

# Birthline

*Of San Diego County, Inc.*

*A Pregnancy Support Center - Free Confidential Services*

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A Quarterly Newsletter

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## Ask and You Shall Receive.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We asked and you responded. In our last newsletter the Clairemont Office asked for an off site storage space, shelving for the office and volunteers on Monday night. Today we have a new storage unit off of Balboa Ave. , we received enough money to design and install a new storage system for the office and we are now open every Monday night from 5:00-8:00 because we have three new wonderful volunteers who have offered to help with our first night shift. We couldn't have done all of this without your help.

It is true that God works in mysterious ways, but often through natural processes, ordinary people and normal events. Here are just a few of the mysterious ways people are supporting Birthline.



St. Brigid's adult community had their first "party with a cause" on April 16th. They raised over \$1,000.00 and three baskets filled

with new baby clothes, baby food and baby supplies.

Four students from Stella Maris came and worked one afternoon sorting baby clothes and making packages of baby wipes so that the day office volunteers could spend more time with pregnant moms.



The Knitting Club which is mostly women from Our Lady of Confidence donated blankets, caps and quilts to Birthline on Mothers Day this year. We will be able to use these items in our layettes.

Birthline was established to give pregnant women in crisis the opportunity to save their babies from abortion. We believe that a woman who does not have support from her parents and/or the father of her baby will be more likely to have an abortion.

Even though the volunteers share the same core beliefs, they each bring their own unique gifts to our organization. We have retired nurses, lactation specialists, marriage and family counselors, airline flight attendants as well as pilots, business women and grandmothers who have all been called to help.

Because of these shared beliefs we have new volunteers stepping up to help us reach more

and more women every month. In June the Clairemont office will have another training for three more volunteers. This office is now open on Monday nights and is in the process of being open Thursday from 10:00 - 4:00.

Thank you for all your help,  
Mary Pat Warner

Birthline Executive Director

## Chula Vista Office

### "Accidents"

Women do not come to Birthline by "accident". We believe that there is a purpose for every encounter we make. Last November a pregnant African American divorced woman with two children came to our office for help. She had been told by two different agencies that she could not carry her baby to term because the lining of her uterus was too thin. Her initial plan was to have an abortion but encountered a sidewalk counselor (by accident?) at the abortion clinic. He convinced her to come to Birthline for support and counseling before making a decision to abort. Even though she had so many tragic circumstances occurring in her life there was a part of her that did not want to have an abortion. We referred her to the doctors at Culture of Life Family Practice and promised to help her during her pregnancy as well as after the baby was born. She overcame so many obstacles and today she has her third healthy baby, a baby boy.

Another "accident" that occurred in Chula Vista was presented as an invitation to Boy Scout Troop 886. Their Scout Leader challenged them to learn something new, to try doing something they had never done before.

**Chula Vista office continued.**

After much contemplation the troop decided to learn how to knit! They practiced and practiced and presented their wares to Birthline. We are the proud heirs to dozens and dozens of hand knitted baby caps in every size and color. Thank you Troop 886 you are amazing and the caps are beautiful.

God Bless,  
Tricia Corrao  
Birthline Director, Chula Vista

**Clairemont Office  
Summer Update**

**DO YOU LOVE ME?**

“Feed my Lambs. Tend my sheep”

Jesus’ magnificent gift of love tells us much; love is a great privilege and it brings with it great responsibility. We have the ability to love Jesus by loving others.

Here at Birthline we translate love into action by responding to our sisters in crisis and identifying ways to help them bring their unborn children into our world. We also respond with love by assisting mothers with small children who are in need of resources to survive.

Recently I was touched by a married couple who brought a car load of new baby clothes and supplies to our Clairemont office.

They felt that God had blessed their lives so many times, but especially with the birth of their son, they wanted to create an opportunity to bless others.

They used their son’s first birthday as an opportunity to turn their love into action. They took a risk and asked their friends and family

to bring donations of baby clothing, diapers, formula, baby food and blankets to their son’s first birthday party which they would then deliver to Birthline to help mothers in need.

They sent out birthday invitations and a list of items that Birthline needed. Christina’s friends and family rallied around her request and celebrated Jackson’s first birthday with presents for Birthline.

God bless,  
Mary Ann Fentress  
Birthline Director, Clairemont

**New Director for the  
Clairemont Office**

After 11 years of service to Birthline Mary Ann Fentress has asked to step aside from her position as the Director of the Clairemont Office. She has been instrumental in the growth of this Office.

Mary Ann plans to stay on as a crisis counselor and a member of the Board. She has also offered to train the new director and help in any way possible to make the transition easier, and will continue to help with the training of our new volunteers in Clairemont.

We are confident that the Holy Spirit will guide the right person to accept this position. Our goal is to find a replacement by September.

We are looking for someone who would be responsible for the maintenance of the office, making purchases at the food bank, organizing staff meetings and helping with the training of new volunteers. As part of the team, the Clairemont Director would also work with the Chula Vista Director and Executive Director regarding program changes, outreach, and development. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact us. We look forward to your call and sincerely thank you.

**Wish List for 2011**

Gently used or new clothes for Toddlers ages 2-5 years especially Onsie’s and stretch suits  
Maternity clothes  
Baby thermometers, petroleum jelly,  
Baby shampoo and baby soap  
Reusable shopping bags

**Chula Vista Office**

Computer  
Shelves for storage  
Desk and chair  
Phone system  
Copier  
Sink

**Clairemont Office**

Office scanner  
New or used credenza  
Phone system

The Birthline Newsletter is published four times a year for our benefactors and volunteers We are working towards a greener environment and will start sending our newsletter via the internet. If you would like to help us go green please send us your email address.

Birthline of San Diego County was founded in 1979 as a nonprofit, non political organization, serving pregnant women and families with small children with compassion and complete confidentiality. Free services include friendship /support counseling, diapers, clothing, food, formula, pregnancy tests and local referrals.

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