



BIRTHRIGHT OF WINONA
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Our History

Birthright is a pro-life, free, non-profit, non-sectarian, international organization staffed by volunteers. Founded in 1968 by Mrs. Louise Summerhill, **Birthright** was established as an emergency pregnancy service. Louise had a strong passion for recognizing the suffering and despair of women in crisis pregnancies.

Our Guiding Principal

"It is the right of every pregnant women to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."

Our Mission

- To uphold at all times, that every pregnant women has the right to whatever help is needed to bring her child to term.
- To attempt to effect in every possible way a decrease in the number of abortions by encouraging pregnant girls and women to have their babies, that is to offer the alternative to abortion.
- To maintain a crisis center where any pregnant women, wed or unwed, may find help as near as the telephone 24 hours a day.
- To create and maintain in society an awareness of the needs of pregnant girls and women, to remove the social stigma associated with the unwed mother and her child and to encourage a more humane understanding of her and her problems.
- To offer person-to-person help, giving love, understanding, and all needed moral, emotional and practical support to every women who requests it.

Client Services

- Free and anonymous pregnancy tests.
- Dedicated volunteers.
- Confidentiality.
- Referrals to community services, resources and professional agencies.
- Pregnancy and adoption information.
- Maternity and baby clothes to those who qualify.
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