



# Life Center of Long Island

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## GRATEFUL FOR THE TRUTH

Yesterday I met with Vicky\*, who came in for some maternity clothes.

This was her second visit to our center. When she first came to us, she wanted a pregnancy test kit. She had an abortion three years ago that was a horrible experience, and said she would not allow herself to fall into that trap again.

The test kit was positive, and Vicki was clearly excited to be pregnant. We scheduled her for an ultrasound a few days later.

Vicky was concerned that her past abortion would have a negative impact on her new pregnancy. She had heard that an abortion creates risks for future pregnancies, and research backs up her concerns.

What Vicky shared with me about her abortion appointment is something we hear over and over from post-abortive women — and frequently men, too. **Planned Parenthood never told her a single risk involved in having an abortion.** They only told her that raising a child alone is expensive, that it would “complicate things,” that they could take care of her “situation.” They never once mentioned that abortion causes an increased risk of future miscarriage, premature birth, placenta complications, and even infertility and breast cancer. They also failed to tell her about the very common likelihood of depression and acute grief, relationship problems, anxiety, and alcohol and drug abuse after abortion. There is even a tragic, six times greater risk of suicide after a woman aborts, and now, research is beginning to show an increased risk of suicide in men involved in their children’s abortions.

Vicki told me with tears in her eyes how she regretted that abortion and mourned the loss of that baby. She felt pressured by her then-boyfriend, and then more pressure at Planned Parenthood. In hoping to mitigate her feelings of guilt, I pointed out the deceptive selling techniques of abortion providers, who love to throw around the word “choice,” while intentionally withholding the very information that would give a woman considering an abortion a genuine choice. She certainly wasn’t shown a fetal model, which is the very first thing we do at the Life Center after a positive pregnancy test kit. The fetal model shows the astounding humanity of the unborn child from the earliest weeks, and **they absolutely refuse to show an ultrasound to the mother.** Once again, I heard the infuriating report about PP and their use of ultrasounds. They do an ultrasound only for their own purposes: to see how big the baby is and thus how much “work” is involved in dismembering him or her, and therefore how much they will charge their client/victim. The ultrasound screen was turned away from Vicky, and when she asked to see it, she was told, “Oh, no, sorry, that’s not our policy.”

We fault abortion providers much more so than post-abortive parents, who are usually withheld the very information that would bring on humans’ innate maternal (and paternal) instinct and cause them to consider life for their children.

Our pregnancy care centers recognize the need for women and men to be educated and empowered so they can make truly informed decisions and better choices for their own lives, their babies, and their families as abortion facilities do not educate in order to empower women and therefore do not inspire, encourage, or enable women to make the “choices” they claim or market themselves that they provide women.

At Vicky’s second appointment, she was happy to share that her ultrasound shows her baby girl is due in January. We gave her some maternity clothes, talked about prenatal vitamins and breastfeeding, and scheduled her to return in December for a bassinet, car seat, and baby clothes. Vicky pointed out that PP, a few doors down from our office, never mentioned all of our free services in pushing their “choice” of abortion. She is grateful to have found us.

\*Name has been changed to protect confidentiality.

Patty Knap  
Hempstead Staff



**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 OF LONG ISLAND REBRANDS AND LAUNCHES NEW DONOR WEBSITE!

Our presence over the past 33 years on Long Island has enabled us to serve over 60,000 women and men and save over 2,000 babies. We lead to serve solutions through compassion and professionalism in our centers and organization and to be a **voice for the preborn here on Long Island.**

The pro-life movement is under attack spiritually and legislatively because the truth about abortion is being exposed in such an unprecedented way.

***We understand that the future depends on how we face the world more so now than ever before.*** After a year in the planning stage and more than six months of building, we are so proud to let you know that we have undertaken a rebranding of the Life Center. We have created a contemporary logo and a newly branded website that is not only beautiful but easy to use.

**We have made sure to make critical information available to our current supporters and benefactors in order to help us support those facing difficult decisions.** We invite new supporters and benefactors to join the Life Center in advancing our proactive efforts in saving lives and impacting the needs that exist in our communities here on Long Island.

We have been really careful to make our messages clear, concise, and impactful of who we are, what we stand for, our mission, and where our value lies within our existing and future programs. We will highlight exciting announcements and FUNdraining events.

The new look of our **donor site, [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org)**, reflects our evolving brand and how we want the Life Center of Long Island to be viewed in the world. Rebranding our donor site coincides with rebranding plans for our **client website, [www.aaapregnancyoptions.org](http://www.aaapregnancyoptions.org)**, and our pregnancy care centers currently known as AAA Pregnancy Options. *Those details to follow in upcoming newsletters.*

I would like to thank our Communications Coordinator, Damian Geminder, for all of his hard work, patience, and guidance during this long process. I also thank Lorraine Gregory Communications and the marketing committee for their guidance, expertise, and resourcefulness as well. Rebranding the Life Center was necessary to be out in the world in 2019 and beyond. We were able to capture our history, our devotion, and of course, our effectiveness.

