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HOPE AND PRAYER



Sandra* came to the center fearful of a possible pregnancy. She wanted an abortion. She felt her lifestyle was not conducive to a healthy pregnancy. She knew her regular substance abuse habit was compromising a healthy pregnancy and felt her best option was to end the pregnancy through an abortion. Sandra knew that it would not be easy to abort her baby but thought it was her only way out. In addition to her crisis pregnancy, the boyfriend was not supportive of her keeping the baby. We spoke at length of her option to place the baby for adoption, but like many women, Sandra had reservations about the adoption process.

Sandra came to the center for a pregnancy test kit. She didn't know how far along she was and surely didn't know what condition her baby would be in. She continued using drugs throughout this time. I was very concerned for her and her baby also. When she shared that her pregnancy test kit was positive, it was time to schedule her for a sonogram at the Gianna Center. The Gianna Center was able to make an appointment for her that same day.

Many times, as advocates, we don't always know the outcome of these referrals outside of our center. We are left with many questions: Did she show for the appointment? Did she cancel? What was the outcome? It's important that the women who come to the Life Center know that each step of the way is confidential. Sadly, I didn't hear from Sandra. I kept praying for her throughout the days. There is always a general prayer that we hope all of our clients come to the truth that a decision for an abortion is never a positive outcome, no matter what the circumstances. We can only share with them the side effects that many times don't come to fruition until years down the road.

I texted Sandra a week later, to see if she needed further assistance. All of our volunteers and staff make efforts to contact the abortion-minded or -vulnerable client at least once, if not twice, after the initial visit. When we don't know the outcome, we always want to afford her the opportunity to come in and talk about her circumstances, no matter what she chooses. We always pray and hope she chooses life, but she needs to know we are there to help her process all of her choices for life.

I was able to find out that Sandra did not keep her appointment with the Gianna Center. I did not know what she had decided. I still had hope. No final word of an abortion is always an opportunity for hope. She finally got back to me and said she was going to her own OB-GYN. She did not give any further information. I had to ask myself: What did that mean? Again, I had internal questions: Was her OB-GYN going to perform an abortion? Was she going to keep the baby? Is she having a sonogram, and did the results show a healthy baby? There are many unanswered questions in this line of work with the clients. Again, I have to lift it all up to God and let Him take care of all of the circumstances.

At the end of each month while doing our monthly client report, I find it is a good time to contact the client again if we haven't received a final outcome. I did just that! Sandra was so excited as she was keeping the baby who was healthy and was surrounded by family and her boyfriend with lots of love and support!

**Name has been changed to protect confidentiality.*

Lisa Vigliotta
Massapequa Center Director



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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE WONDER OF GIVING



Christmas is the season of **wonder and giving**. We are blessed and grateful to all those who **gave** of their time during the most recent 40 Days for Life Campaign. The sidewalk counselors approached the women and men who were about to walk into the Hempstead Planned Parenthood to end their pregnancies and encouraged them to come to our Hempstead AAA Pregnancy Options center just one block away to learn about the options and the many resources available for them and their baby. Best of all? We assisted 17 women referred to us from the 40 Days for Life Campaign, and five babies' lives will be born, with their grateful moms and dads now experiencing the wonder and gift of these children and the gift these children will bring to their families. Patty Knap, a Hempstead staffer, relates the following experience:

While saving the lives of preborn children and delivering their mothers and fathers from a lifetime of regret is the main focus of praying outside Planned Parenthood, another crucial emphasis is educating young adults sent to our doors for life-altering information.

This is where the difference between the Life Center and PP becomes clear: Positive pregnancy tests at PP are routinely met with the suggestion that the mother doesn't have to "keep it." Fetal models showing the remarkable early development of the preborn baby are never shown, and ultrasounds are only used for PP's profit-motivated purpose of determining the price of an abortion based on the baby's size and therefore the amount of "work" involved. Ultrasounds are never shown to the mother. PP knows that seeing her own child brings on the mom's natural maternal instinct that cuts into the probability of aborting. No risks of abortion are discussed, adoption is never mentioned, and our office right up the street where pregnant moms can get maternity clothes and baby things for free, is never shared with these young women. So much for "choice."

