



# Life Center of Long Island

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## HOW GOD WORKS



**I**t's funny and beautiful how God works. On a cold December morning I was at work, calculating employee year end bonuses, which involves a lot of thought. We had been busy with emergencies all week and this was the last day to get this done before the company Christmas Party. I told everyone in the office, "I am a figment of your imagination if you see me. DO NOT DISTURB." Then my mother called, needing help with an extremely important oncologist appointment and with the snow, she asked me to drive. I jumped in my truck and thought, "Okay at least it's good to be there for the consultation."

Three hours later back at my desk I thank God for the good news that the treatments will be simple. I ask God to please keep any further interruptions or emergencies from preventing me from completing this task for the employees. I also think, "Lord please don't have an emergency at the Life Center because I won't be able to go." (I am one of only a few male advocates on standby for emergency calls to help men who feel they have no other solution than to abort their own child).

I dive into the job at hand and for the next few hours and I am humming along and all the numbers are coming together. I study them as it is important to be fair. I finish, and I am surprised by how comfortable and happy I feel. Minutes later my personal phone rings and it's Gloria from the Life Center, needing my help. I know instantly why things went so smoothly earlier. Never in 30 years has it gone so smoothly. I said, "Lord I thank you for your help today and I am on my way."

Upon arriving I was introduced to the father, Bob\*. You could see he was worn out, holding his seven-month old daughter in his arms. Veronica, one of our wonderful counselors, was with the mother Sue\*. I asked Bob how he was doing. He said he lost his job three months ago and is unable to pay his rent and car insurance. As well as the baby, Bob and Sue have a seven and a three year old. He explained his wife suffers from chronic morning sickness to the point he has to care for them all. He said, "I have no choice, we need to have an abortion."

I could see Bob holding his beautiful daughter and how he cared for her. I talked to him about the physical risks of abortion. I also explained the mental effects of abortion for both men and women; most couples don't stay together after an abortion, because of how devastating it is, they avoid talking or even thinking about it and it slowly suffocates a relationship. Bob asked me if Sue knew this. I could see he was concerned for her. I asked Bob, "If some man came along and tried to harm one of your children what would you do?" He looked at me, hesitant to answer, because it would not be good. I said, "Bob your child in the womb needs your protection, just as much as the daughter in your arms. Children are a blessing. Jobs come and go."

I shared with him that if you trust in God, He will never let you down. I gave Bob my scapula of our Lady of Guadalupe and he became very excited when he saw it. I then took out my rosary. It is metal, and handmade by one of the Pro Bikers For Life. I said, "Bob take this. Whenever you feel you need help, pray the rosary, it is very powerful." He asked how; I showed him how simple it is.

Bob and I talked about his concerns about providing for his children, and I let him know that the Life Center would help with baby clothes, formula, crib and a sonogram with a top-notch doctor. About this time Gloria came in to see how Bob was feeling. Both Gloria and Veronica were talking with Sue and getting her 7-month-old some warm clothes to wear as it was freezing outside. Sue came in with Gloria and we shared with her the things Bob and I discussed. She listened intently as Bob explained everything to her and his concerns. They decided that with this new information, they needed to slow down and reconsider the abortion. Gloria reassured them the Life Center would be there for them. She gave them some donated supermarket gift cards, so they could buy food.

About this time it was getting late and I was hungry and I figured they were too. So I ordered some food for all of us. We sat and ate and then the next thing I know Bob and Sue are talking about names for their child with big smiles on their faces! There are many more blessings to this story - an invitation to a Christmas dinner party with gifts for the children, and gift cards provided so warm coats and clothing could be bought. Bob is still looking for a job, and they need a healthier apartment. Sue's morning sickness is lightening up. They have their ups and downs, but they are trusting in God and the Life Center. I have also learned to trust both and have received many blessings as well. Please keep them and the Life Center in your Prayers. God Bless.

*\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*



**Submitted by Louis Fielack**  
Male Advocate



## 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*

**BUILDING OUR FIFTH CENTER:  
SOCIAL MEDIA**



**WITH OUR NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

**Good news:** Planned Parenthood continues to close its medical facilities (called centers) at a rapid rate. In 1995 they operated 938 centers when PP was at its peak and in 2017 they now operate less than 597 in the United States.

Planned Parenthood has tried to offset the loss of facilities and customer base by opening larger and more upscale buildings to attract new customers and accommodate those people who went to its now closed facilities. A careful analysis of the Planned Parenthood customer count—given in its annual reports from 2006 through 2015, shows this is not working.