Going forward, we will be building upon the social media efforts that Damian has so wonderfully handled.

Along with our website and logo, our newsletter, fliers, printing, and messaging will conform with the new design. Consistency is so very important in this undertaking.

We do understand that sometimes, change makes people uncomfortable, but I assure you that this evolution was long overdue and the result places Life Center in a much better position for the future.

We will continue to build upon our brand with innovative marketing efforts that will support our work and help maintain the financial stability that is so important if we are to continue what was started 33 years ago.

We do hope you will all check out the new site. The address hasn't changed! It is still [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org). Please share it with your friends, family, and other loved ones on your social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and any and all other platforms.

*I would love to hear from you once you have had a chance to see for yourself!*

**Blessings,**

*Gloria*



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH THE LIFE CENTER?

The Life Center of Long Island is seeking a candidate for a full-time staff position.  
Please send résumé to [gschreiber@lifecenterli.org](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org). Bilingual a plus.  
For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746.

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*The human right to life is the foundation of a just and peaceful society.*

### Remember That Prayer Is Powerful

October is dedicated to the Blessed Mother.  
Please pray the rosary to promote respect for human life, born and preborn.  
Our troubled world needs the intercession of our Holy Mother Mary.

### Volunteer at the Life Center of Long Island

The Life Center of Long Island welcomes volunteers committed to our pro-life mission.  
We have opportunities for administrative and client service positions. Men are needed to help with donation/baby bottle pickups and deliveries. Please call the center nearest you listed on the front of this newsletter for further information.

### Become a Baby Bottle Campaign Speaker

Volunteers are asked to read a prepared three-minute script at churches/organizations introducing Baby Bottle campaigns to congregants.  
Kindly call Lauren at 516-798-8746 for more information.

### Join the Fundraising Committee

This is a great way to assist the Life Center of Long Island in its mission. The committee meets in Massapequa regularly to plan, promote, and execute the various fundraisers throughout the year. New ideas and faces are always welcome!  
Contact Cindy or Lisa at 516-798-8746.

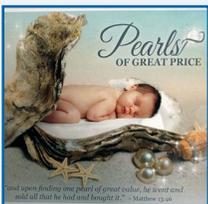
### Participate in the 40 Days for Life Campaign

From September 25 to November 3, 2019 (time slots available as your schedule permits):  
Carry a sign or don't carry a sign, but be there as a witness to life. For more information, see [40daysforlife.com/hempstead](http://40daysforlife.com/hempstead).

### Join Project Blueprint

The Life Center of Long Island **needs men** to become more involved in saving babies from abortion and changing the hearts of men and women for life. We are looking for men willing to offer a full or partial day, or a specific time by appointment.  
You will be trained by our staff and client advocates. This is truly a gift for you to offer life to a baby and bring families together. Bilingual men are especially needed in all of our centers.  
For all inquiries, please call Deacon Frank Gariboldi at 516-523-0586 or by email at [gariboldifandl@gmail.com](mailto:gariboldifandl@gmail.com).

## HONORARIUMS



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

**Birthday Blessings to Mary Caffrey**  
**Happy 50th Anniversary to Terry and Tim Dunckley**  
*May you continue to share in God's love and grace.*



The Life Center of Long Island has Memorial and Honorarium cards available.  
Kindly call Nancy Tantone for details at 516-798-8746.





# SAVE THE DATE



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

The Life Center of Long Island is hosting a **sidewalk counselor/prayer warrior training class** taught by experts Sr. Dorothy Rother and Msgr. Raymond Kelley from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Massapequa Center, 35 E. Willow St. Kindly RSVP to Cindy at 516-798-8746.



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Life Center is partnering with Generosity Series to run our **3rd Annual Walkathon/5K Run** at Eisenhower Park, Field 2 in East Meadow. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Those interested in volunteering should arrive by 7:30 a.m. Sign up at [lifecenterli5k.greatfeats.com](http://lifecenterli5k.greatfeats.com).



## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Life Center of Long Island is hosting an **“Evening with Frank Sinatra”** at the Knights of Columbus John R. McGann Hall at 1341 Fifth Avenue in Bay Shore. Come and eat Frank Sinatra’s favorite meal, spaghetti and meatballs, and enjoy his music. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please call Deacon Frank Gariboldi at 516-523-0586 to reserve your place.



## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Christmas shop at the **Americana Manhasset Champions for Charity** shopping event to benefit the Life Center of Long Island. **25 percent of your full price, pre-tax purchases will be donated to the Life Center.** Register for a complimentary CHAMPION NUMBER by visiting [championsforcharity.org](http://championsforcharity.org), or call 516-627-2277. You must present a CHAMPION NUMBER at time of purchase to allocate the donation to the Life Center of Long Island.

### PLEASE NOTE:

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