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In God's Time

November is National Adoption Awareness Month.

At the Life Center, one of the options that we present to our clients when they are contemplating abortion is adoption. The following is a beautiful testimony of this wonderful choice.

My son-in-law Paul was adopted as a young baby. He was welcomed into a wonderful home with great parents who loved him and cared for him. He loved his parents dearly and had a happy upbringing. He never thought of looking into his past history because he was very content. He married my daughter, and they have two children, a boy and a girl. This past Christmas, his children gave him a DNA testing kit as part of his gift. With the support and blessing of his family, he sent in the sample from the DNA kit to be tested and waited for the results.

When the results came back, it included the name of a woman who might be his cousin. Paul contacted this woman, and they spoke on the phone. She shared with him that her cousin might be his half-brother. She asked if her cousin could contact him, and Paul said yes. The call came, and they spoke at length. It was confirmed that they were brothers. This story was shared during their conversation. His brother told him that his father had a son—my son-in-law—with a young woman he knew from his business. His father was already married and had a 3-year-old son, the half-brother. The woman, a girl of 18, was from a Catholic family and would not abort. Her aunt was a nun and took her niece into her convent where they cared for her until she had the baby. They showed her the baby, a boy, and although not usually the procedure, they allowed her to hold him. They took a picture of the baby for her, and she kept that picture in her wallet and thought about him often. Eventually, she married and had another son and a daughter.

Paul eventually came to speak with his biological mother on the phone. She told him that she was sorry for giving him up but felt that he would have a better life away from all of them. He asked her if she named him. She said no, as she felt she wanted his adoptive parents to have that privilege. But she added that she named him in her heart and asked him if he wanted to know that name. Paul said yes. She told him it was Gerard Joseph. Paul was amazed because ***his adoptive mom's name was Josephine, and his dad's name was Gerard.*** This brought goosebumps to his arms and all of ours when he shared this. Also, his brother sent him a picture of their father, when he was young. There is a remarkable resemblance to both my son-in-law and to his son, my grandson.

My daughter also spoke to his birth mom on the phone and thanked her for giving him life. She told her that he has been a great husband and a wonderful father. Sometime soon, they are going to meet with his brother and maybe his biological mother as well.

When I reflect on this story, I thought to myself, we don't realize how many lives are affected by the decisions that we make. I love my son-in-law like he were my own son. I am so glad that his mother chose life!

MaryAnn Lando
Deer Park Volunteer

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

OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE CELEBRATING OUR 32ND ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to all those who joined us for a beautiful evening as we celebrated the 32nd Anniversary of the Life Center of Long Island on Friday, September 28, at the Woodbury Country Club.

We were privileged to have as our Guest Speaker Mr. Matt Walsh, who boldly tackled the tough subjects and passionately spoke on the intersection of faith and culture in the defense of life. Matt's presentation inspired those in attendance and challenged the audience to initiate a ***"call to action"*** platform on behalf of the preborn.

Our Distinguished Honorees were presented with the Life Center Gospel of Life Award for their unwavering support and generosity throughout the years for the mission and work of the Life Center in saving babies' lives and assisting families with the resources available for life-changing direction.

We honored Fr. Ken Zach and the St. Rose of Lima Parish Community for their participation in our Baby Bottle fundraising campaigns and the coordination of many baby showers and tremendous assistance from their parish outreach program.

Also honored was the Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th NY District for sponsoring their Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser for the Life Center over the past 20 years and the enthusiasm and teamwork they consistently demonstrate through other events in the defense for life.

My organizational report included three key accomplishments:

1. The Life Center was recognized and presented with three awards within the last year:

- The TOP-RATED GREATNONPROFITS AWARD
- The FOUR-STAR CHARITY NAVIGATOR AWARD
- THE GUIDESTAR 2018 PLATINUM SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY AWARD

2. Social Media Communications enhancements made by our Communications Coordinator, Damian Geminder:

Our client website, ***AAAPregnancyOptions.org,*** is completely revamped and features immediate, 24/7 "LIVECHAT" to connect women immediately in real time who are searching the internet.

Our Facebook page now features visually engaging and unique content five days a week, steadily increasing "LIKES" to our page. ***Please take part in this growth and "LIKE" our Facebook page***!

3. Our new and exciting EWYL (Earn While You Learn) "Life Skills" educational program for our clients.

Our future vision includes the reality of what will really help stop abortion, and that is aggressively marketing and advertising our AAA Pregnancy Options locations. This will give us the opportunity to access and use new innovative tools that are available online to enhance all of the other outreaches we conduct. The recent expansion of our social media efforts is not enough. We need to develop even more channels of contact with girls and women facing an unexpected pregnancy wrestling with the decision between motherhood and abortion. ***We need to connect faster, get closer, and relate longer, more than ever before.*** This will be critical for success long into the future as we present the life-affirming message women need to hear.

