



# Lifeline



BIRTHLINE OF LOVELAND  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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OFFERING REAL SUPPORT TO EXPECTING MOTHERS AND COUPLES...  
TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF UNBORN CHILDREN...  
AND OPEN DOORS TO GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS...  
SO THAT ALL MIGHT LIVE AND THRIVE!



## MATERNITY HOME RESIDENTS!

We are excited to let you know that we have had many applications for “Guests” for the Maternity Home, and our team is doing a great job processing those applications! I’ve also realized that what I relay to you, our Birthline team of supporters, about those applications and Guests is sensitive material which we’re not at liberty to make public. Bummer! We want to share the stories in detail of these brave women who have applied and who have been offered the chance to live in the home. If I could tell those stories I would relay details of women pressured to have abortions, women living in cars, abandoned by partners, abandoned by family and parents, fighting battles with drugs and alcohol, fighting to keep jobs, women going to college, women with no education, women navigating the legal system, consistently seeing their probation officers, women working to reestablish relations with their children, women from our community, women from Denver, women from further into our region – all in need and curious to see if this is the place where they will find help and get a fresh start. Each story different, each life precious (mother and child), each one tended to by our stalwart Maternity Home Steering Team of skilled and passionate staff and volunteers. And we are making sure that each applicant gets to tell their story and be heard, and get a square and well-rounded look from our team for assessment, and each applicant either accepted for the Home or connected with better and more suitable resources. Keep praying for this hard and important work, and for all these women and babies who come our way!



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## PERSONAL STORY - MELONIE UPDATE AND INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PATRICIA BRENNAN

Birthline has been in a bit of a limbo-state over the past month, but we are now on a good path forward thanks to some Board-creativity and one Patricia Brennan. Our Assistant Director Melonie Fusilier had hip replacement surgery on February 7th, and unfortunately it was complicated by a mild stroke a few days later. She spent 2 extra weeks in a rehabilitation hospital and is now home, but she still has lingering effects. Since her return is undefined we have asked Patricia



*Patricia Brennan - Birthline's new Interim Assistant Director*

to step in as an interim AD, and she's accepted! Patricia is one of our longest standing Advocates and she has a great background in volunteering with a CU Boulder Volunteer Management degree and 20 years experience managing large-scale volunteer programs nationwide. She's also served in the capacity of a victim's advocate on behalf of women who have experienced any form of abuse, and also as a court advocate with Alternatives to Violence. And she has her own story of having an untimely pregnancy at the age of 17, so she has great empathy with those whom we serve. Please continue to pray for Melonie in recovery, and also for Patricia in her new interim role. God is with us, and we continue to press forward in love for our community!

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

*LORD, please help Melonie heal as quickly as possible, but also thank you very much for Patricia who is filling in in the meantime!*





PERSONAL



## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS DONATE HOMEMADE ONESIES TO BIRTHLINE



American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for youth, and is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. These girls meet throughout the year and our local Troop 119 has worked on various service projects, done in-depth Bible studies with devotions, and worked on badges covering everything from our flag, kitchen science, nature and wildlife, and cake decorating. And oh, they made tie-dye onesies and bibs for our lobby and boutique, and learned about a pregnancy resource center. Come check out their work! (and thank you to troop 119!)



# GET INVOLVED!

## 1st Annual Link-to-the-future Legacy Lunch!

▪ Mark your calendars for Thursday May 16th, 1145-1pm, at the Deskchair Workspace in downtown Loveland, as we hear about opportunities to support Birthline long-term with planned-giving and possible endowment. Andrew will be explaining long-term goals for Birthline and local CFP Thad Dunn (Epoch Financial) will be explaining options for giving. RSVP email to come, but please save the date/time!

## Shepherding Home Hosts:

▪ Are you interested in housing a pregnant resident before and after her delivery, through our Shepherding Home program? We're looking for people with a spare room and bathroom, and with a big heart for our clients and ministry...

## Center Volunteer Needs:

▪ We are looking for more **Advocates**! These volunteers are trained to do lay-counseling of our clients, guiding them to local resources and supports. Our next training is 4 Fridays in May – 3, 10, 17, 24, 9am-12noon.

## Center/Maternity Home Material Needs:

- Size 3, 4 and 5 diapers.
- Layette items (sleepers/outfits and onesies), NEW only, boys and girls - newborn or 0-3 mo sizes.

To help with any of these needs please contact Andrew at 970.663.2671 or [andrew@birthlineloveland.org](mailto:andrew@birthlineloveland.org).

## THANKS!

▪ Thanks to our Center vols for all they do every day at the Center in this busy season, especially in light of our Assistant Director Melonie Fusilier being gone for hip replacement surgery! (FYI, she has moved to a two-week rehab hospital and is making strides every day (literally!)).



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*May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy  
and peace as you  
trust in him, so that  
you may overflow  
with hope by the  
power of the Holy  
Spirit.*

ROMANS 15:13 (NIV)



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday  
10am-4pm

Tuesday  
10am - 4pm

Wednesday  
10am - 4pm

Thursday  
10am - 4pm

Friday  
Closed

Saturday & Sunday  
Closed