At the Life Center, a positive reading of a pregnancy test kit is a cause for joy! The sanctity of the baby's life is emphasized by the fetal models shown and the ultrasound scheduled. All pregnant moms are presented with a handmade baby blanket, a tangible show of love and support. Any challenges the mother or couple face are discussed, with resources and support offered. All pregnancy test clients, positive or negative, are educated on the harms of birth control and research-supported benefits of abstinence and marriage.

Let us tell you about two clients we met because of 40 Days for Life prayer folks.

Melanie* was walking out of PP with her friend Valerie*. She'd just been turned away for a (\$130) pregnancy test because PP was too busy, scheduling her for the next day. Jackie, praying out front, walked up to her and asked, "Can I talk to you? We can help you... What are you here for?"

Melanie, 18, had taken the so-called morning-after pill and hoped it worked so that she wouldn't be pregnant. Jackie told her the emergency contraception pill she took is a powerful drug that can have negative effects on her body. That prompted Valerie, 17, to ask, "What do you mean negative effects? I've taken those pills a bunch of times!"

Jackie asked both girls to come to our office to talk and offered Melanie a free pregnancy test kit. Her negative result was a wake-up call. We began a much-needed discussion about relationships, abstinence, contraceptives, and her future. She had no idea the morning-after pill was such a powerful drug, that it could interfere with her ability to have a child later. She had no idea it could even cause an early abortion.

Valerie said she'd taken the morning-after pill at least eight times, and that she'd never heard a single negative thing about it. Since 2013, this emergency contraception has been sold alongside candy and gum to anyone, of any age. This means there's no medical screening or monitoring whatsoever. Sold so casually like this in neighborhood drug stores, it's not surprising that these young women assumed it was no big deal.

Both girls were truly grateful for this information they'd never heard before and said that when Jackie approached them outside PP, "It was like an angel talking to us." A few days later, we followed up with both girls, and they mentioned they'd read all the literature we'd sent home with them and were telling their friends not to ever use the morning-after pill.

Blessings,

Gloria

*Wishing you and your family a
Blessed and Merry Christmas and a
Prosperous & Happy New Year*



*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE RETREAT & PRAYERS



This group is from the Church of St. Joseph, Garden City. Man in plaid shirt is Fr. Costa, from Costa Rica



UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER MARINA PICCOLO!

Marina Piccolo recently joined the Life Center of Long Island and serves as our Grant Professional. Marina wrote the original \$3 million Community Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) federal government grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, which funded the Life Center's Long Island Teen Freedom abstinence education program. She holds a B.S. in Accounting from St. John's University, as well as a Paralegal Certificate. Marina has worked in the audit, finance, and legal fields and has held management positions for such well-renowned companies as the Rockefeller Group, Cushman & Wakefield, and the McGraw-Hill Companies. Over the years, she has written grants for Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk County, the American Heart Association, and Make-A-Wish Metro NY. She also served as a Trustee for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Long Island Chapter and is an Unbound Christian Charity youth sponsor for a boy in Bolivia. Marina's main focus is to seek and develop both private and government grant funding opportunities for the Life Center of Long Island's programs and overall mission.



In September, we proudly launched our revamped client site, www.aaapregnancyoptions.org. Thanks to a generous donor, we were able not only to give our site a much-needed makeover, but we added 24/7 LiveChat, which guarantees our clients will be directed to the help they need at all times. Our site now also features prominent, front-page access to Abortion Pill Rescue, Heartbeat International's 24/7 abortion pill reversal resource site and hotline. We offer our gratitude to Extend Web Services, whose hard work and diligence made this vital undertaking possible, not just for us, but for those we serve.

