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SANTA ARRIVES FOR THE LIFE CENTER!



The Life Center received a wonderful early Christmas Gift. We have always wanted to hold a Christmas gathering for our clients especially for the babies' lives that were saved but were never in a position to do so. Juana, our bilingual staff person at our Hempstead center, recently spoke about our mission during our Baby Bottle campaign at the 8:45 am Spanish Mass on Sunday, October 8th at St. Martha's Parish in Uniondale.



A very generous couple, Francesca and Jose Sotero, from St. Martha's who were present at that Mass, contacted Veronica, our Hempstead Center Director, and arranged to meet. They were very moved by the work of the Life Center for the communities here on Long Island as presented by Juana and felt inspired to help our clients in some way. They shared their story how God carried them through many early hardships and challenges and blessed them and their family with many graces. In Thanksgiving, Francesca and Jose wanted to give forward and share their blessings with others. They presented us with the opportunity to have our first annual Christmas Party for our clients! Jose, a retired chef, and his wife Francesca, now manage their own cleaning business.



With only 2 weeks notice, we set out to coordinate and plan this very special event! Francesca and Jose donated the food, cooked and served the dinner and ensured the cleanup. We thank Fr. Luis, Pastor of Our Lady of Loretto, who permitted us to have the school auditorium for our venue. We also thank Santa and Mrs. Claus (Bill and Patricia McDonald, Parents of Fr. Liam McDonald) who surprised the children with their arrival and presented the spirit of Christmas so beautifully! Thank you to all the Charismatic volunteers, and all those who donated toys so each child would have a toy to bring home.



Please enjoy the photos and view the happiness that this event brought to our clients at the Life Center. As we begin our New Year of 2018, may we all recognize our blessings and our opportunities to share and help make a difference in people's lives. We wish you a healthy, blessed and Happy New Year!

(Pictured bottom right: Francesca and Jose Sotero with Bill and Patricia McDonald.)



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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

INTRODUCING OUR 5TH CENTER!



The Life Center has saved 68 babies' lives so far in 2017, not including those lives yet to be saved between Christmas and New Year's as I am writing this column. **Great news:** Our male advocates in our *Project Blueprint Program* experienced counseling an *increase* in the number of male counseled clients this year who had come to one of our four centers with their wives/girlfriends which resulted in more baby saves! I will share 2017 final annual results in our February newsletter and share information on our **new client program: EWYL** (Earn While You Learn)! **Stay tuned for more details!**

It is of utmost importance where a woman and man in an unplanned pregnancy goes when in crisis. Our goal is to reach every woman and man in need. It has become increasingly evident that we need to drastically enhance our technology to reach more women and men through social media and communication platforms.

Statistics reveal that **90% of women who enter a pregnancy care center will choose life** where **90% of women who enter Planned Parenthood will choose abortion!** An overwhelming majority of women and men who discover they are in an unplanned pregnancy, wonder "now what?" and utilize the internet to find an abortion facility. Updating our technology will enable us to communicate with abortion minded women and men in "real time" and in the "now what?" moment, and connect them with our "AAA Pregnancy Options" centers where their fears will be calmed, they will be educated on the resources available, and explore all their options, in hopes of choosing life.

Currently we have four centers: Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park and Riverhead. **Recently**, very generous donors answered our prayers and provided funds for us to introduce our **5th center: Social Media Expansion and Communication Integration: the cell phone!** We are also now in position to hire a part time Communications Coordinator to oversee the process. Work has already begun with *Extend Web Services* who is completely renovating our client web site and extensively optimizing our internet presence with a 24/7 Live Chat feature connected to Heartbeat International's **Optionline**, a Pregnancy care center/Maternity Home support organization.

In preparation to assist the additional women and men that will be coming to our centers as result of this enhanced technology, we need many more volunteers especially men. **We need you!! Please join our volunteer team and share your talents with us—there is much work to do!**

We are so grateful for all the support and encouragement throughout this year from you, our donors, our Board of Directors, Staff and most importantly our volunteers, who give of their time, talents, and treasures to the Life Center. It is a privilege to work alongside you as God's instruments in saving lives.

I personally invite you to visit any one of our centers if you haven't had the opportunity to do so. Please call me at 516-798-8746 to schedule a visit.

