



Life Center of Long Island

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*A Voice for the Unborn
on Long Island*

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FEAR NOT



I have been a client advocate at the Life Center of Long Island in Deer Park for eight years. As an advocate, my job is to listen and to give help and advice. As I am bilingual, I am often called on to speak with Spanish-speaking girls and young women.

One such client, Sofia*, came to the center intending to have an abortion. She told me, "I don't want this baby because I cannot afford it." As she spoke these words, I prayed, "Please, Lord, give me Your words to soften her heart." As Sofia explained her situation, I told her about all of the generous people who donate baby needs and that the Life Center will supply her child up to 2 years of age. Beyond that time, we are also able to provide referrals for future needs as well.

I asked Sofia, "Do you think having an abortion is going to make things better? Do you really think that an abortion will make things easier for you? Think about what will happen to your child. Do you know the effects of abortion?" Sofia looked toward me and said, "No." I explained the many different ways that abortion hurts women, especially the psychological harms. Sofia said she was not aware of all this. I asked her, "Do you love your children?" She said, "Yes." "Well," I replied, "this child is no different from those you have. Do you know that there is a purpose and meaning for your child's life? If you destroy this life, all of the beauty this child is meant to bring will never be; you will have stopped God's purpose for this child. Our Creator has entrusted this life to you. Abortion will destroy this gift. Please know that we will help you as much as possible materially and spiritually."

The entire time I was speaking to Sofia, I could tell she was listening. Looking into her eyes, I could see the truth was registering. **When I finished, I asked Sofia if she would keep the baby, and she said, "Yes!"**

As I prepared the necessary forms for Sofia to receive a free ultrasound, I thought of how much fear impacts one's decisions. If motivated by fear, one's decisions so often lead to regrets. At the Life Center, we endeavor to calm fears, spare our clients regrets, and lead them to acceptance of God's loving plan for life.



Vicki Guerra
Deer Park Bilingual Staff

**Name changed to protect confidentiality.*



JOIN OUR TEAM!



The Life Center of Long Island is hiring!

We are in search of a part-time bilingual staff member for our Hempstead office.
Kindly contact Gloria at 516-798-8746 if interested.



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 LOVE OF PARENTS' HEARTS

Recently, we had a wonderful surprise and blessing when a family we have been servicing for the past three years came to our Massapequa center. Two years ago, we featured this family in our February newsletter in our "Life Center Baby Corner" as they just gave birth to their beautiful baby girl. They faced many difficult challenges at that time and because of the degree of hardships, their situation required the teamwork of five of our consultants, including one of our male advocates and me, to help render and resolve each issue. Each consultant listened intently and provided the compassion Mom and Dad needed and gave the hope that inspired them to know that all would be well if they had faith in God. As a result, they gave birth to their beautiful daughter.



When they walked in recently, they had asked to see me, and when I walked toward them, I saw the beautiful little angel they were holding, who is now 2 years old! The baby's father shared with me that because of the many blessings their family received, they had a gift for us to pass on to other moms and dads, whom we will assist in the future who might have similar situations to theirs. With that, they presented brand-new diapers, wipes, baby bottles, and newborn outfits. They wanted to thank us for all that we have done for them and their family and decided this year to "pay it forward" by entrusting the Life Center to present their appreciative and grateful gifts to other moms and dads in similar situations.

They also stated that they never forgot what I told both of them three years ago when I shared with them that should they accept God's plan for their family and give the gift of life for their baby, they would be blessed tenfold for accepting God's gift that He had planned for them. They revealed that since then, Dad has received two salary increases; their twin daughters are now 9 years old, both straight "A" students, and doing very well socially; Mom has since taken English as a Second Language classes and is now speaking English, obtained a part-time position that she enjoys very much, and obtained her driver's license; and they were able to purchase a second family car.

What a beautiful way to begin the new year, when our clients who choose life return to the Life Center and validate the beauty and blessings their baby has brought to their family unit and society.

