



## OPEN HOUSE Please join us!

Tour our refreshed headquarters...  
meet some of our amazing moms...  
enjoy dessert!

Thursday, June 16: 2-5 pm  
Saturday, June 18: 2-5 pm

2346 N Gilpin Street  
Denver, CO 80205



## Dear Birthline Champions,

Wow! I cannot believe it was one year ago in April that I had the pleasure of becoming the Executive Director at Birthline. I'm always aware of how quickly the days and weeks fly by, but it literally seems like yesterday when I began my tenure at Birthline!

It has been an exciting year, and I have so enjoyed getting to know our supporters and volunteers as well as the moms and families we serve. This year has brought so much joy to my life. However, too often that joy is intertwined with the struggles and tragedies of the lives of the moms we serve. Nevertheless, at Birthline we find peace and purpose knowing we are able to make a difference by offering these women and their children compassion, love and support—and the opportunity to create a better life.

This year, over and over again, we have seen God's footprints and heard His desires for us... and we have responded accordingly. Being in service to God has less to do with our own desires and everything to do with being a willing vessel surrendered to God's plan—something that we intentionally put into practice through discipline and prayer every day at Birthline.

We have big goals for the impact we can make on a woman's decision to

first and foremost choose life for her unborn child—and then provide her with the education and resources necessary to become self-sufficient, healthy, and the best mom she can be.

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We cannot reach these women without your continued prayers and generous donations. We ask that you be a warrior in this important work that God has called us to do by continuing your gifts and becoming a monthly donor. Please boldly stand with us as we work to save babies and empower women.



Saving Lives  
and Empowering  
Women Together,

*Lin Collins*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Colorado Becomes a Safe Haven...for Abortion

With Colorado now considered a safe haven for women from states such as Texas who want to obtain an abortion, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of abortions performed in our state every day.

This means the importance of the work we do at pregnancy centers like Birthline has never been more vital to the Sanctity of Life ministry.

God has commissioned us to do this life-saving work, and He is guiding us *(When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36).*

He has assigned us to direct people away from destruction and death to the abundant life only Christ can give. *(There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 14:12.)*

Thank you for standing with Birthline as we carry out what God has commissioned.

# Birthline Launches *Live Your Best Life* Program in January

*From real challenges to real change: Empowering young moms to become independent, self-sufficient women who break the cycle of poverty.*

When I began serving in the Options Counseling program at Birthline, it immediately became clear that the women who come to Birthline have experienced intense trauma, abuse, and dysfunction. Most have lived in poverty and known instability their whole life. Nobody has ever modeled healthy relationships for them.

Many of their parents do not have a high school education or college degrees. Most have never had anyone in their life who has believed in them, dreamed with them, or fought for them. Most of our moms have never even been on a college campus. When I ask our moms what they want for their life, I hear answers such as, "I want my own car," or "I want my own apartment," or "I want to get married."

I quickly realized that God is calling us to not only be pro-birth but to be a ministry that is also truly *pro-life*. That is how our *Live Your Best Life Program* was created. It is a holistic approach that provides our moms with the education, support, and resources they need to become self-sufficient and emotionally healthy – the opportunity to build a healthy *life* and become the best mom they can be.

After months of development, we launched this exciting program in January. Now when a woman goes



through Options Counseling at Birthline and chooses to both carry and parent her child, we are able to show her two different paths of ongoing support.

**The first path** is the same amazing approach Birthline has been offering women for over 53 years, providing long-term support and resources for both the mommas and their children:

- Diapers and formula
- Gently used clothing, shoes, strollers, swings, etc.
- Operation Family Christmas
- School supply drive
- Thanksgiving turkey basket
- Birthday celebrations
- Easter basket

We now offer **a second path** of support with our *Live Your Best Life Program*. When a momma chooses to be part of this program, we first work with her to complete an economic and personal needs assessment. The assessment consists of five different domains that begin in crisis and follow a continuum that leads to thriving. A counselor and a mentor collaborate together with her to create an individualized plan and set specific goals. The plan includes:

- Parenting classes
- Healthy relationship classes
- Life skills classes
- Counseling
- Limited financial assistance
- Brand new car seat, crib, clothing, etc.
- And more!

The goal? To empower our young moms to move from crisis to safety—and then to a thriving, independent life that is healthy for them and their children.