For more information of my presentation that evening, please click on the link on our donor website.

Enjoy the following pictures from our evening gala. We look forward to having you join us next year!

Blessings,

Gloria

Wishing you and your family a Blessed, Bountiful, and Happy Thanksgiving!

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS:

Grand Prize: $1,000 awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Veritch of Bay Shore, NY
Second Prize: $500 awarded to Ms. Deborah Sanna of Worcester, NY

Dinner Dance Photos

Our Distinguished Honorees Fr. Ken Zach, pastor, and members of St. Rose of Lima parish

Our Guest Speaker, Matt Walsh

Our Distinguished Honorees, Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th NY District

Executive Director Gloria Schreiber and family

Our emcee, Deacon Frank Gariboldi

Gloria Schreiber, Executive Director with Fr. Charles Mangano

John and Marylyn Dunn, Catherine Petruzzi and Donna Crean, Deer Park Center Director

Joe Pritchard dancing with his granddaughter, Holly

Cindy Barbeau presenting raffle basket prize to Tom Upsher, ProBikers for Life

Support The Life Center Donate Now From Your IRA

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!

Please consider making a gift to the Life Center of Long Island from your Traditional or Roth IRA. It's easy: Simply instruct your IRA custodian to **make a qualified charitable distribution** directly to the Life Center. Your gift will help meet your required minimum distribution – ***without increasing your taxable income!***

To make a qualified charitable donation from your IRA:

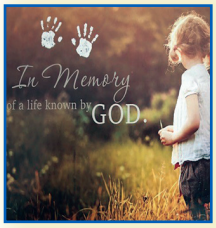
You must be at least **70½**

Transfer funds **directly** from your IRA to the Life Center

Total gifts from your **IRA** cannot exceed **$100,000 per year per individual person**

Consult with your tax planner or financial advisor before making any decisions about your IRA.

In Loving Memory



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

Catherine O'Connell

We commend her soul, 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.

The Adoption Option

Several months ago a young girl, Ava, came to the Massapequa Center with her mother. Ava created a brochure, "The Adoption Option." The following is her mission statement as listed therein:

I am an adopted 13-year-old girl. My goal in achieving my Girl Scout Silver Award is to bring awareness of the benefits and joy of adoption.

Many people choose abortion over adoption, but I am living proof that the gift of my life into a loving family was a perfect option. Making a decision to abort is an irreversible choice. There are many options available, such as open or closed adoptions, which can evolve through time.

I am a dream that came true for my parents, and I wouldn't change my life or my family for anything in the world. I am grateful that I had the chance to live.

Adoption is also a great option for people who want to start or add to their family. We are not defined by our genes; we are defined by the love and nurturing of the people who love us.

~Ava

Amazon Smile

Make your Christmas gift-giving extra special this year! Shopping and saving lives can be done in two simple steps.

1. Set up an account at smile.amazon.com
2. Select *Mother and Unborn Baby Care of Long Island* as the charity you wish to support.
3. A portion of your sale is sent to the Life Center of Long Island.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Once you have made your purchases on Amazon, 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.

Upcoming Events

GIVING TUESDAY

This year, Facebook is partnering with PayPal to match donations totaling up to **$7 million to U.S. nonprofits on Facebook**. Every day—including Giving Tuesday—nonprofits using Facebook's Payments to process donations pay no fee. ***One hundred percent of the donations goes to the charity.***

This Giving Tuesday, November 27, please donate to the Life Center via our Facebook page by clicking the big blue button at the top that says "Donate." Thank you!

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING

All are welcome to join the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers to share in prayer and gratitude for God's blessings.

Our annual Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered by Monsignor James Lisante at the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, 855 Carmans Road, Massapequa Park, NY 11762 on Monday, **November 19 at Noon.**

Please Note:

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, kindly forward your email address to infoma@lifecenterli.org.

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-list with third parties.

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We need your new/unused items!

To find out more information, call 516-798-8746.

Re—Gifting Sale

Where: **Our Lady Of Lourdes Church**
Massapequa, NY
When: **December 2, 2018**
Time: **8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Get new items at ridiculous tag sale prices.

Find everything from:	**Brand names, including:**
• Toys • Electronics • Housewares • Clothing • Tools • Jewelry • Brand-Name Bags • ...and more!	• Waterford • J.Crew • Coach • Lenox • Lladró • Bath & Body Works • ...and more!

This is an event you will not want to miss! Come early to get the best selection.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We wish to express our gratitude for the following individuals and organizations who sponsored our 2018 Annual Dinner Dance. Please show your support by patronizing the businesses listed below.

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