



# Life Center of Long Island

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## THE FRUITS OF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



We are indebted to all those who took the time to pray and witness outside of Planned Parenthood in Hempstead during the recent 40 Days for Life campaign sponsored by the Pro Bikers for Life. Through extreme weather conditions they reached out to those in need and were instrumental in impacting the lives of 18 female clients and one confirmed Baby Save so far! An additional three male clients came seeking options for their girlfriends, knowing women deserve better. Their stories will appear in future newsletters. The prayer warriors also became the face of Christ to the individuals below. We are proud to join them in service to all God's children.

A woman, Elena\*, was walking past Planned Parenthood, and was approached by a prayer warrior, asking if she was in need of help. Elena was given information about the Life Center, and encouraged to visit our nearby Hempstead office. Elena came in and humbly asked for clothing for her children, and someone to listen to her struggles. She explained through tears that her mother had died many years ago, and she missed her terribly. As an immigrant, she had no family nearby to share her sorrow.

The Life Center consultant comforted Elena and told her she would be a surrogate mother to her. Elena was very touched by the compassion and love evidenced by the consultant. Elena is now interested in having her children baptized and coming back to the faith. After several hours, Elena left the office with new friends, hope, and bags of clothing for her children.

The Life Center is aware that material assistance is often what brings women and men through the door, but we are blessed in that we are able to offer much more. Often family support is lacking, and we seek to provide care and concern for emotional and spiritual needs as well. Please keep our clients, volunteers and staff in your prayers this Easter season.



A few weeks ago, a young couple, Kevin\* and Lucy\*, called our Hempstead office, saying they had heard of the Life Center of Long Island from those praying outside of Planned Parenthood. They had been given a Life Center brochure earlier in the day, as they were passing by with their two-month-old in a stroller. I told them they were welcome to come in that afternoon.

Lucy is 18 years old and Kevin is 23. They live with Kevin's mother in the neighborhood, but had never heard of us and were amazed that the Life Center could help them with their baby's needs. Kevin was holding his baby and looking at him adoringly. It impressed us that the father is involved; sadly this is often not the case. We discussed the differences between the services of Planned Parenthood and the Life Center, and how we are happy to offer any assistance, free of charge. The Center was able to offer them a bassinet, bouncy seat, blankets, diapers, wipes and lots of clothes.

I mentioned the sidewalk counselors that had directed them to our office, and how they stand out in all kinds of weather trying to help parents avoid the tragedy of abortion, some of whom have experienced it themselves and hope to prevent others from the pain and regret they have suffered. Kevin replied, "Oh yeah, you can tell, you can see it on their faces." He said he could sense their passion and how much they wanted to help. Kevin and Lucy were strangers, yet the kindness of those praying pointed them toward an oasis of hope and caring—the Life Center of Long Island.

(The father in this story is in need of a job. He is a high school graduate, is articulate and made a good impression. If anyone knows of an opportunity in the Hempstead area, please contact the Hempstead center.)



Submitted by **Patty Knap**  
Hempstead Staff

\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality



## Our Mission...

*"To promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life...from conception to natural death."*

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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF  
*The Executive Director*



## HOPING FOR MIRACLES

Readers of this newsletter are used to “baby save” stories we highlight monthly. It is not too often that we share our continuation of care for new mothers and fathers after their babies are born. We regularly continue to assist families with additional needs, resources and support, usually until their children reach 2 years of age. We help with goal setting plans which lay out a foundation for better life choices for families.

At times there are some unfortunate challenges which they encounter, and they return to the Life Center, knowing we will assist them as best we can. Please read the following which relates a situation Lisa, the Massapequa Center Director, experienced, and how we continue with our mission to help save lives:

Rosa\* came to our office over two years ago. She had been lured to the United States through an illegal job trafficking ring. She had been lied to about becoming a citizen through an arranged marriage out of state. Rosa became pregnant and wanted an abortion.

With the help of many volunteers, we provided resources and encouragement to Rosa, who eventually decided to keep her baby. We spoke and texted with her often to keep her spirits up, as she was vulnerable to depression. Rosa often referred to us as her family, and said there was no one out there like the Life Center, and she was grateful for the help we provided.

Recently in the wee hours of the morning, I received a frantic and suicidal sounding text from Rosa. When I finally spoke to her, she related her fear of being deported. Rosa had received a letter regarding this and did not know what to do. She was especially frightened that she would be separated from her baby.

I made multiple calls on her behalf, to her church, her former maternity home and to the immigration lawyer that works with the Life Center. Though wary, Rosa followed up and through Catholic Charities got in touch with a local immigration agency which assured her that she can file for a pardon as a victim of an illegal job trafficking ring.

Understandably, Rosa is still leery, but we encourage her to keep doing all she can to resolve this situation. Rosa’s baby, is the miracle that has kept Rosa alive and determined to carry on.

Though this story is extraordinary, our volunteers and I have provided ongoing support and assistance to all clients as needed. We often talk and text encouragement and help out with special items.

I continue to speak with Rosa and the most recent words of encouragement which I have given her, which goes for all of us here at the Life Center, are “Don’t give up five minutes before the miracle happens!” And miracles do happen at the Life Center!