## BOUTIQUE NEEDS

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Baby Wipes

Gift Cards from  
Walmart, Target or King Soopers

Formula

Strollers

New or Very Gently  
Used Winter Clothes

New Toys

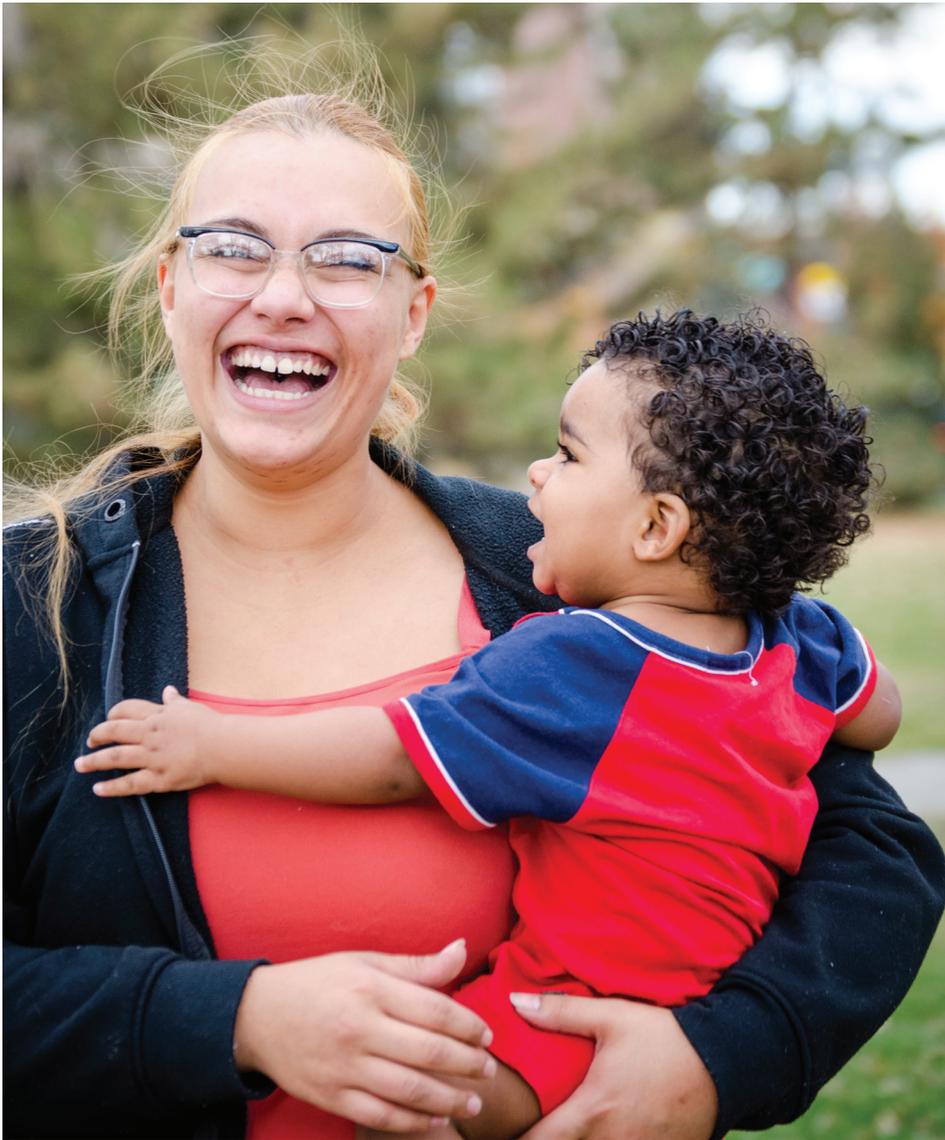
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## New Website: Finding Abortion-Minded Women

This year we committed to saving more babies than ever before by reaching more women with unexpected pregnancies. In order to achieve this goal, we partnered with Choose Life Marketing, a company specializing in web development and marketing for pregnancy centers throughout the country.

Choose Life Marketing intentionally designed our new website to attract abortion-minded women. Through our new website and other marketing initiatives, we have seen a 34 percent increase in the number of abortion-minded women who walk in our doors. In fact, this year we are on track to provide services, counseling, education and resources to 250 mommas.

We are also using Facebook *and* Instagram to reach young women experiencing a crisis pregnancy and to stay connected to our supporters. If you do not currently follow Birthline on these platforms, please do so!



