



# Love Is...



A P U B L I C A T I O N O F B I R T H R I G H T O F H U M B L E

## A Love Story

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God had planned a Love Story for me since before the day I was conceived...

I always say that being adopted has been the greatest thing that has happened to me! My adoptive parents were unable to have children of their own due to an auto accident my mom, Marla, was involved in.

Rewind to 1956, my mom was just 16 years old at the time, and that night she had just attended a homecoming game. She was riding in the back seat of a friend's Chevy, when they were struck by an oncoming car. Marla was thrown about the car, breaking multiple bones in her body from head to toe.

The doctors, unsure if Marla would be able to live through the accident, called a priest. After two weeks of being in a coma, she miraculously came through, though doctors said she would be paralyzed for the remainder of her life. I'm happy to say God was able to prove the doctors wrong, Marla did begin to walk again. But, with all the radiation from the many X-rays, she became physically unable to have children of her own. However, God had a plan.

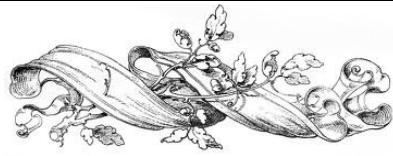
Eight years later, Marla and her loving husband John, adopted their first child. He was a blonde hair, blue-eyed son, who two years later would become a brother when my parents adopted me. Due to some medical concerns, my parents were unable to take me home immediately; I was born a preemie breach baby with a heart murmur. After being placed in a foster home for six months, my adoptive parents were finally able to complete the adoption of their little girl. They decided to name me Jennifer.

I remember overhearing my mom tell her best friend that my biological mother had an affair while her husband was off "at sea." What an incredibly difficult decision for her and her husband, to carry me to term and to put me up for adoption. Never having met this woman, I love her so much for making the tough choice she did! Oh, how thankful am I that she loved me enough to put me up for adoption! Her decision was truly an act of love.

God placed me in a loving Christian home. Adoption is a beautiful thing and in my case, it was truly orchestrated by God, He knew what He was doing, He always does!

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# ... FRIENDSHIP

## OUR WISH LIST

Office Printers

Office Scanner

Mommy Books in Spanish

Daddy Books

Mitts

0-3month Girl Onesies

0-9month Girl Sleepers



Two friends were walking through the desert, during some point of the journey they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, 'today my best friend slapped me in the face'.

They kept walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a swim, the one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved her. After she recovered from the near drowning, she wrote on a stone: 'today my best friend saved my life' the friend who had both slapped and saved her best friend asked, 'after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?'

The friend replied 'when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away.

But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it'.

*It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, and an entire life to forget them.*



## TEXAS ABORTION LAWS

### Did You Know?

Law 1 of 5:

A woman must receive state-directed counseling that includes



information designed to inform her of all the options available so that she can make an informed decision. She then must wait 24 hours before the procedure can be provided.

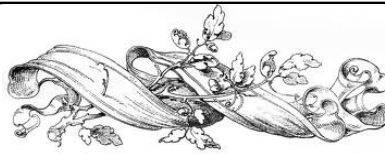


## BABY SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

At a special mommy class held at our EWYL classroom, the students were given instructions on how to teach their 3-6month old babies sign language. There are a few signs that babies can learn quickly such as mother, father, please, more, milk, and shoes.

Karli, one of our young moms offered to teach this technique to the class. With this ability to express themselves before verbal language development, the babies often seem less frustrated. For those that were unable to attend, we will be repeating this class again later on in the year.





## ... SERVING

Through the past Christmas season, we were extremely blessed with extra donations, we are excited to have these items to share with the new mothers. We couldn't continue to do this without you, thank you for your generosity!



- Monthly Pledgers
  - Individual Donors
  - St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
  - Jennifer Klibbe - handmade blankets
  - An anonymous business for our new heater
  - Crossroads Church - baby bottle boomerang
  - Kingwood Bible Church for their blanket drive
- Society of St. Stephens for sharing of their bounty of items
  - Lone Star College (North Harris Campus) - the Administration office collected baby items for us
  - An anonymous family for fulfilling our wish list needs
  - Mr. George and his son for their annual coin collection
  - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - handmade hats
  - David G. for his second annual collection - placed boxes at local businesses
  - Friendship United Methodist Church - handmade hats and blankets
  - The Ladies Group at New Covenant Church for a successful diaper/wipe drive



## VOLUNTEER FOCUS

- **When did you start at Birthright?** Summer 2013
- **Why did you decide to volunteer here?** I was looking for another way to use my experience and counselor education. I heard about Birthright through my church.
- **Do you have a job or any other activity outside of volunteering?** Yes, I'm a therapist at a psych hospital and eating disorder center.
- **What keeps you coming in to volunteer each time?** Getting to help others, knowing I'm making a difference.

ANDREA



### BIRTHRIGHT OF HUMBLE STATISTICS JANUARY-DECEMBER 2013

Phone calls	892
Pregnancy tests	1185
Positive tests	728
1st visits	747
Revisits	353
Other visits	397
Reported births	197
Reported abortions	8
Reported miscarries	26
Layettes given	162
EWYL classes	259

**Sources:**

Friends/relative	392
Been in before	308
Internet	90
Sign/mall sign	45
Yellow Pages	45
Church	0
School	7
Health Dept.	128
Other	146

**Ages:**

12-13	1
14	6
15	9
16	20
17	38
18-20	252
21-25	374
26-30	257
31+	163



***Pregnant? Need Help?***

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**... ACTION**

There are many ways you can support Birthright of Humble.

**Give:** Become a monthly financial supporter. Your donations to Birthright are tax deductible. Does your employer match donations? If you shop at Kroger or on eBay, specify Birthright as your charity.

**Volunteer!** The more volunteers we have—the more hours we can be open to help—the fewer babies will be aborted. Volunteers are needed in many capacities—what is your talent?

**Donate:** Organize a drive in your church or neighborhood by adopting Birthright as a charity project. You can also donate gently used or new maternity and baby clothing.

**Collect:** Diapers, crib sheets, baby blankets, bibs, booties, infant bath towels and washcloths, newborn-safe stuffed animals and toys, brand-new car seats and pregnancy books for 1st time moms!

**Spread the Word:** Pass out fliers asking for donations and provide your neighbors with convenient drop-off stations in your neighborhood or at your church. This is a great way for children to help too!

Contact Nadine: Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm at 281-540-1123

