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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 SET TO RESUME PROGRAMMING! (AND REOPEN FOR HOUSING, ONCE MORE VOLUNTEERS)

Greetings wonderful Birthline supporters! And a blessed fall season to you; hasn't it been a beautiful one?

I think so, and the beauty will continue with the Maternity Home program offering services to new Guests! We have an approved applicant who has completed the pre-admissions steps, and will start receiving the services we offer this week (counseling, educational classes, mentoring). It is very exciting to get things rolling again, and the staff is prepped and ready to go. Also, there is another applicant in process, and more inquiries as the weather has gotten cooler and living outside has become more uncomfortable for those with pregnancies and without homes.

Of course, we also need to reopen the home itself and offer housing to this new Guest, and to those who are starting to inquire. The facility is in great shape, and much of our food

acquisition is in place (though if you or your Bible study/small group wants to offer to buy meal-ingredients for 1 dinner a month please contact Sylvia (sylvia@birthlineloveland.org)

And to reopen the home we need 6 more "Volunteers of Presence" (VOPs) to be a helpful presence in the home, covering the following shifts:

- Fridays weekly 11am-2pm, 2pm-5pm
- Saturdays once a month, 12noon-4pm, 4pm-8pm

Contact Denise (denise@birthlineloveland.org), and thanks for your support offering this essential service to our community!

WITHIN THESE PAGES:

- 2 **VOLUNTEER** PROFILES
- 3 PROFILES (CONT.)
- 4 NEEDS & THANKS!

# PERSONAL STORY

## JILLSON BIGUS (AND DAUGHTERS) CLOTHING ROOM VOLS AND CHILDCARE HELP FOR PROGRAMS

Hi, my name is Jillson, and I have been blessed to share my life with my husband, Paul, for 19 wonderful years. Together, we have raised three incredible daughters: Isabella, who is now 16, Sofia at 13, and our youngest, Gracie, who is 11. For the past 18 years, Loveland has been our cherished home, a place where we have built lasting memories and connections.

One of my greatest passions is volunteering, and my daughters and I have had the privilege of serving at Birthline for nearly four years. I truly believe that every child is a gift from God, and I pray that our work there allows us to help mothers navigate challenging times. If we can make life a little easier for even one mom, then our efforts are worthwhile.



Jillson Bigus, and her husband and daughters

#### LIZ DUDEK - MATERNITY HOME VOLUNTEER, LOVE APPROACH TRAINEE

Hi, my name is Liz Dudek and I am a Loveland native, wife, mom of two amazing kids (see photo next page) and new maternity home volunteer. I have been blessed with opportunities to live all over the country and even the world, where we lived in Luxembourg for the last 2.5 years. We love adventures, going to sporting events (GO BRONCOS), traveling, and experiencing new cultures. Growing up in this community and seeing how much it has grown and adapted is amazing, and I am excited to be a part of Birthline, where I hope to have a positive impact on the women in the Maternity Home, and everyone I meet.



Liz Dudek and her family



Sue Oakley

#### **THANKSES!**

- To Teri Olson and Jillson Bigus (and the girls) in helping w/ our fall THRIVE parenting class. Teri's coordinated and Jillson"s helped with the childcare; the 4 session series is going great so far!
- To Sarah Quist (Assistant Director), Dana Carroll (Board), and Patricia Brennan (super-vol) for going the extra mile w/ our fall LOVE Approach Advocate/MHome training. Great information by great people!
- To Gabby Dowdy and those at Shannon's Hope
  Maternity Home for training the Birthline staff and
  volunteers on more of the ins and outs of Maternity
  Homing!
- First Presbyterian Berthoud and Redemption Church Loveland for hosting Life Language classes by Andrew Davies, to learn more about the current trends in culture, legislation, and technology, and the prolife position!

#### SUE OAKLEY - SPANISH ADVOCATE LOVE APPROACH TRAINEE

Sue Oakley joined Birthline in July as a volunteer and recently became trained as an Advocate with a focus on the *Spanish speaking clients*. She has lived in Loveland since 1990 and taught high school Spanish and French for 30 years. Sue has one daughter and three beautiful grandchildren who live out of state. She was looking for a volunteer opportunity and found Birthline to be a place where she could use her language and teaching skills to help others. The Christian focus is an additional blessing. She feels honored to be surrounded by so many faithful and loving staff and volunteers.



#### **Center Needs:**

- **Reception Volunteers** needed! Great culture and fellowship. One 3-hr shift/week: Monday or Thursday 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm. Contact Sarah at sarah@birthlineloveland.org for more details!
- Layette Items (see below) any items appreciated!

### **Birthline Layette**

- · 4 New Outfits
- 3 Sleepers
- 3 pr. Socks
- 1 New Crib Sheet
- Bath Shampoo 8 oz.
- Bath Lotion 8 oz. Lotion
- Bath Soap 8 oz.
- · Bath Towel Set with wash cloth
- 1Crochet Blanket w/caps
- 1 Swaddle
- · 2 Bags of Large Wipes
- 1 Bible- English or Spanish

- 3 Onesies
- 3 Bibs
- 1 pair <u>Booties</u>
- 3 Bottles plus Nipple Pack
- · Sweater or Jacket Seasonal
- · 3 Burp Cloths
- 2-3 Hats/Caps
- · 1 New Set of Pacifiers
- 1 New Soft Toy
- 1 Receiving Blanket
- 1 Fleece Blanket
- Baby's 1<sup>st</sup> Book

Diaper Bag - contains 4 12-pack NB, 4 12-pack Size 1

Layettes are given to all Birthline clients who gave birth while in our <u>program</u>
as a celebration and encouragement

#### **Maternity Home Needs**

·See first article for "Volunteers of Presence". Furniture items: Clothes hampers, pull-out couch.

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970-663-2671 info@birthlineofloveland.org friendsofbirthline.org (support) birthlineloveland.org (clients) When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

DEUTERONOMY 24:19 (NIV)



Monday 10am-4pm

Tuesday 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday Closed

Saturday & Sunday Closed