We could not have done what we needed to accomplish with this family and their new beautiful baby daughter if it were not for our compassionate, humble, and generous volunteers, who love life and shared all they could to give hope and help others to understand the beauty, love, and gift that giving life has to offer.

As St. Augustine shared: **"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped this family and to all of the volunteers who prayed for this family.

When you self reflect, do you wonder how to utilize your God-given talents in a way that will inspire and motivate families to make better educated and better choices for their family?

We invite YOU to join our Life Center family! We have many opportunities available and can help you identify how we can be the next best fit for you and how you are the next best fit for the Life Center!

Let's discover together how to share our love and help moms and dads here on Long Island.

Blessings and Happy Valentine's Day,

Gloria



MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE LIFE CENTER!

*We Need **You**, and We Invite **YOU** to Join Our Life Center Family!*

God has given everyone his or her own special gifts and talents. Each one of **YOU** is special in God's eyes, and we need you! There is nothing more rewarding than being part of our "team" that saves babies' lives and helps moms and dads here on Long Island.

Please prayerfully consider joining us and let us help you identify your special and much-needed talents here at our centers for the families here on Long Island.

For inquiries, please contact one of our centers closest to you:

1767 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, 631-243-2373

35 East Willow Street, Massapequa, 516-798-8746

474 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, 516-408-6300

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Thank you to the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas #595** of St. Patrick's in Bay Shore for their support of the Life Center's mission by recently hosting a baby shower to benefit the mothers and children we serve. The Life Center of Long Island is blessed to have such stalwart friends.



The **Men's Holy Name Society** of Our Lady of Mercy parish of Hicksville invited Executive Director Gloria Schreiber to speak at their recent meeting. We appreciate the opportunity to make known the good works of the Life Center and to encourage awareness of current life issues.

IN LOVING MEMORY

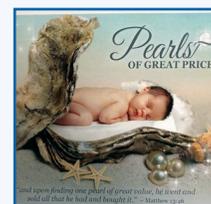


*Donations to the Life Center of Long Island
have been received in loving memory of the following:*

Marie Mawn and Paul Muhs

*We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, to the
loving embrace of our Father in heaven.*

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for a fundraising
PAINT NIGHT
To benefit life Center of Long Island

Meet us at:
McQuade Neighborhood Grill
275 Merrick Road - Lynbrook NY 11563
Wednesday, February 12th 7:00-9:00pm
Paint an illuminated wine bottle. Choose from three designs.

\$45.00 per person includes all supplies and instruction.
Appetizers & beverages will be available for purchase.
RSVP by February 6th to Kathleen Flanagan: mamadukes136@aol.com or 516-994-0999
Mail checks to Kathleen at 12 Sylvester Place, Lynbrook, NY 11563

Host a Party or Fundraiser with
L'Artiste In Me
516-638-6903

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**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Life Center of Long Island
REGIFTING SALE

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
855 Carmans Rd, Massapequa Park, NY 11762
Sunday, February 23, 2020
8 a.m. to 3 p.m

New item donations still needed!
Life Center of Long Island
Regifting Sale
Make Your Gifts Great Again!



Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Massapequa, NY
When: Sunday, February 23, 2020
Time: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Find everything from:

- Toys
- Electronics
- Housewares
- Clothing
- Furniture
- Collectibles / Brand Names
- ...and so much more!

Get New Items at New, Low Prices!

All proceeds are given to support the great work of the Life Center in assisting pregnant mothers and families. Donations can be dropped off at any of our three Life Center locations or your local drop-off location.

Massapequa: 35 East Willow Street, Massapequa, NY 11758; 516-798-9100
Deer Park: 1767 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729; 631-243-2373
Hempstead: 474 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550; 516-408-6200
For more information, call 516-798-8246.



The Life Center has scheduled a tentative date of
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020 for our next WALK-A-THON.

Please check our Facebook page and future newsletters
for confirmation of date, time, and location.

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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