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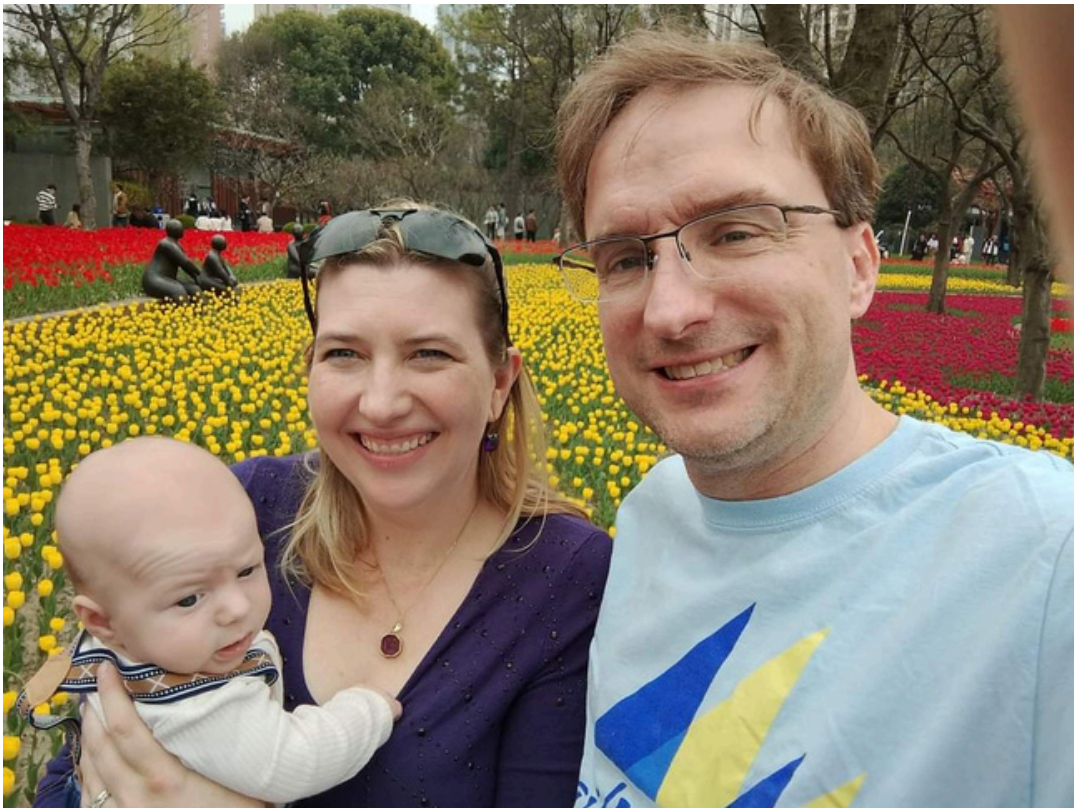
OFFERING REAL SUPPORT TO EXPECTING MOTHERS AND COUPLES...
TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF UNBORN CHILDREN...
AND OPEN DOORS TO GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS...
SO THAT ALL MIGHT LIVE AND THRIVE!



PERSONAL: THE VARYING WAYS IN WHICH BIRTHLINE SERVES

Hi! My name is Carol and I work in the clothing dept of Birthline. I enjoy my time there, but I never thought my family would need Birthline as they are scattered to the 4 corners of the US and China. But in November, my oldest daughter came home from Shanghai to deliver her first child, (my son-in-law is a diplomat there). They had nothing there that they could bring with them, nor could they purchase large items and send them back to China. I had very few things they could use. Birthline stepped in by letting me borrow a swing, bassinet, porta-crib with a changing table attached, and a bathtub for a newborn. They were invaluable as we welcomed William Grant Shaw on the coldest day of the year,

January 14th! My daughter and son-in-law stayed another 2 months and when they left, I brought all the things we borrowed back to Birthline to reuse.



The Shaws, with newborn son, William Grant Shaw

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WAYS BIRTHLINE SERVES (CONT.)

We think of Birthline for moms and couples who need help because of their circumstances, which are usually not great. Or who need help due to an unwanted pregnancy, or abuse, or low income. And we help with all those things. But sometimes moms who have means and a stable situation still may need our help in very practical ways. Thank you Birthline for supporting moms in whatever circumstances they are in!