May the gift of God's love bring you joy and a healthy, blessed, prosperous and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Gloria



WELCOME FATHER ROBERT KLINE

Father Robert Kline has visited and prayed with the Board of Directors of the Life Center of Long Island during our meetings this past year. He is a graduate of Chaminade High School and holds an MBA from Hofstra University. He entered the priesthood later in life and earlier held a staff position in a large corporation.

Following his ordination to the priesthood on June 12, 2004, Father Kline served in the parishes of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst, St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches and St. Anthony of Padua in East Northport.

During that time, his ministry included being moderator or spiritual director of the Legion of Mary, Pre-Cana Programs, Baptismal Preparation Programs, and Sacred Heart Home Enthronement Programs. Father Kline also led a pilgrimage to Fatima in 2011.

Following his retirement in 2015, Father Kline has enjoyed an active ministry through celebrating masses, hearing confessions, anointing the sick, directing Bible study groups, leading Rosary prayer groups, conducting Holy Hours, and having consultations with members of the faith community. The Life Center of Long Island welcomes his participation and interest in our mission.

HONORARIUMS



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

Bille and Christine Paparella

Mary and Frank Scorsese

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:

Michael G. Ruzek

We commend his soul, 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.



*Thank You * Thank You * Thank You*



Garden City High School Senior Student, Caroline Rieger, sent Executive Director, Gloria Schreiber, a letter expressing her desire to reach out and help our Life Center clients. Throughout this year, Caroline ran diaper drives and with an outpouring of support, she was inspired to extend her efforts. In addition, Caroline decided to set up a "Go Fund Me" page and rose over \$2,200! Caroline was able to purchase and deliver to our Hempstead center over 50 cases of diapers and numerous wipes. We are so grateful to Caroline and all those who supported her efforts. She is now searching for information regarding grants from diaper manufacturers and distributors as well as from private foundations that can help fund the purchase of diapers and supplies for our clients. We admire Caroline for her prolife efforts in this chapter of her life and encourage others to utilize her as a mentor—one high school student can. *Pictured from left to right: Gloria Schreiber, Executive Director; Caroline Rieger, and Veronica Reyes, Hempstead Center Director.*



Melissa Morris, presently a third-year student at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, was a volunteer in the Hempstead office during her junior and senior years of high school. She loved the mission of the Life Center of Long Island; impressed by the work of the staff and volunteers, Melissa wanted to do more. Upon entering college, she decided she wanted to raise funds and awareness of the Life Center's contribution to the community. Using her savings, she created "Life is Worth Living" bracelets. Melissa sold them at her dad's store, Sam's Caribbean Market Place, and to friends and family. Through her efforts, Melissa has raised \$1,000.00 to benefit the Life Center. What a blessing and model for all today's youth, looking to make a difference for women, children and families. *Pictured left to right: Melissa Morris and Veronica Reyes, Hempstead Center Director.*





INVITATION TO CHAPEL PRAYER



All are invited to come and spend one hour in prayer in the Massapequa Chapel. We know when people are in prayer in our chapel, more women come into the centers and more babies are saved.

REMINDER: The 45th Annual March for Life is to be held in Washington DC on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018



The March for Life Rally will take place at noon on the grounds of the Washington Monument, near the corner of 15th Street and Constitution Avenue. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 15th and 17th Streets at approximately 1:00 pm. Please visit the Diocese of Rockville Centre website at www.respectlife.org for more information regarding transportation and participating parishes.



OUR ANNUAL REGIFTING SALE



Have you received a gift you don't like or cannot use? No worries you can **REGIFT** it! The Life Center is now accepting donations of **NEW** items for our upcoming **REGIFTING SALE** in 2018. Please refer to upcoming newsletters for details regarding the date, location, and time of the sale. All proceeds to benefit the good works of the Life Center of Long Island so clean out and start fresh in the new year.



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What is happening nationally and internationally in the pro-life arena affects us all.

Get involved by commenting and "liking" our posts. Visit our page at

www.facebook.com/lifecenterlongisland.

Share with your family and friends and ask them to "like" us too.



URGENT! BABY ITEMS 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.

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