



Life Center of Long Island

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GREAT MEN DOING GOOD



With so many stories surrounding us of men abandoning their children and pressuring their girlfriends and wives to abort, it's wonderful to see just how many men are on the front lines of the pro-life movement.

Pat is one of those men. He started helping out at our Hempstead office a couple of years ago and looks around for anything needing to be done. He's one of our "pick up guys," driving around to pick up cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes, etc. that folks want to donate but can't fit in their cars. Pat sets up a time to go pick up the things and bring them in to our office. There, everything has to be checked for safety and cleanliness and then put in our "equipment room," until the next client comes along who needs it. Packing up his truck and then unloading and carrying the donations into our office is physically demanding and time-consuming. Thanks, Pat.

Mike (of the famous Mike and Margaret dynamic duo) is an enormous help to us, too. He and Margaret are also pick-up folks, regularly bringing in bassinets, pack-and-plays, and car seats. Often, when he's in the office, Mike will take the time to go through bags of donated maternity and baby clothes and help sort them into bins for boys/girls by sizes. Another helpful task Mike takes care of is taking out our office garbage. Since the building we're in doesn't have garbage pick-up at each office, all trash has to be hauled out to the dumpster at the far end of the parking lot. Not a fun chore, but it has to be done. He's also one of our baby bottle delivery and pick up volunteers. Mike prays frequently at Planned Parenthood a few doors up the street and refers young adults heading inside over to our office instead. He is also a male counselor for boyfriends and husbands who come to our center.

29-year-old Jay was prompted to start working with us by an experience as a taxi driver about six months ago. As a taxi driver, he was asked to take a pregnant woman to Planned Parenthood. He circled around, trying to get the young mom to realize the permanence of her decision and the sanctity of the life she was carrying. Jay told her he couldn't assist in the ending of the baby's life and therefore would take her home. He then took himself to an adoration chapel to pray for a while, where he felt guided to return to Planned Parenthood. "I had a feeling she went there to go ahead with the abortion, and I had to do something about it. So I went inside and asked if she'd already had the abortion, and they said she was still waiting." He saw her through a window in another room and pleaded with her to come back out and talk to him. She did, and they were talking outside the building when two PP employees tried to get her back inside, not wanting to lose the business. They kept interrupting, so Jay took the woman in his car and drove around with her for the second time. He shared with her that he has two children and that she couldn't imagine how much she would love her child. This was before Jay was aware of The Life Center, but he went through heroic efforts to intercept the abortion of the baby. The woman continued to insist she had to have an abortion and finally asked to be dropped off near her home. We don't know what she ultimately decided, but thanks to Jay, she was shown love, support, and prayers.

That day Jay, noticed a number of people praying in front of PP. He went back a few days later and joined in, and now goes there regularly to pray and do "sidewalk counseling" — trying to deter young adults from heading inside for an abortion and sending them over to our office instead for real help.

These are just a few of the great men who give their time and effort to support the work of the Life Center.

Happy Father's Day!

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him." —Psalm 103:13

**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



THE LIFE CENTER INTRODUCES POST-ABORTION PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AND MEN

Surrendering the Secret ~ Healing a Father's Heart

Years ago, the Life Center of Long Island began Post-Abortion Healing Ministries for women and men who were wounded from their abortions. We were the first in the Diocese of Rockville Centre doing this ministry that started first with Project Rachel and then Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekends. This was a special ministry, not only for the retreatants, but for us as guides. We were blessed by our involvement and the numerous miracles and spiritual transformations observed and experienced by the grace of the Holy Spirit for those that attended and participated. There are still so many more "wounded" from abortion that much more help is needed. Therefore, the Life Center has begun implementing a new program for women and one for men.

For Women: The Life Center has found and implemented a wonderful eight-week Bible study program called ***Surrendering the Secret***. This program is designed to bring together women who have faced an abortion in their past and guides them on the path to the abundant life for which Jesus gave His life. ***Surrendering the Secret*** leaders are women who have been trained to minister to other women who are hurting from the pain of a past abortion. Please join us for ***Surrendering the Secret*** by contacting Lorraine at 631-463-4399 for more information. **Inquiries are confidential!**

For Men: Men suffer anxieties from abortion experiences, often by changing beneficial habits to those less emotionally and physically healthy. Our men's program, ***Healing a Father's Heart***, addresses the effects abortion has on the father. Please contact Deacon Frank Gariboldi at 516-523-0586 to learn more about this wonderful program. Come and feel the healing love of Jesus, who will bring you back to life.



In recent times, pregnancy care centers across the country have experienced a decline in the number of abortion-bound women coming through their doors. The availability of the Morning After Pill and RU-486 (the two-day abortion pills) provided by Planned Parenthood are part of the problem. RU-486 is also available and can be obtained by telemedicine abortions — purchased online without seeing a doctor.

As a result of declining numbers of abortion-bound women, and declining donations to the Life Center, the Board of Directors, and I as Executive Director, were faced with the difficult challenge of significantly cutting expenses.

