

BIRTHRIGHT[®] OF FREDERICKSBURG, INC.



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It's a Wonderful Life!



Who doesn't love a story with an incredibly happy ending?!?! Our client's twin girls found a beautiful new home with an amazing couple who had been hoping to adopt for several years.

Birthright assisted in finding this pregnant Mom the help she needed during her pregnancy; the rest was accomplished by this very resourceful and determined husband and wife who wanted nothing more than to become parents.

With help from skilled attorneys, papers were signed and custody granted in plenty of time for Christmas! It truly is a wonderful life for this beautiful new family!!!



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Lily Alarcon, Director

Iwould like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for the great work you have done, and keep on doing, for our amazing Birthright organization! As a team, we have done a lot to improve the services we provide to our clients, so you should pat yourselves on the back for the patience, dedication, professionalism and the love demonstrated to all the people you have served through your time working here. Please accept my sincerest gratitude for being part of our Birthright.

I am vacating my position as Director, but am very proud of having been a member of this organization. I will cherish all the memories from my almost seven year tenure working as a volunteer and Director and sharing fabulous experiences that came along. God bless you all!

*"Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment;
full effort is full victory." — Mohatma Gandhi*

You will be missed!

Thank you to our awesome Director, Lily Alarcon, for your compassion, dedication and outstanding leadership! Your language skills and cultural knowledge have been invaluable, and no one was a better role


model for going the extra mile for our Moms and babies.

You have left an indelible legacy that will help us all to grow in our commitment to the people we serve.

God bless you always!



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

| Volunteer SPOTLIGHT | Nicole Coppola | | Mary Buono |
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| Years married: | Single |  | Married to Tom Buono for 40 years |
| Children: | | | 4 children |
| Grandchildren: | | | 2 grandchildren and one on the way |
| Years a Volunteer: | 1.5 years with BR | | 3 years with BR |
| Church: | St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church | | St. Patrick Catholic Church |
| Favorite Bible Verse: | John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." | | Romans 8:38-39 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus Our Lord." |
| Favorite Activities/Hobbies: | Reading, volunteering, traveling | | Bible study, knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, sewing, painting, bowling |
| Why Birthright?: | I moved to Fredericksburg two years ago and wanted a way to get involved in the community. I am very pro-life, so Birthright was the perfect fit! | | I have always had a strong love for babies and would love to help mothers and babies as much as possible. |

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DIRECTOR
Lily Alarcon

OFFICE MANAGER
Eileen Shea

TREASURER
Barbara Carr

SCHEDULING COORDINATOR
Linda Hildebrand

COMMUNITY LIAISON
Donna Hart

WEBMASTER
Childress Agency

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Friday
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings
5:00 to 7:00 PM

First Saturday of the Month
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Donna Hart, President
Eileen Shea, Secretary
Barbara Carr, Treasurer
Lily Alarcon, Director
Rosemary O'Grady
Louise Desilets
Linda Hildebrand

Never Give Up!

As a Birthright volunteer, you never can tell when a miracle is going to walk through that office door!
Last October, a young couple came in hoping for verification of a long awaited and desperately wanted pregnancy. They had been trying, hoping and praying for eight long years, so there was obvious tension and nervousness as the test was processing. Lo and behold, the results were positive and there were tears of pure joy in our humble little office.

It was not, however, an easy pregnancy – several trips to the ER and various complications provided many anxious moments throughout the ensuing months. Finally, on a lovely June day, baby Isabella made her debut, beautiful and perfect in every way! Even then, the young mother experienced some medical issues necessitating a two week hospitalization but, once again, prayers were answered and both Mom and daughter were finally home!

There was great joy once again in the Birthright Office as Isabella and her proud parents came in to pick up the layette, and to express their thanks and gratitude.

You just can't beat the awesome feeling of being a witness, and a tiny little part, of one of God's greatest miracles!!!



You are a *Child of God* ...

You are wonderfully made,
Dearly loved,
and
precious
in *His*
sight.



Before *God*
made *you*,
He knew
you...
There is
no one
else like *you!*

- Psalm 139

THANK YOU for the many ways you invest your life in the lives of others...



- To our awesome Matthew who continuously gives of his time, talent and treasure to each and every volunteer and is an enormous support in helping us to “love them both”!
- To “From the Heart” for making the most exquisite blankets, sweaters and hats for our precious newborns. Please know that each creation is greatly appreciated by our clients.
- To all those people and organizations who have sponsored “baby showers”, donated maternity and baby clothes, diapers, wipes, and innumerable goods to help our new mothers care for their infants – we would not exist if not for your generosity!
- And congratulations to Birthright International for 50 years of helping countless women find hope and love for themselves and their babies.

Welcome, New Volunteers!

We try to keep our doors open five days a week, 52 weeks of the year (or almost!) at Birthright. We wouldn't be able to do it without our faithful volunteers who make weekly or bi-monthly commitments of their time. We warmly welcome the newest arrivals on our team of volunteers:

Carolyn Brodeur • Andrea Mullen • Betty Pronko

Thank you for joining us in our effort to save lives!

BIRTHRIGHT of Fredericksburg WISHLIST ...

Birthright depends entirely on volunteer time, services, and gifts (monetary and in-kind). Please consider making a donation of the following:

**6 to 12 month clothing (boys and girls)
baby wipes • receiving blankets
towels and wash cloths**

diapers (sizes 1 and 2) • maternity clothes



To Remember and Honor Those We Love

You can remember those you love with a tax-deductible donation to Birthright of Fredericksburg, Inc. We will mail a special note to the person you designate. Simply use this form to make this special donation:

Special Birthright Donation

In Honor of _____
 In Memory of _____
 Designate the person you would like a special note sent to here:
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

We Need Your Support ...

Birthright is a non-profit, charitable organization supported by contributions. We are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, and all donations are tax deductible. We are independent, non-political, and non-sectarian. We're committed to helping women in crisis, single or married, regardless of age, race or religion.

- I would like to train as a Birthright client advocate. Call me!
- I would prefer to work in some other capacity such as office work, clothes sorting, fund raising, etc.
- I speak Spanish and can help with translations.
- I cannot volunteer at this time, but here's my donation for charitable works.
- I choose to donate on line using my credit card or PayPal: www.birthrightoffredericksburg.com

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 STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____