



WHERE TO BEGIN? FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE, AND THE MANY THINGS WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

In spite of the Covid virus challenges, we were blessed to be able to remain open with one person from late January and then with two volunteers July through December. We were further blessed to be able to provide a nice Christmas for many clients and their children. Unfortunately, it was not as many as in previous years, but more than we thought we could handle. Furthermore, in spite of the hardships due to the Covid, people brought bags and bags of clothing and other items for our moms and their children. Last but not least, we are without a doubt, thankful for good health. PRAISE THE LORD!

SHORT BUT UPLIFTING STORY

real names not used



A number of weeks ago, a call came in and it was difficult to understand the caller due to her sobbing voice. I responded by giving her my name and said "thank you for calling. How may I help you?" Sobbing continued but I heard her say "I am having an abortion tomorrow and am afraid." to which I responded "Well, the fact that you called me tells me you might be willing to let me answer your questions, and tell you how we can help you." "First of all, let me assure you that I can probably help you in many ways. How about you tell me a bit about yourself?" I asked her a few questions such as "How old are you? Are you sure you are pregnant? Do you have other children or is this your first baby?" Following a long quiet pause, she replied "I am sure I am pregnant! I already have a 2 yr old son. I have absolutely no way of properly supporting another child." to which I calmly replied "I sure do understand. Been there done that MANY years ago." With a shocking sound in her voice, she responded "Really??? Wow..... I am surprised! So how did you make the hard decision?" she asked. I knew my next responses were important. The wrong way to handle this could cause her to get upset and hang up. I could feel (as I always do) the Holy Spirit giving me peace, calmness, and the words to respond to her with. "I and my three year old son were once homeless. I ended up renting a room at the YWCA and walked the streets looking for places to try and find a job. I saw this big building which was the Bell Telephone of Canada, and decided to go in and get an application to fill out. Yes, my young son was with me when I did that. I don't know if the person at the front desk saw or felt the look of desperation on my face, but she said "If you have the time now, I think our HR person might be able to see you. How about you sit and complete the application while you are here and I will check to see if you can be fitted in for an interview." she said. "To make a long story short" I continued, "I was interviewed and hired as a Long Distance Telephone Operator. In less than a year, I was promoted to Supervisor and in the next several months promoted again." I shared. "All I am trying to say to you is that all negatives can be turned into a positive if you set this as one of your goals. As I said before Fran, Been there done that MANY years ago! Trust me, I understand and I know I can help you through this. Birthline makes the commitment to be there & help you for as long as you need it, not just for a few months." Immediately, she broke into sobbing tears. "I am so glad I called this number. Not even sure why I did because I had made up my mind that my ONLY choice was to have an abortion. Will you really be there to help me?" she asked. "How can you help me?" again I responded "Not only will we be there to help you with this baby, but will also help you with your two year old son. That is a promise! Speaking of choices, while I know you are not thinking of an Adoption Plan, I will also go over how Open Adoption is also a good alternative choice. I just want you to make an informed decision when you make that decision." Again there was a long quiet pause. She finally responded "I am open to listening to everything. I get the feeling I can trust you, but I got laid-off of my job, I have absolutely NOTHING for a baby and can't see how I could bring a baby into that kind of life." to which I responded "Now that is where we can help you a lot. When the baby is born, we will provide you with a layette consisting of about \$1,000 of all brand new clothes and items for the baby. We will also provide you with additional diapers, clothes, etc. to get you started. We will continue to be helping you with needed items for as long as you need our help. This is a commitment we make to you. We carry clothing right up to age 18 yrs old. That is just a few ways we can help. I can go over all that in more detail later if you like. I hope you will trust me and let us help you!" OK, I will call and cancel my abortion appointment." "I am happy to hear your decision Fran. It is the best decision you can make and I know you will be happy you made it," I responded. "Now, if it is ok with you, I would like to go over all the ways that Birthline will be able to help you. Let's make a plan!"



We are pleased that Fran made the choice to carry her baby to term. She delivered a beautiful, healthy 8# girl and has chosen to raise her. As we promised, we will continue to be there to help her for as long as she needs us.

Please keep her in your prayers.





KING SOOPERS OR CITY MARKET REWARDS PROGRAM

HELP Birthline financially each time you purchase from King Soopers or City Market & IT WON'T COST YOU ONE CENT!

To use the King Soopers or City Market Rewards Program, simply follow the following directions:

1. For King Soopers Stores—go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com> or for City Market Stores—go to <http://www.citymarket.com>
2. Once logged into your King Soopers or City Market account, **search for Birthline of Colorado, Inc either by name or HQ657** and then click on Enroll. Now you will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card (*Soopers or City Market card*). This will only have to be done once.
3. If you do not yet have a Loyalty Card (*King Soopers or City Market card*), they are available at the King Soopers or City Market customer service desk at no cost to you.
4. **FYI:** your purchases will not count for Birthline receiving a credit from your purchases until you register your loyalty card. To register your card, simply swipe your loyalty card or use the phone number that is related to your registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card when shopping for each purchase to count.

SO AMAZING—PRAISE THE LORD!