INFORMATIONAL - MATERNITY HOME CHANGES, ROLES, AND YOUR INPUT

The Maternity Home is up and running, and many great things are afoot. Again, we can't get into details for confidentiality's sake, but volunteers are investing in our Guests, Guests are becoming acclimated to the new surroundings and programs, starting to establish routines, and engaging in life-giving relationships and experiences. Praise the Lord! And here we wanted to explain a bit more of our staffing and programs so that you know how things run, and so you know to whom you might give ideas and feedback.

The program consists of a **Guest Advisor (GA)** who lives at the home and is primarily in charge of the facility, operations, and security. She is "on" in the evenings, through the night, and early mornings, and is "off" during the daytime (when volunteers take over security and operations). If you have questions about operations and security, please direct your questions to me (Andrew - andrew@birthline Loveland.org) and I can speak with the GA about those ideas or concerns. Also, our GA is currently Cheryl Sanchez but she will be leaving us at the end of May, so please add this to your prayer list and if you or others are interested in this position, please contact us.

The program also consists of a **Family Advocate (FA)** position, which acts as a "life coach"/case manager, helping the Guests to set goals each week and succeed in fulfilling them. Currently this role is filled by a tandem of Tonya Pellett and Gwen Stephenson. If you have questions or input about these roles please contact me ([Andrew again](#)), and I can take your input to those FAs.





MATERNITY HOME CHANGES (CONT.)

Lastly, the program also consists of a **Program Coordinator (PC)** who is a volunteer who makes sure that the Guests are set up with helpful community resources (e.g. SNAP food stamps), and set up in our program areas (e.g. enrolled in our THRIVE parenting class). Karina Huber is currently our PC, so if you have questions or input regarding helpful community resources or possible programs, please contact her (Karina at karinadhuber@gmail.com).

And this is where we are open to input. We craft the programs and opportunities for the Guests to give them good and informative experiences and life-skills. That can mean a lot of different types of “classes”: art-therapy, sewing, mindfulness, pilates, book clubs, skateboarding (just kidding!), and other things we know would help them to thrive. If you yourself have such ideas and skills feel free to shoot your ideas to us as a team (and me Andrew’s contact info) and we will discuss how they might be implemented. Sky’s the limit as we move forward and invest in our blessed Guests and help them to thrive, thank you for your support and prayers!



*PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST
LORD, thank you for the wonderful service of Cheryl Sanchez as the Maternity Home’s Guest Advisor. Please lead the right person to Birthline to be our next GA.*

*PRAYER REQUEST
God, in preparation for the Link-to-the-future Legacy Lunch, please lead me in the ways You can use me to make a difference.*

GET INVOLVED!

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

- Mark your calendars for Thursday March 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. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andrew at andrew@birthlineloveland.org.

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. Contact Andrew, and consider attending the next training time the **4 Fridays in May - 3, 10, 17, 24, 9am-12noon.**

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 Material Needs

- Small printer for office.
- Double umbrella stroller.

To help with any of these needs, please contact Andrew at 970.663.2671 or andrew@birthlineloveland.org.

THANKS!

- Thanks to Patricia Brennan for stepping in to the role as Interim Assistant Director and doing such a great job w/ coordinating the Center and engaging volunteers!
- Thanks soooooo much to our Maternity Home VOPs (Volunteers of Presence) as they've helped each other out, picking up open shifts, and giving the home life!
- Thanks to Cheryl Sanchez for her role as Guest Advisor and helping the home in its initial infant stages! (pun intended 😊)
- Thanks to Mariana Cisneros, our new Spanish interpreter and Thursday mornings at the Center, both with translating the counseling sessions with clients, but also translating Birthline's literature, forms, and promotional materials!
- Thanks to Teri Olson for shouldering the load and putting in great work for this spring's THRIVE parenting class! The class gave much to many, and it was in great part to her!!

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*Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and
today and forever.*

HEBREWS 13:8 (NIV)



OFFICE HOURS

Monday
10am-4pm

Tuesday
10am - 4pm

Wednesday
10am - 4pm

Thursday
10am - 4pm

Friday
Closed

Saturday & Sunday
Closed