The dwindling facilities and customer numbers have also had an effect on Planned Parenthood’s single most profitable activity—surgical abortions. Despite its ever-increasing emphasis on abortion, it has struggled to even maintain its abortion business numbers. Over the last eight years, PP has averaged 328,302 abortions a year. It is estimated that at least 50,000 babies will be saved in 2018 because there are fewer PP centers.

**Now the disturbing news:** To offset this financial loss, in 2015, PP began an aggressive internet marketing strategy of having more of its centers dispensing chemical abortions using the 2 day abortion pill known as RU486. It is a known fact that PP gains financially as there is more profitability with chemical abortions than the surgical abortions! Roughly one out of every twenty women end up in the emergency room or require surgery to complete a failed surgical abortion. With the dramatic increase of chemical abortions being done, imagine what is happening to the women who are left to abort on their own by taking the chemical abortion pills.

**Our solution:** There are many ways to fight Planned Parenthood. A large number of groups fight Planned Parenthood every day, and each has its own strategy contributing to the closing of PP facilities. Statistics from the Lozier Institute reflect that 90% of women who enter an abortion facility will terminate their pregnancy while 90% of women who enter a pregnancy care center will have their baby.

**We advocate a comprehensive fight against Planned Parenthood at the local level.** Aside from strategically placing our 4 centers close to PP, we have now hired a Communications Coordinator, Damian Geminder, who will dramatically enhance what we call our 5th Center – Social Media. We will reach more abortion vulnerable women and men by enhancing and extending our social media presence and attract them to us via their cell phone. Please read page 3 for more as I introduce Damian.

Sincerely,

*Gloria*

*Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day!*



# INTRODUCING THE LIFE CENTER'S COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, DAMIAN GEMINDER

Damian recently joined the Life Center of Long Island and serves as our Communications Coordinator. In addition, Damian is a Communications Coordinator at Feminists for Life of America and Editor of The American Feminist, FFL's biannual magazine. He also serves as co-chair of the Holy Innocents Guild, the pro-life outreach ministry at his parish, St. Mary's Church, Amityville. Damian holds a BA in Communications from Adelphi University and an Masters degree in Journalism from the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism.



Damian's main focus is to dramatically extend our outreach to abortion-vulnerable women and men, reaching them where their thought processes are at, through social media and integrated forms of communication. He will assist the Life Center in achieving our fullest potential through enhanced Facebook and Twitter posts, updating client and donor websites, and maximizing fundraising potential through social media and other forms of communication. Damian recognizes and will address numerous opportunities to expand awareness of the Life Center of Long Island, so as to increase community participation in our vital ministry.

Welcome Damian!



## HONORARIUMS

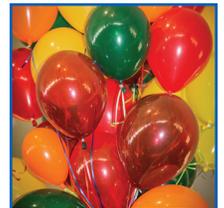


*Donations to the Life Center of Long Island have been received in honor of the following:*

**Michael and Sandy Nolan \* Joseph and Suzanne Russell**

**Happy 90th Birthday Blessings ~ Eric Waxman**

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



## IN LOVING MEMORY



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

**Carmen Alba \* Michael P. Barrett \* Dominick La Penna \* Ed Lucie**

*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" and "Honorary" cards available.

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



*Thank You \* Thank You \* Thank You*



Thank you to Columbia Squires Circle #548 for their generous donation presented to Gloria Schreiber, Executive Director, of the Life Center of Long Island at their annual Breakfast with Santa event.



Thank you to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas #595 of St. Patrick's in Bayshore for holding a bountiful baby shower to benefit the mothers and children served by the Life Center of Long Island. (Pictured left to right: Kathy Sweeney, Lily Costantino, Toni Van Schlick and Mary Trapanese)





Thank you to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Bishop McDonnell of St. Joseph's in Babylon for hosting a generous baby shower for Life Center clients. Going forward the annual baby shower will be named in memory of Ginny Messina, a committed pro-life CDA member. Pictured far left: CDA members; center left photo: Executive Director Gloria Schreiber with Dot Buckley; center right photo, L to R: Dot Buckley, Andrea McGurk, Kathy Post and Sandy Nieves-Bianco. Far right photo (foreground): Ginny Messina's daughters, Alyne Kalthorn and Alyse Drake. At back, L to R: Lori Senatore, Toni Tartaglia, Flo Berhalter and Catherine Crafa.