Blessings,

*\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*

*Gloria*

*Wishing you a Happy Easter!*



### LI TEEN FREEDOM PROGRAM CHANGE ALERT

Long Island Teen Freedom on Altice USA Public Access Channel 20 WEDNESDAYS at 3:30pm



## LIFE CENTER STAFF UPDATE

Nancy Leghart joined the Life Center of Long Island on the first day of spring, and serves as our Director of Advancement. She brings over twenty-five years of experience in Public Relations, Marketing and Fundraising. Nancy spent most of her career as the Director of Advancement at the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which serve the needs of individuals from infancy to adulthood, who may be deaf, hard of hearing, and have other special needs. She holds a BA in Music Composition from New York University, has studied Early Childhood Education at Long Island University and is currently enrolled in Hofstra University's fundraising certification program. Nancy's goal is to develop, strengthen and gain new support for the Life Center of Long Island to make positive impact on the on the lives of clients within our communities, now and in the future. She believes in the sanctity of all human life and the mission of the Life Center of Long Island.



**Purchase Tickets Soon!  
Sells out quickly!**

## Chinese Auction | Pasta Dinner

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

### 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
TIM JACCARD OF BABY SAFE HAVEN**



(Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, 8th NY District)  
at **Our Lady of Grace Church Hall, 666 Albin Ave., West Babylon, NY 11704**

**Sponsoring Knights of Columbus Councils:**

Our Lady of the Rosary #4428 | Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal #6556 | Our Lady of Grace #11968 | St. Joseph the Carpenter #14771

**Donations needed for baskets for the Life Center of Long Island's 20th Annual Pasta Dinner and Chinese Auction.**  
New, unused items or gift cards appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at any of our four locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm.

GARDENING BASKETS, CHILDREN'S BASKETS, THEATRE/MOVIE TICKETS, LOTTERY BOARDS, RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATES, SPORTING EVENT TICKETS, LONG ISLAND VINEYARD TOUR, HOME GOODS BASKETS...AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

TICKETS: \$15 PER PERSON, CHILDREN 5 & UNDER, HALF PRICE | INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE/SODA

For tickets, make checks payable to: **THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**  
and mail to: **PHIL RENNA, 202 SOUTH 12TH STREET, LINDENHURST, NY 11757**

For more information on Pasta Dinner, please contact Phil (631-766-3388)  
For information on Chinese Auction, please contact Gloria (516-798-8746)

*Thanks for your generosity and for all you do for the Life Center!*

## IN LOVING MEMORY



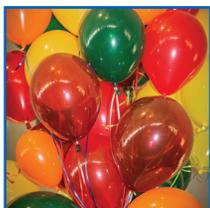
*We are grateful for donations made to the Life Center of Long Island in memory of:*

**Irene Buatti ~ Rita Dolan ~ Mary Duggan ~ Victor Gagliano ~ Lisa Ann Maloney  
Joe Mohen ~ Barbara Pellegrino ~ Michael Petruzzi ~ Joseph Reali ~ John Zaso**

*We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, into God's loving arms.*



## HONORARIUMS



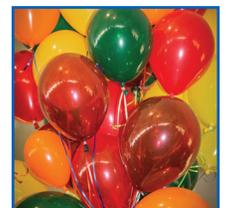
*Donations to the Life Center of Long Island have been received  
in honor of the following:*

**Carleen and John Russell ~ Mr. & Mrs. Carl Vecchio**

*May you continue to share in God's love and grace.*

The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" and "Honorarium" cards available.

Kindly call Nancy Tantone at 516-798-8746 for details.



# COMING EVENTS



## SAVE THE DATE:

### *Life Center of Long Island Dinner Dance!*

**Come Celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of the Life Center of Long Island**  
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 - 6:00PM-11:00PM  
 at the Woodbury Country Club - 884 Jericho Tpke., Woodbury, NY 11797



**Deer Park volunteer,** Lola, began volunteering while attending college in 2009, answering phones and doing triage. Upon graduating from law school, Lola became a volunteer counselor on Monday nights. Now married, Lola and her husband Ryan, are the proud parents of daughter Lina, born October 8, 2017. They are thrilled and loving parenthood!

## HELP NEEDED

Now that spring is upon us (at long last!), the AAA Pregnancy Options Massapequa Center is in need of volunteers willing to provide landscaping/gardening maintenance on a regular basis. Any time or assistance you may be able to offer is greatly appreciated. We like to keep our locations welcoming as this encourages client traffic. Kindly call Lisa or Cindy at 516-798-8746 if you are interested.

# DEACON'S CORNER

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11 – 28*

We live in a culture that says it is OK to do almost anything you want and abortion is one of those "anythings". The culture does not know or does not want to know the damage it has caused by saying abortion is one of those "anythings".

One has only to attend a Rachel Vineyard Retreat or attend a healing service of Project Rachel to see and even feel the pain. It controls their whole being, man or woman. They have almost stopped living.

If you or anyone you know is going through post-abortion, please do not hesitate to call our Massapequa office at (516) 798-9100. Ask for Lorraine or Frank and we will be able to help.

Please do not suffer. Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 11:28—"...I will give you rest."

*Submitted by Deacon Frank Gariboldi*

# PAINT NIGHT FOR THE LIFE CENTER



## JOIN THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND FOR A NIGHT FILLED WITH PAINTING AND LAUGHS

**WHY:** Help Support a Mother and Her Child

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 24th

**WHERE:** St. Dominic Elementary School, Social Room

**WHO:** Bring Family and Friends

**TIME:** 7:00pm Sharp | **PRICE:** \$45 Per Person Includes Paint and Canvas

**REFRESHMENTS:** Bring Beverages/Food of Your Choice

**RSVP:** Janice Seaman 516-353-8662 ASAP by **April 16th**

**Mail Check:** Payable to Life Center of Long Island to:

105 Tall Oak Crescent, Oyster Bay Cove, NY 11791

no later than April 16th, list "Paint Night" in memo

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