



teenagers and young women from that place of crisis to safety, and then to self-sufficiency.

First and foremost, our goal is to be that “go-to place” that provides teenagers and young women facing an unplanned pregnancy a place they can come for compassionate, non-judgmental, loving counsel. Also, to provide them with the resources and support services that empower them to choose life for their baby.

One of the things that intrigued me the most about Birthline—and that I feel sets us apart from other pregnancy centers—is the length of time that we provide support to our mommas and their families. All too often, pregnancy centers are quite comprehensive in their service offerings during pregnancy and maybe for a year or two after the client has had her baby. Birthline is wonderfully unique in that we provide resources and support to our families until the child enters high school.

Keeping in mind my vision to create true transformation for our mommas to become independent and self-sufficient women, I feel called to implement the educational programs and services to achieve that. Obviously, in order to achieve these goals, we will need to increase our human resources and financial support. This is where you as a Birthline Champion come in.

Consider the amazing story in God's Word of Nehemiah rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem in 52 short days. The wall symbolized one of the most famous landmarks during Biblical times. It symbolized strength and protection. In ancient cities the only real means of defense were the walls. Sometimes these walls were tremendously thick and high.

The walls of the city of Babylon, as recounted in the story of Daniel, were some 380 feet thick and over 100 feet high—massive, tremendous walls. Therefore, the city of Babylon considered itself very safe.

So, you may be wondering how this story relates to Birthline, and the girls and women we serve, our mission, and you. YOU ARE OUR WALL!

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Over the next 12 months, our organization will need to raise the highest amount of money that we have ever raised in one year to mobilize the staff and services needed to save the lives of the unborn and provide the resources for our mommas to begin their journey of becoming independent and self-sufficient women—finally breaking the cycle of generational poverty.

We ask that you, Our Wall, be vigilant in prayer, generous in giving, and courageous in sharing our mission with others. We're asking you to serve. To firmly stand with us as we work to save babies and empower women.



Saving Lives and Empowering Women Together

Lin Collins
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Birthline Champions,

It's hard to believe that four months have already gone by since I have had the pleasure of serving as the new Executive Director of Birthline following Claire's retirement in December. Time has flown by, and I have so enjoyed meeting the many new young women we have been able to serve in the last four months, as well as many of our families that have received our services for many years. So often, it brings a happy tear to my eye to see the smiles on their faces and hear their words of gratitude for the services we provide.

Typically, when a teenager or young woman initially comes to us, they are in a place of crisis, feeling scared and alone. They are often living in poverty, maybe in an unhealthy relationship, with little or no support system in place, and sadly, sometimes even experiencing housing insecurity. Often they have grown up in homes marked by poverty, violence, addiction, and even homelessness. My vision for Birthline is a holistic program that is able to take our

A Sad Reality

In the state of Colorado, you would have to work 110 hours a week at a minimum wage job in order to be self-sufficient. Obviously, that's impossible, and that's why we have to be there as a helping hand up to our families, to help them break this cycle of poverty.



Our deepest gratitude to Tim and Sandy Kenczewicz for the generous donation of office furniture.

Answered Prayers

We would like to express our gratitude to the staff at Women's Health Specialty Clinic for their gracious donation.

When I was appointed the Executive Director of Birthline, one of my biggest initiatives was to get an ultrasound machine to be able to provide our expectant mommas with this "window into the womb". I understood the impact that being able to actually see your baby in your womb plays on the decision-making process for a woman.

Although I understood the importance of a pregnancy center having an ultrasound machine, the reality was that they cost approximately \$45,000. Anything short of a miracle I wasn't sure how we would be able to incorporate this free service to our mommas, any time in the near future. Still, I was determined to find a way. I started talking to our Birthline Champions and basically anyone who would listen to me, asking for their prayers.

I received an email in the middle of June from an OB-GYN Practice telling me that they had heard we were looking for an ultrasound machine and they had one they would like to donate to us. You should have seen all of us at our office; we were like five year old children on Christmas morning. GOD IS SO GOOD!

Another Inspirational Story I Feel Compelled to Share

When I started at Birthline we were in desperate need of new furniture in my office. I decided to go on Craigslist and see if I could find any

reasonably priced office furniture. As I was scanning through the photos of desk and bookcases, I came across a picture of this beautiful office full of gorgeous furniture that appeared to be in a lawyer's office (which ended up being accurate). Even though they were asking way more than I wanted to spend, I felt compelled to call. This was the first and only call I made in my pursuit. When I called, a gentleman answered; I explained that I worked for a non-profit and asked if he would consider taking less. He quickly replied that he couldn't do that and explained that he was a lawyer and this had been in his office and was very expensive furniture. I told him I totally understood, thanked him and said good-bye. Before I could hang up he asked me which non-profit. I simply stated Birthline, thanked him for his time and hung up.

After our call he researched our organization and called me back and told me he and his wife had three children that they had adopted. Long story short: they donated the complete office of beautiful furniture to Birthline.

As Birthline moves into the next chapter following Claire's retirement we continue to see God's blessings and feel his guidance for us moving forward. I would be remiss not to say that we will always keep Claire in our prayers and feel such gratitude and appreciation for her unwavering dedication to Birthline's mission and for all the babies she saved and all the years that she unselfishly served in this mission.

As the new Executive Director, I have not yet had the opportunity to meet or speak with many of our Birthline Champions. Please feel free to email me at lin@birthlinecolo.org or call me at 303.832.2858 to introduce yourself and tell me what most calls you to support us.