## DONATIONS NEEDED



We are beginning 2018 in URGENT need of baby clothes newborn to sz 3T; Diapers Newborn - SZ 6; Wipes; Car Seats less than 6 years old; Cribs; Pack-n-Plays; Bassinets; Strollers (No jogging); Baby Blankets; Baby Snowsuits and Coats; Hats and Mittens;

Baby Winter Pajamas Newborn to 3T. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

## LIFE CENTER BABY CORNER



(Mom Kadia, baby Emma being held by Gloria Schreiber, and dad, Raul)



## ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE PHOTOS



Upper left photo, left to right: David Daleiden, anti-abortion activist famous for his videotaping of conversations with abortion-giant Planned Parenthood officials; Lila Rose - Pro-Life activist and the founder of Live Action; Kristan Hawkins, President of Students For Life. Top right: Deer Park volunteers Colette and Mike Sweeney. Bottom center: Deer Park volunteer Michelle Sweeney (right) and friend. Lower right: Our Male Advocate Lou Fielack and wife Terry.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR DONORS:** Your privacy matters to us. Please be advised that the Life Center of Long Island never sells or shares our e-mail mailing list with third parties.

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AWARD THE LIFE CENTER  
THE "2018 TOP-RATED CHARITY"  
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TOP-RATED LIST!



**T**hank you to all those who answered a short review about us last year that gave us an average of a “5 star” rating that awarded us our first ever *“Top-Rated Charity” for 2017.*

**It’s time again!** We would greatly appreciate our supporters who have not reviewed us last year to please **help us earn the award again for a 2nd year in a row!** Each January, reviews must be submitted by people who have not yet reviewed us the prior year that will enable us to be considered for the award each subsequent year. Please read the easy instructions below and take a moment to rate us!

Nonprofits gain more exposure and trust with current and potential donors, volunteers and all supporters by earning a spot on the GreatNonprofits Top-Rated list. In order to accomplish this, ***we need your help!***

According to a study by Software Advice, the GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Awards is the one and only people’s choice award that provides a clearer insight into the actual impact nonprofits are having. Any nonprofit that gathers 10 or more 4- or 5-star ratings and maintains an overall average of 3.5 stars, will win a GreatNonprofits Top-Rated award.

- \* Did you know that 7 out of 10 people say that the presence of a rating badge increases their likelihood of giving to a nonprofit?
- \* 80% of donors say reviews influence their giving!
- \* 90% of donors say reviews help them better understand a nonprofit's work!
- \* More than 3 million people visit GreatNonprofits a year!
- \* GreatNonprofits has more than 200,000 reviews and growing!

Stories submitted by people who know us best -- our clients, donors, volunteers, and others— help inspire and inform prospective donors and volunteers within our communities to be more confident and differentiate between nonprofits, find ones that they trust, and to encourage giving or signing up to volunteer.

By the Life Center being recognized by GreatNonprofits as a volunteer organization that helps the women, men and families within our communities, our goal is to gain very positive reviews and donations from very generous and concerned donors so that we will be able to continue our charitable work throughout Long Island. This will also assist the Life Center to have an increase in community awareness and a branding perspective.

***CALLING ALL LIFE CENTER VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, SUPPORTERS, OR CLIENTS!***

Please share your stories and let others know about the very important work we do to reach and rescue lives on Long Island! ***GreatNonprofits*** offers the following easy-to-use process to collect your reviews and stories in a non-biased, and credible fashion about the communities we serve:

- 1.) Type “[greatnonprofits.org](http://greatnonprofits.org)” in your search engine.
- 2.) In the **Find** box type in “Mother and Unborn Babycare of Long Island.

In the **Near** box type in “Massapequa” (this is the center it is recognizing and not our other centers).

- 3.) Once you’ve ascertained the correct organization, you may click on “Write A Review” to rate us!

Thank you for your support in helping us try to become a Top-Rated Charity on GreatNonprofits Top-Rated List!



## OUR NEW PROGRAM

### ADOPT A MOM AND CHILD PROGRAM

Last year, the Life Center distributed over **\$850,000** in donated services to our clients.

Last year, the Life Center helped over **3,600** pregnant women and families.

That means that the average client received approximately **\$240.00**

#### Would you like to adopt a mom and child?

**Level #1** - For **\$20.00** a month for 12 months that would equal **\$240.00** for one mom and child

**Level #2** - For **\$100.00** a month for 12 months that would equal **\$1,200** for five moms and child

**Level #3** - For **\$200.00** a month for 12 months that would equal **\$2,400** for ten moms and child

Help us to help more women and children by joining our **Adopt a Mom and Child Program**.

Please use the enclosed envelope and make a note as to how many moms and children you would like to help.

*The Life Center's mission is to reach abortion bound women and change their hearts for Life. We can't do this without your help. Only God know how many babies have been saved from abortion because of the work of the Life Center and the generous supporters like you. May God continue to bless you and your family and the Life Center.*