is:  
*"To uphold at all times, that any pregnant girl or woman has the right to whatever help she may need to carry her child to term, and to foster respect for human life at all stages of development."*



### *Gift of Love, Gift of Life*

The morning of April 16th started out rather ordinary. Then I received a text from my son... *"Notre Dame is burning."* We had visited there several years ago so it was sad news to hear. The next morning I decided to turn on my television to get an update on the fire.

At the very moment I tuned in I was met with a different kind of news, this one much happier. One of the hosts of the Today Show was in the midst of announcing that one of her fellow co-hosts, Hoda Kotb, had just adopted a newborn baby girl, a baby she had apparently been hoping for for a long time. She connected Hoda by phone so that everyone in the studio and at home could hear the wonderful news. She was overflowing with joy and happiness! Her joy was contagious - as she shared her announcement, everyone at the news desk kept wiping happy tears from their eyes as they chatted with her and expressed their congratulations. A lot of tissues were passed around. The baby was given the name Hope, and it was easy to understand why.

Whoever the unknown birth mother is, may she be blessed for the generosity of her heart; that she will know, by lovingly placing her baby for adoption, she has brought unspeakable joy to a happy couple and a big sister.

I could not help but be struck by the stark contrast between all the happiness surrounding the birth and adoption of this baby and the abortion legislation under consideration in the Vermont statehouse right now.

When New York passed its infamous abortion bill, they celebrated by lighting up the top of the World Trade Center in pink. At the memorial fountain below all the unborn babies who died with their mothers on 9/11 are memorialized. What an irony. What a crazy upside down world we live in.

As a matter of policy, Birthright cannot and does not, involve itself in political issues or matters concerning legislation. It would be hard, though, to avoid what is happening in Montpelier this year. The House has penned a bill that is as bad as the one in New York, if not worse, allowing abortions for any reason, without restrictions, up until the moment of birth. It's hard to fathom, hard to wrap your head around. As members of Birthright we cannot involve ourselves in activities that influence legislation. As private citizens and residents of Vermont we can, however, as individuals, voice our opinions to our representatives in the statehouse. I have done so. The stakes are too high.

Please pray for the unborn and their mothers, and for our representatives in Montpelier. Prayer works when nothing else does.

Marjorie Hennessey, Director

## Annual Mother's Day Carnation Fund-raiser



Preparations are well underway for our annual Mother's Day Flower Fund-raiser to be held on May 11th and 12th at several local churches and college chapels. There will be a wonderful array of colors to choose from. We very much appreciate the generous support of the pastors and church/chapel members who help make this a successful fund-raiser each year.

We are grateful to the church representatives for their cooperation and the volunteers who assist them in distributing the flowers. Please contact us if you would like to help by calling us at 865-0056 or email us at [birthrightbvt@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightbvt@gmail.com).



*A Very Happy Mother's Day to All Moms!*

## Google Ads Campaign

At Birthright International's Annual Convention last year, we learned of a successful advertising campaign started by the Birthright chapters in Connecticut. They are advertising through Google Ads; since launching, the number of clients to contact them has tripled. Wanting to learn more, we sought the advice of their regional consultant, Mary McNamara, who kindly agreed to help not only us, but the other New England chapters as well. Sharing her experiences helped to lay the groundwork for our own Google Ads campaign.

Our prayers were answered shortly thereafter when a new volunteer experienced in IT offered to help. Noah, with his expertise and the information he received from Mary, set up an account for us with Google. Our campaign has now been running for a little more than a month. In time it is our hope to see a similar increase in calls to our office (as experienced by Connecticut), reaching out to young people and potential clients in the ways that they naturally communicate, while still offering the most important aspect of our mission, friendship and love through person-to-person contact.

## Donating to Birthright is easy with PayPal!

The generosity of so many people allows us to keep our doors open, and for this support we are always very grateful and thankful.

Ways to donate vary. One option is through PayPal. To choose this option, just go to our local website, [www.birthrightvt.org/donate](http://www.birthrightvt.org/donate) and scroll down to find the PayPal donation button. You can select a monthly donation amount or make a one-time donation. If you would like to choose a different amount or donation schedule, click on the "Custom Donation" button.

Your donation can be set up as a regular charge to your debit or credit card, or you can log into your existing PayPal account to set up payments directly from your checking or savings account. If you don't have a PayPal account, setting one up is easy, and it is actually more secure than using your credit or debit card online. If you have any questions or would like help setting up your donation, please email us at [birthrightbvt@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightbvt@gmail.com). As always, thank you for your generosity that enables us to be here to serve.

**To Remember & Honor Those we Love:** You can also make a tax-deductible donation to Birthright by remembering 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Our Mission**

Birthright offers love, hope, and support to each woman to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child.

We are 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 marital status.



### **Our Services Include:**

- ~ Free pregnancy tests
- ~ Friendship & emotional support
- ~ Maternity/infant clothing
- ~ Information on pregnancy and fetal development

### **Referrals for:**

- Medical/Prenatal Care
- Professional counseling
- Adoption
- Financial assistance
- Parenting skills, child care
- Legal advice
- Education/trade skills