BOUTIQUE NEEDS

Baby Wipes

Gift Cards from Walmart, Target or King Soopers

Formula

Strollers

New or Very Gently Used Winter Clothes

New Toys

Easy Ways to Give While You Shop

Here are some super easy ways to be a Birthline Champion while you shop!



King Soopers: Will donate 5% of your total purchase to Birthline when you connect your loyalty card to us as a participating non-profit. You will still earn your fuel points.

STEP 1: Go to kingsoopers.com and create an account or login to your loyalty customer account.

STEP 2: Go to My Account or kingsoopers.com/account/dashboard/

STEP 3: Select Community Rewards and search for Birthline and select.



If you shop on Amazon you can go to smile.amazon.com and select Birthline as the charity you would like to donate to and Amazon will pay us 0.5% of all your eligible purchases. You will receive the same prices and the same products all while supporting our mission.

STEP 1: Go to smile.amazon.com

STEP 2: On the menu bar on the top of the page select the drop down Amazon Smiles.

STEP 3: Search and select Birthline as the benefiting agency!

It's amazing how these little things can have an enormous impact!

Our mission is to allow teenagers and women the option of choosing life for their unborn child by providing them a safe, loving, non-judgmental place with the counseling, education, and resources that enable them to live an empowered, self-sufficient, health life for both



Dakota's Story

Birthline has been an absolutely incredible place and resource for me. When I first called, I was scared, lost, and felt totally alone. I felt like I had nowhere to turn, no support, and no resources. I thought there was no way I could possibly parent a child on my own. Initially when I called and spoke to Lin she was able to meet with me that same afternoon. She was very kind, caring, open, non-judgmental, and an excellent listener. At the time I was considering all of my options, including adoption. She scheduled a meeting for the next day with Katy, an adoption advocate, to meet with me and educate me about my choices regarding adoption. At no time did anyone make me feel pressure as to what I should do.

I eventually decided to parent. Lin and everyone at Birthline has been there for me every step of the way. I have been provided with so many essentials for myself and my baby. When I have not had transportation to get to the center Lin has ordered an Uber for me. Not only does Birthline supply you with material goods, food, diapers etc., but just as importantly they have provided me with the counsel and the emotional support that I have needed to get through this very difficult time in my life. I always know that they are a text or phone call away anytime day or night. They have made me feel loved and helped me to realize that I do have what it takes to be an amazing single mom. I have had such a positive experience that I plan on volunteering with them in the future.



A Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Join a fun and easy way to raise funds to support the important work that we do every day at Birthline. You can get involved by hosting a baby bottle fundraiser in your small group, your neighborhood, or with your entire church. It's also the perfect way to get your youth and children involved. For more info contact Lin at lin@birthlinecolo.org.

Remember Colorado Gives Day:



This year Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday Dec. 7th. This 24 hours of giving is one of the most successful events in our country.

Colorado Gives has a one million dollar Incentive Fund established by both Community First Foundation and First Bank. It is one of the largest incentive funds in the country. What that means for you is that it helps increase your donation dollars...so that your money goes farther and has a greater impact.

Please mark your calendar to donate this year on Colorado Gives Day! Follow our website for reminders.

New Initiatives on the Horizon for 2021 – 2022

- Provide FREE ultrasounds in our office.
- Have a licensed counselor on staff for our clients.
- Volunteer Medical Director to oversee our Ultrasound Services.
- Nurse Sonographer on staff to perform ultrasounds.
- Offer classes and counseling resources to our mommas so they can create a healthy and stable life for their children and themselves, enabled to become independent and self-sufficient women. Initially classes will include: **What does a Healthy Relationship Look and Feel Like** and **Parenting Class**.

Capital Improvements Needed for 2021

We have been trying to prolong the inevitable of replacing our roof with temporary patch jobs for several years. This spring when we had all the much-needed rain some of our patch jobs gave way and we had severe leaks in our upstairs. Unfortunately, our homeowners' insurance will not pay because they say the damage was not due to hail, but rather just the age of our roof. Due to the complexity and slope of the roof, a new roof will cost \$40,000. If you feel called to donate to this capital improvement project, please contact Lin Collins Executive Director at lin@birthlinecolo.org

Upcoming Event: OPEN HOUSE at the Birthline House

Meet the new executive director, our amazing board and volunteers. You will also be able to meet some of our mommies and their precious babies, and hear their stories. You will also have the opportunity to tour our lovely home where we serve our families, and to see our new ultrasound machine.

Keep an eye out on our website for the date!!!



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Saving lives by transforming and empowering women.

Get Involved!

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Follow us on Instagram



[BIRTLINELINECOLORADO](https://www.instagram.com/birthlinecolorado)

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Volunteer at our Pregnancy Center

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Donate new or gently used items to our Baby Boutique

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Donate new Cribs and Carseats

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Contact us for a tour of our center and to meet our team



A Big Favor

We are currently working hard to update our database of all of our Birthline Supporters. Could you please send me an email or call us to provide us with your contact information? I promise we will not flood your mailbox, but from time to time we would like to be able to notify you of important news or an upcoming event. Our communication costs would go down if we were able to connect periodically through email. We will continue to send our newsletters through the mail. I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to connect with me.

Call our office at 303.832.2858 or email: [Lin at lin@birthlinecolo.org](mailto:lin@birthlinecolo.org)