So amazing to see how people just jumped in to help us during this very difficult time. It shows how much people really care about our cause, and that they trust we will do the right thing with their support. Support is more than the financial support we have received. **Birthline experienced continued influx of donated clothing, etc. items.**

So many people went out of their way to help get the items we were short of and many helped in other ways:

- One of the churches that was not yet meeting in person, held an Oktoberfest fundraising event in their parking lot. Instead of the usual 200-250 people attending, they had 50 people. They still, (*their K of C*) donated \$500 to us. We **KNOW** they didn't raise that much but they just wanted to support Birthline.
- We experienced churches and individual groups collecting diapers, wipes, etc. for our clients.
- Our "Layette Assembling Ladies" continued collecting, sort, and deliver to us, the new layettes we give out for our newborns.
- An individual lady went around to stores and actually bid on racks of clothing, then bought and delivered these to us.
- Another gentleman individual collected over 100 new winter coats for children and our moms.
- Yet again, a lady bought new winter coats and garments every time she saw great retail deals.
- Last but not least, not only did our financial supporters stick with us, but **NEW DONORS brought in a total of \$8,138.**

I could go on and on about the continued support we have received. This is the Lord's Ministry, and it has been obvious to us that many of you have remembered this. **PRAISE THE LORD FOR ALL OF THIS SUPPORT!**

JBF CASTLEROCK PICK UP

DUE TO THE COVID CHALLENGES, WE MAY NOT BE ATTENDING THE CASTLEROCK PICK UP IN APRIL. WE HOPE TO BE BACK TO PICKING UP OVER 10,000 ITEMS FOR THE FALL PICK UP.

WE WILL PROVIDE THE DATE ETC. IN OUR JUNE NEWSLETTER!

ANOTHER REMINDER: DON'T FORGET THAT COLORADO GIVES CAN BE USED TO DONATE \$ ALL YEAR AROUND. MORE INFORMATION ON THIS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.





2020 STATISTICS

Income: \$112,961
Expenses: \$110,811
\$ 2,150

VOLUNTEER HRS.

Inside: 953
Outside: 606
1559 hrs

PREGNANCY TESTS

Positive: 82
Negative: 2
84

CLIENT VISITS

478

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Items: 4,509 Value:\$112,725
Gift Cards: \$4,750
Total Value: \$117,475

A FEW INCOME BY CLASSES:

BOTTLES: St Frances Cabrini: \$4,268.31 Saint Joan of Arc \$1,917.91 TOTAL BOTTLES: \$6,186.22

In Memory Of: \$1,025 K of C: \$1,000 Matching Funds: \$506 New Donors: \$8,138 Out Of State: \$3,318

Regular: \$67,044.18 Restricted: \$5,000 SHOWERS: St Frances Cabrini \$1,990 Light of The World: \$25 St Joan of Arc: \$838,67

CLOTHING VISITS: Regular Clients: 105 Referral Clients: 5 RV Clients: 284 TOTAL CLIENT VISITS: 394

ITEMS GIVEN: Clothing 17,651 Maternity 3,222 Formula 1015 Diapers 23,668 Baby food 544 Reg Food 20 boxes = Value \$133,307

Baby Furniture: 704 Layettes 39 School Supplies 500

TOTAL ITEMS GIVEN OUT: 51,572 items = VALUE \$302,896



NEW CLIENT PROCEDURES TO PICK UP ITEMS IS WORKING WELL

Again, we have revised procedures for clients to follow when coming to pick up clothing etc. for their children. Instead of preparing a list and bringing it to us, we save time by having them call us and provide all the information we need to pull what they need. They are given a day and time to arrive to pick up the already bagged items. This seems to be working so well, that it may be continued post Covid.



VIRAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING A POSSIBILITY

We are considering the possibility of conducting a few viral training sessions sometime in March or April. If you have been considering volunteering to help with sorting of the incoming donations, let us know. Serious Volunteers are asked to work 4 hrs a week or at least every other week, from 10 am to 2 pm. If you have not yet had the opportunity to review our various volunteer jobs, please take the time to look at them on our website.



DO YOU HAVE "WEBBLY" SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE?

We are looking for a volunteer with WEBBLY experience to help keep the Birthline WEBSITE updated. It would not require a lot of your time, so please consider this. **Please call 303-832-2858 if you can help.**



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Please consider asking your church to help Birthline by offering this program to their parishioners.

This is the easiest program to get going, but has the potential of bringing a lot of financial support for Birthline.

We supply the bottles, training and support to help you get it going. **For more information on how it works call 303-832-2858**

FOOD DRIVE

We don't have to tell you that our clients really need help with food. Many have been laid-off from their jobs and we would like to collect food during the month of March & April. Perhaps you could drop off food items for this cause?





CAN YOU HELP US WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS?

- Girl's clothes sizes **3T, 4, and 5**
- Boy's clothing sizes **5 and up to 18**
- Diapers sizes **5, 6 & pull ups all sizes**
- Wipes, rash ointments, baby shampoo
- Nursing pads, Nursing Bras
- **NEW** baby outfits 0-3 months to 12 months for layettes
- Babies **BLANKET sleepers**, all sizes
- **NEW car seats**—ALL sizes
- Sanitary pads for moms
- **Nursing Bras & regular bras** for moms. ALL SIZES
- White **kitchen garbage bags** with ties
- Paper Towels, TP, Laundry Soap, Hand wash soap, Lysol or Other disinfectant sprays
- **Composition books** any colors
- Rubber Bands size 33
- Sticky note pads **all colors**
- 20 lb **white copy** paper 8.5 X 11
- 20 lb **bright colored** paper 8.5 X 11
- Continued financial support of any amount. **NO donation is too small.**
- **Please consider making mention of Birthline Inc. Of Colorado in your Will And/or Trust.**



DROPPING OFF DONATIONS IS VERY SAFE AND EASY TO DO.

Call Birthline at 303-832-2858 and we will explain how easy it is to drop any of items to us. It can be done any-time, and any day at your convenience.

We will also explain what to do to receive a tax receipt if that is something you need.

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