## Meet Samantha

When I was late for my period, I went to Birthline to get a free pregnancy test. When it turned out positive, I don't think I've ever in my life been that scared. I was single, alone and had no one to turn to. When I went through Birthline's Options Counseling, I realized that I was not alone and that they would be there for me both emotionally as well as materially, providing me the resources

I would need to make me feel that I could keep my baby. I am Catholic so if I would have had to have an abortion, it would have truly shattered my soul, but initially I didn't think I had any other options.

Lin and all the ladies at Birthline are so kind, supportive, and understanding; I truly appreciate them all. Thank you Birthline for everything you've done for me and my family!



### A Special Thanks

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to each one of our volunteers at Birthline. We could not exist without their unwavering dedication and commitment. Our volunteers go so far above and beyond to serve in this important ministry that my cup runneth over with love and gratitude for each one of them.

### Easy Ways to Give While You Shop

King Soopers and Amazon make it super easy to be a Birthline Champion while you shop! Simply go to Kingsoopers.com to create a customer account and find Birthline under Community Rewards. Smile.amazon.com will also let you select Birthline Colorado as a benefitting agency!



### Our Mission

Our mission is to allow 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, healthy life for both themselves and their children.

### New Initiatives on the Horizon

Provide FREE ultrasounds at the center.

Hire a Nurse Sonographer to perform the ultrasounds.

Bring on a Medical Director that will oversee our ultrasounds.

## Get Involved!

### Donate

Like our Facebook page



[FACEBOOK.COM/  
BIRTHLINECOLORADO/](https://www.facebook.com/birthlinecolorado/)

Sign up to receive  
email updates

### Volunteer at our Pregnancy Center

Donate new or gently used  
items to our Baby Boutique

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

### Donate new cribs and carseats

Follow us on Instagram



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

Attend Our Open House:  
Details on page 1

## A Big Favor

We are currently working hard to update our database with current contact information for all of our Birthline Champions. *Can you please send me an email or call Birthline to provide us with your current contact information?*

I promise we will not flood your email inbox, but from time to time we would like to notify you of important news or upcoming events. As we seek to be good stewards of our finances, communicating periodically through email makes good fiscal sense. *We will, however, continue to send newsletters on a yearly basis.*

I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to connect with me!

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## Introducing Our Newest Board Member



It is our greatest pleasure to announce the recent appointment of Kathy Myles-Wanja to the Birthline Board of Directors.

Kathy Myles-Wanja is a devoted Catholic wife and mother, business woman and pro-life author and speaker. She has an undergraduate degree in Finance from Colorado State University and a Masters in International Business from Thunderbird in Glendale, Arizona. She spent 15 years in consumer product marketing and more recently acquired her real estate license and has been helping to run a family-owned real estate investment company.

Kathy's passion for the pro-life movement led her to help author a book, *Journey of a Soul*. She has been invited to speak at various pro-life events in Colorado, including the March for Life in Denver, St. Mary's Catholic Parish, Regis High School and various archdiocesan gatherings in Denver.

## Colorado Passes Radical Abortion Law

Did you know Colorado recently passed into law *the most radical abortion bill in the nation?*

Earlier this month, Governor Jared Polis signed HB1279 into law. The significance? In Colorado, a woman can have an abortion up until the moment of birth—for any reason. The law also states that pre-born babies have no legal rights.

The horror of late-term abortion is now legal in our state.

Pro-life Colorado citizens turned out in the thousands, writing their legislators and testifying against the bill. However, it was passed on a party-line vote in both legislative chambers and sent to the governor for signature.

Colorado has long led the nation in abortion legislation. In 1967, Colorado became the first state to decriminalize abortion. Six years later *Roe v. Wade* became law.

The country's most radical abortion bill is now law in Colorado, and the need for Birthline Colorado is more critical than ever. Thank you for standing with us as we work toward creating a culture of life in our community.

## On the Horizon: The Miracle of Ultrasound

As many of you may know, it has long been my desire to incorporate the miracle of ultrasound into our Center. Giving abortion-minded women who are in the decision-making stage a view of their child is powerful—and often leads to a life-affirming decision. The numbers agree: women who receive an ultrasound (often referred to as a window into the womb) will choose life for their unborn child 89% of the time!

Last year a local doctor's office generously donated a beautiful ultrasound machine to Birthline. In order to make this dream a reality, we also need a medical director to oversee this service and a nurse sonographer to perform the ultrasounds.

My prayer is that you will share in this dream and come alongside us financially and prayerfully. Together we will move forward and begin to offer this service to our moms in 2022.



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and empowering women.*