



# Life Center of Long Island

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**OF LONG ISLAND**  
*A Voice for the Unborn  
on Long Island*

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## A MESSAGE TO THE HEART

We didn't have too many clients on a warm day in June, so I was happy to see a client walk into the Life Center. When Crystal\* came in, I could see there was concern on her face. She was such a nice lady, and we immediately connected and started to talk. When I asked her, "What can we do for you?" Crystal said that she probably was not pregnant but just wanted a test to be sure. I asked what she would do if she were pregnant. Crystal replied, "No way do I want another baby right now! I already have a 16-year-old daughter in high school and a son who is 5 and in first grade, and that is all I need."

We talked about her husband who was out of town on business, and she said that she just came back from a weekend visit with him. Crystal then took the test, and it turned out inconclusive. I told her it was probably too soon for the test to be accurate and she should come back in a week, just to be sure. The next week, Crystal did not come into our office. I was thinking that perhaps she was not pregnant after all. The following week, I was on vacation and could not stop myself from thinking about Crystal. I had this nagging feeling that I needed to know how she was doing, but she did not answer her phone. I felt that I had to communicate with Crystal so I left her a voice message saying, "I am thinking about you and keeping you in my prayers."

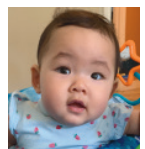
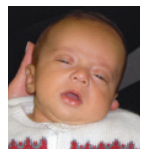
A few days later, Gloria, the Life Center Director, called me at home with the good news that Crystal was keeping her baby. I was so happy for her! Crystal shared with Gloria that she was on the elevator in the abortion clinic to start the procedure to terminate the pregnancy by taking the RU-486 pill that would be administered to her. When she received a message on her phone from me saying that I was thinking and praying for her at that moment, she left the building! She realized that her baby was a blessing and she was going to keep it. It is amazing how a simple message of concern was able to open Crystal's heart to God's loving plan for her family.

I have talked with Crystal a few times since, and I still feel such a good connection with her. She is so happy. Crystal is now 21 weeks pregnant and expecting a little girl. The Life Center will help Crystal with baby needs, support, and my little phone messages.



*Lieve Hawkins*  
**Massapequa Volunteer**

*\*Name changed to protect confidentiality.*



## FOUR GREAT GIFT-GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

1. IRA Charitable Rollover Program
2. Cyber Monday (December 2)
3. Champions for Charity (December 5-7)
4. Shop for presents at Amazon Smile year-round!

**See insert for more details.**

**Our Mission...** *"To promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death."*

Donor Site: [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org) • Client Site: [www.aaapregnancyoptions.org](http://www.aaapregnancyoptions.org)



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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF

*The Executive Director*

## INCREASING YOUR IMPACT FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S, AND BEYOND

**W**ith Christmas and the New Year of 2020 approaching, this special time on the calendar can become hectic and stressful. Christmas shopping, office gatherings, special programs, and much more surround our celebration of Jesus' birth. In addition, ministries — such as ours — are asking you to consider year-end gifts. It is easy to feel overwhelmed.

It's true that year-end giving is important to this ministry. Year-end gifts not only help us finish off the current year on a high note, but special gifts at this time also assist us in kicking off 2020. The gifts we receive go directly toward saving lives and reaching mothers and fathers with the hope of Jesus Christ.

Yet as we write this letter, we are reminded of two things: First, you are either already committed or have just begun your commitment to this ministry, and **we appreciate you and thank you**. The gifts you are already giving are already impacting lives and mean more than you can know. And second, we don't want this letter to be another piece of junk mail to deal with. The holidays are a time of celebration and joy.

Our request, then, is not designed to be the standard "Year-End Appeal." As we look forward to the New Year 2020, it causes us to pause to reflect on our actions, accomplishments, and disappointments in 2019. We cannot change any moment of the past year, but we can change our future that lies ahead.

So our simple request is this: **Help us help them**. Help us provide hope for the moms and dads who feel hopeless in an unplanned pregnancy in efforts to protect the most vulnerable — the preborn babies. **In fact, last year, the Life Center helped save 55 babies' lives!** If your holiday season will be enhanced by making the Life Center of Long Island a part of your giving, please join us. Whether your gift is \$5, \$50, \$500, or \$5000, every gift makes a difference, is appreciated, and gives the gift of a baby's life.

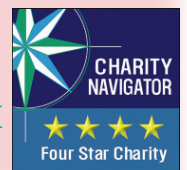
And if you haven't yet had the chance, we would greatly appreciate if you would consider now as a good time to make a monthly or quarterly commitment toward next year. We use these pledges to coordinate next year's budget, allowing us to make concrete plans for 2020. Our vision is to become the first choice of each woman in our area facing an unplanned pregnancy. This means new services and stronger advertising of those services. This, of course, also means expanding our base of financial support. It is people like you and us who provide the much needed support to the families we serve, so I thank you in advance for considering our request.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts and for being such an integral part of this ministry. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience, and it would be a joy to hear from you. As always, I personally invite you to allow me to give you a personal tour of any one of our centers. Please call me to coordinate at your earliest convenience.

May you and your family be granted the grace and blessings of this Christmas season and experience the wonder and joy our New Year brings.

*Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous, Healthy, and Happy New Year!*

*Gloria*



# THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!



Our heartfelt thanks to the following organizations for inviting the Life Center of Long Island to speak to their members and for the generous donations received through Baby Showers given to benefit the families we serve.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas #375,  
Court of Our Lady of Victory,  
St. Patrick's Parish, Huntington**

**&**

**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians of Kings Park**

**&**

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas #832,  
Court Ave Maria,  
St. Joseph's Parish, Kings Park**

We appreciate the generosity of all who have contributed to our mission.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALL CENTERS

The Life Center of Long Island is looking for volunteers committed to our pro-life mission.

We have opportunities in the following areas:

**Client Services; Data Entry; Phone Volunteers; Drivers for Baby Bottle delivery and pick-up;  
Baby Bottle Campaign Speakers; Fundraising Committee**

For more information on volunteer opportunities, kindly call the center nearest you:

Deer Park: 631-243-0066; Hempstead: 516-408-6300; Massapequa: 516-798-9100.

## HONORARIUMS

*Donations were made to the  
Life Center of Long Island in honor of and thanksgiving for  
**Raymond Thumser***

~

*and in thanksgiving for  
**Baby Michael Ferrara**  
born 12-18-2018*

*May they share in God's love and grace.*

## IN LOVING MEMORY

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

**Gloria Winslow Thumser**  
*Her family are thankful and blessed for the life she lived and her love.*

*We commend her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed  
to the loving embrace of the Father.*

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



## ANNUAL REGIFTING SALE

Have you received a Christmas 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**.

Items will be accepted at any of our centers; kindly label **For: Regifting Sale**.

Date, location, and time to be announced on our website shortly.

Visit [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org).



## 47TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE



The **March for Life** official program will be held on **Friday, January 24, 2020** on the **National Mall in Washington D.C. at the Washington Monument**. The program begins with a rally at 12 noon. The march begins immediately following the rally at approximately 1:00 p.m. and ends in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. We then encourage you to visit your Congressional representatives in the House and Senate office buildings. For information on transportation to and from Long Island, contact your local parish office.



## THE LIFE CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY



The Life Center of Long Island participated in the recent Health Fair sponsored by Fidelis Care of Long Island at St. Brigid's Parish, Westbury.



Pictured: Meg Malley, Life Center Hempstead Staff, and Fidelis Care Nassau County Community Relations Specialist Rudy Cano

### 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).

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