



Tiny Voices

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Appreciating Life

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He emerged from the metro at the L'Enfant Plaza station and positioned himself against a wall beside a trash basket. He was nondescript: a youngish white man in jeans, a long-sleeved T-shirt and a Washington Nationals baseball cap. From a small case, he removed a violin.

In the middle of the morning rush hour, in the next 45 minutes, this violinist would perform six classical pieces, with 1,097 people passing him by, with only 7 people stopping to take notice of him. On that Friday in January, no one knew it, but the fiddler, Joshua Bell, was one of the finest classical musicians in the world, playing some of the most elegant music ever written on one of the most valuable violins ever made.

The masterpieces he played that day have endured for centuries on their brilliance alone, soaring music befitting the grandeur of cathedrals and concert halls. Three days before he appeared at the Metro station, Bell had filled the house at Boston's stately Symphony Hall.

On Friday, January 12, the people waiting in the lottery line looking for a long shot would get a lucky break - a free, close-up ticket to a concert by one of the world's most famous musicians - but only if they were of a mind to take note.

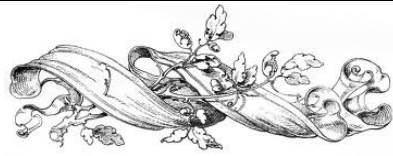
One person did recognize this opportunity, a child. Emerging from the escalator, a woman and her preschooler walked briskly past in a hurry to get somewhere. Her son was instantly enthralled by the violinist, but before he could get a better view, the mother quickly moved her body between the boy and Bell's, cutting off her son's line of sight. As they exit, the boy can still be seen craning to look.

The poet Billy Collins once laughingly observed that all babies are born with a knowledge of poetry, because the lub-dub of the mother's heart is in iambic meter. Then, Collins said, "life slowly starts to choke the poetry out of us." It may be true with music, too.

Every single time a child walked past the violinist that day, he or she tried to stop and watch. And every single time, a parent scooted the child away.

One young man passing by had buds in his ear, he was listening to his iPod. For many of us, the explosion in technology has perversely limited, not expanded, our exposure to new experiences. Increasingly, we get our news from sources that think as we already do. And with iPods, we hear what we already know; we program our own playlists. The song that this young man was listening to was "Just Like Heaven," It's a terrific song about a tragic emotional disconnect. It's about failing to see the beauty of what's plainly in front of your eyes.

If we can't take the time out of our lives to stay a moment and listen to one of the best musicians on Earth play some of the best music ever written; if the surge of modern life so overpowers us that we are deaf and blind to something like that - then what else are we missing? Do we take the time to truly appreciate life?



We Moved!



Birtheright has some awesome news! We have moved to a larger space, it is just next door to where we were before but we have a front door! We would like to send a very special thank you to our board members who helped make this happen. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers, and their handy husbands, for their time and hard work in getting the new space ready. Birtheright couldn't exist without all of our dedicated volunteers of which we are especially grateful for. The photos give but a glimpse of all the work that was done by our volunteers, family members, and friends from church, windows were cleaned, furniture was organized, floors were vacuumed, you name it, it had to be done. We will plan an open house later in the summer that we hope you will be able to attend!

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
CONTRIBUTE TO
BIRTHRIGHT!
A SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

- St. Martha Catholic Church for a successful Baby Bottle Boomerang
- Lone Star CC North Harris Campus — Baby Item Drive
- Kingwood Bible Church
- St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus #9794
- Monthly Pledgers

OUR WISH LIST

- Bibs
- Mitts
- Wipes
- Girl Socks
- Burp Cloths
- Maternity Clothes
- Diapers sizes 1 & 2
- Hooded Bath Towels
- 0-9month Girl Sleepers
- 0-9month Boy Sleepers



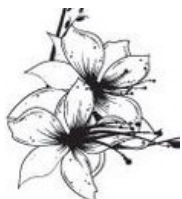
Cleaning & Hanging Mini-blinds

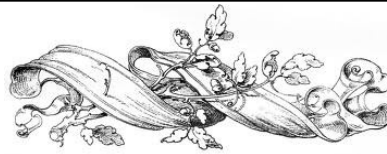
The Last Few Touches



H o n o r i n g O u r M o t h e r s

For Mother's Day this year, we would like to acknowledge the mothers that mean so much to each of us while also encouraging new mothers to choose life. In honor of your mother, we would like to recognize her by including her name in our next newsletter and by sending her a Mother's Day card. If you would like to honor your mother by making a donation to Birtheright of Humble on her behalf, please fill out the enclosed donation slip and return it to us with your mother's name and address. This will not only be an acknowledgment to your mother but will also help another mother in your community to choose life for her unborn child.





Opportunities at Birthright

Earn While You Learn (EWYL) classes began at our Humble Birthright a little over a year ago after a visit to another pro life pregnancy center in Dayton who had a similar program. The goal of EWYL is to help prepare pregnant clients for the changes their bodies and babies undergo during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and how to care for their new babies. In exchange for attending classes, the women earn points which can be used to purchase items in our store. Store inventory usually includes diapers, wipes, infant clothing, baby wash, and other larger items such as strollers, activity centers, etc.

As one of the instructors for EWYL, I can personally attest to the benefits of the program. First time moms have returned to express thankfulness for being well prepared for their birthing experience, that they were not frightened because they knew what was happening with their bodies and their babies. Others have been grateful for having what they needed for their little ones through our store. The classes and discussion provide a wonderful opportunity to develop longer term relationships with our Birthright clients. Not only do we become partners in their pregnancy, often other moms form encouraging friendships in the classes.

Right now, we offer three class times a week:

Wednesdays at 1pm, Thursdays at 1pm, and Fridays at 11am.

An additional class is offered the first Saturday of the month at 11am.

Birthright would love to expand our program but we need more instructors, if you are friendly, pro life, and willing to lead a small group discussion, then we have just the position for you! Please call the Birthright office at 281-540-1123 and leave a message for Nadine or Laura. We would love to share this rewarding experience with you.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

To commemorate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Kingwood Bible Church along with Birthright of Humble hosted a movie and Yum-ees dessert night featuring **October Baby**, the story of an abortion survivor looking for her birth mother. As our group of 60 viewers watched, we laughed and cried along with Hannah, the main character. We were reminded that “the truth shall set us free” John 8:31-32 and the importance of forgiveness. As believers in Jesus Christ we can forgive because we have been forgiven.

Birthright has a license for group showings for the next 12 months. If you would like to show the film, please contact Nadine Patterson (281-360-4660) or Laura Moodie (281-770-2474).

BIRTHRIGHT OF HUMBLE STATISTICS JANUARY – MARCH 2013

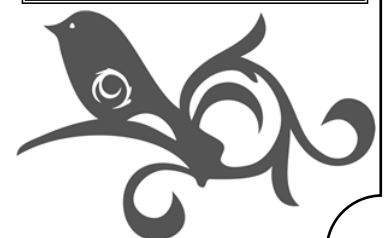
Phone calls	258
Pregnancy tests	329
Positive tests	214
1st visits	243
Revisits	91
Other visits	118
Reported births	53
Reported abortions	1
Reported miscarries	9
Layettes given	45
EWYL classes	44

Sources:

Friends/relative	97
Been in before	57
Internet	13
Sign/mall sign	3
Yellow page	1
Church	0
School	1
Health Dept.	23
Other	50

Ages:

12-13	0
14	1
15	1
16	5
17	13
18-20	74
21-25	95
26-30	75
31+	44



Pregnant? Need Help?

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Would You Like to Help?

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 Randalls or Kroger, 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: Fridays 9:30am—12:30pm at 281-540-1123