Damian Geminder
Communications Coordinator



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Mary Diglio and Vincent Palminteri

We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, into God's loving arms. The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" cards available. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 for details.





DEACON'S CORNER



Well, another year almost gone, and most of us are, I hope, grateful for the year 2018. Christmas is the time for love and gift-giving, especially for the little ones.

It is the time when the infant Jesus comes to us, as the innocent child with all His life ahead. As He grew and matured, we know He will change the world. As we look at this world around us with all its problems and this country with all its problems, we need to grow with Jesus as He gives us His knowledge for a peaceful world. Pray!! And love one another!!

Not an easy task. Simple words — “love and pray” — yet doable with prayer and with Jesus as our companion.

May you and your families have a joyous Christmas!

Blessings,

Deacon Frank Gariboldi

P.S. Any man hurting from an abortion: Come talk to me and we can pray together. I am here to help, and so is Project Rachel. My cell number is 516-523-0586.

Thank You * Thank You * Thank You

- Many thanks to the **Respect Life Committee and parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Port Washington**, for hosting a baby shower to benefit the clients of the Life Center of Long Island. We received many beautiful baby items and generous monetary donations.
- We are grateful to the **Nassau County Probation Department** for the donation of baby items delivered to the Life Center of Long Island’s Hempstead office.
- Our sincere gratitude extends to the members of the “Angels of Mercy” from **Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Hicksville**, for hosting a baby shower recently. This dedicated group has been a stalwart supporter of the Life Center of Long Island over the years, and we are appreciative of their efforts on our behalf. (Pictured right: Gina Sepulveda and Massapequa Volunteer Anne DeGennaro)



THE GUIDESTAR 2018 PLATINUM SEAL



The Life Center of Long Island has recently been awarded The GuideStar 2018 Platinum Seal of Transparency for advanced transparency of our organization’s structure and strength, which verifies that our nonprofit is well established and that donated funds safely go where donors intend.

GuideStar is a well-respected resource which gathers, organizes, and distributes information about U.S. nonprofits. Each year, millions of people use GuideStar’s information to make decisions about charities and the work they do. The Life Center of Long Island is gratified to be recognized as a nonprofit worthy of this highly sought-after recommendation.

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Re – Gifting Sale

Where: Our Lady Of Lourdes Church
Massapequa, NY
When: January 27, 2019
Time: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Get new items at ridiculous tag sale prices.

Find everything from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Toys● Electronics● Housewares● Clothing● Tools● Jewelry● Brand-Name Bags● ...and more!	Brand names, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waterford● J.Crew● Coach● Lenox● Lladró● Bath & Body Works● ...and more!
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This is an event you will not want to miss! Come early to get the best selection.



Make your gift giving extra special this year!

Shopping and saving lives can be done in two simple steps!

1. Set up an account at www.smile.amazon.com
2. Select **Mother and Unborn Baby Care of Long Island**

as the charity you wish to support.

Once you have made your purchases, be sure to share this with your friends and family.

Please don't forget: The Life Center only benefits when you shop directly through **Amazon Smile.**

**Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to the organization of your choice.*

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER PROGRAM

Are you aware that if you are 70 ½ you have a minimum distribution you are required to take in your Traditional or Roth IRA?

You have a great opportunity for a win-win situation and to help support the Life Center of Long Island! As the season of Advent approaches and we are contemplating the best use of our treasure this season, kindly consider donating to the Life Center of Long Island, a 501(c)3 organization.



To make a qualified charitable donation from your IRA:

- You must be at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make the gift
 - Your IRA is either a Traditional IRA or a Roth IRA
- You haven't exceeded your personal maximum of \$100,000 in annual qualified charitable distributions

You will not have to report the distribution as income. It will be free of Federal and NYS income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The best way to start is with your IRA Custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form. *Your gift must go directly from your IRA account to the Life Center of Long Island. If you receive the money first, it will be taxed like any other distribution.*

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