With this in mind, effective May 8, 2019, we closed our rented Riverhead Center, laid off a staff member, and released its volunteers. Nevertheless, we will make every effort to continue, through our volunteer efforts, to service those in need on the East End.

In addition, our Deer Park Center, with a larger staff, posed an even more difficult decision. Through the grace of God, the Deer Park building is owned by the Life Center. Even with our terrific volunteers and staff efforts, the cost of personnel was not fiscally justifiable. As such, a difficult decision was made to eliminate the Center Director position. Hours for Massapequa staff were also reduced. In the future, our remaining staff from Massapequa and Hempstead will be called upon to help Deer Park should its remaining staff need assistance.

As your Executive Director, I will ensure that all administrative and operational duties are performed in accordance with our existing professional standards. Fortunately, we have already implemented a cross-training initiative so that we can fully utilize all the staff and volunteer talents bestowed upon us. That will continue as will other measures as needed.

These have been heart-wrenching decisions, but we do have faith and hope that as a result the Life Center will emerge stronger than ever.

The work of the Life Center is God's work. I know you will join me in praying for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit in all decisions surrounding the work of our ministry. For myself, and on behalf of the Board, I can truly say that we are humbled and awed by the responsibility bestowed on us to be good caretakers of this ministry and no words can describe how deeply we appreciate your continued support.

For All God's Children,

Gloria



MOTHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

*When God created mothers, He knew they would have a special place in His Creation.
We are blessed by our mothers' greatest gift to us: the gift of LIFE!*

**Amanda Algieri~ Christina Algieri~ Anne Callaghan~ Eleanor Carson~ Lydia Colapinto~ Rosemary Curtin
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FATHER'S DAY MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

*The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.
—Proverbs 20:7*

**Joseph Capobianco~ Dominick Colapinto~ E. Donald Conroy~ Robert C. Cronin~ Edward D. Emanuele
Richard Eschmann~ Joseph R. Festa~ Peter Gallagher~ Stephen Gallagher~ Rolando Gascon
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Donald Miller~ Chris Pekoff~ Chester Thomas~ Raymond Thumser**

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

At the Dominican Village in Amityville, the Independent and Assisted Living residents had their own baby shower for the Life Center. Fifty residents gathered for Baby Bingo and Word Scramble and made the day complete with coffee, a baby shower cake, and prizes! Included in the guest list were three of our own volunteers from years past: Jerry, Louise, and Ann! What a wonderful surprise to be able to have them share their memories, with so many in attendance.

We thank Paul Wasser, President and CEO, and Sara Fitzpatrick, Director of Activities, for their generosity in organizing this event with their staff and team. The residents supplied and donated so many brand new items including handmade blankets, sweater sets, diapers, clothing, a brand-new car seat, and much more!

One note of interest was a resident sharing with me how filled with joy she was at the shower. She said she was happy to be able to still be a part of giving to little babies at this time of her life. It made her proud and purposeful to donate and contribute to the Life Center! A grateful note of thanksgiving goes out to all of the residents who attended and donated so generously!

~ Lisa Vigliotta
Massapequa Center Director



*Staff and residents at Dominican Village with Lisa Vigliotta,
Massapequa Center Director*



*Thanks to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #15, who held
a baby shower: L-R: Pat Bishop, Head of Catholic Action; Mary Skinnon,
President LAOH; Meg Malley, Life Center Hempstead Staff*



L.O.V.E. APPROACH



Thirteen Life Center staff members, along with 30 additional participants, attended an all-day LOVE Approach training at the St. Birgitta Convent in Darien, Connecticut on April 13. The training was facilitated by Heartbeat International, an organization whose mission is to advance life-affirming pregnancy help centers worldwide. The LOVE Approach provides excellent training to develop and enhance consultants' skills to assist clients with problem-solving. It is part of a two series for consultants to receive their LAS, Life Affirming Specialist certification. The acronym gives specific examples in ways to develop and enhance the consultant client relationship. Through the call or an intake we have a great opportunity to view a full picture of the client. As we Listen, learn, provide open Options, and develop ways to have a Vision for new values as we extend an opportunity and Empower women and men in their lifestyles.



IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Camille Rost and Gloria Thumser (Mother of Gloria Schreiber, Life Center Executive Director)

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 "Honorarium" cards available.

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



VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!



The Life of Long Island is looking for volunteers who may have time to share.

Any time you may have to offer is appreciated.

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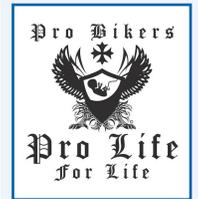
LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND DINNER DANCE



**Come Celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the
Life Center of Long Island on Friday, September 27, 2019
6:00pm-11:00pm at the Muttontown Club
5933 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY 11732**

Guest Speaker: Terry Beatley, President of the Hosea Initiative

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