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*A Voice for the Unborn
on Long Island*

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MY FIRST BABY SAVE

The impact of my first “Baby Save” was profound. I strongly believe that we at the Life Center are being used as instruments through which God works His divine grace. To change the heart of a woman amid an unwanted pregnancy is overwhelmingly difficult and requires utmost patience and compassion. .

When Luna* came into our Deer Park center for her three-month follow-up, she shared with me more than her need for baby materials. As we spoke, she shared that while on birth control, she became pregnant. During her visit to Planned Parenthood, she expressed that she wasn’t feeling well. She decided she would ask for a pregnancy test. To her surprise, the test was positive. The nurse told her that Planned Parenthood is not liable in the case that a client becomes pregnant while using the birth control provided at their facility, as there is always a chance this could happen with any birth control.

Luna only saw one way out of her unplanned situation: to have an abortion. Her boyfriend wanted Luna to keep their baby, hence the weight of the decision fell upon her shoulders. Luna’s feelings were conflicted, as she and her boyfriend had experienced relationship difficulties in the past when they were in cohabitation. Her parents gave her a chance to move back home to live with them, providing for her and her son. The first thought that came rushing to Luna after finding out she was pregnant again was, “What is going to happen now when my parents learn that I am expecting another child with my boyfriend?”

Luna felt terrible remorse for breaking the trust of her parents. She believed the news of her pregnancy was going to be a huge disappointment to them. Many negative emotions poured over her as she believed they would try to push her toward the “quicker” solution to her problem if she revealed her pregnancy.

After my conversation with Luna, she agreed to go for a sonogram at the Gianna Center. The day of her appointment, I met with her. When Dr. Carpentier came into the room, we learned that Luna was further along than she’d thought. Luna and I both cried, perhaps for our own reasons. I empathized with her situation and the weight of what she needed to decide. She expressed to me that she was experiencing simultaneous relief and guilt: relief that she stopped to consider her options, but also guilt that she considered abortion as one of her avenues. It was a very emotional moment for both of us as Luna welcomed her pregnancy without a shadow of doubt in her mind.

It doesn’t matter what powerful reason a woman may have to abort a pregnancy. It’s our job to let them know that they can choose life. It’s important that they know that they’re not alone, during the pregnancy and after. Saving a life is such a rewarding blessing, and it makes a true difference for all we do at the Life Center of Long Island.

**Name changed to protect confidentiality*

Sonia Dixon
Deer Park Consultant



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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FROM THE DESK OF

The CEO

HOLD FAST — HAVE FAITH

GLORIA SCHREIBER

With everything in the news lately, especially the panic surrounding the coronavirus and the downturn in the stock market, it's easy to want to pull up stakes, head home, and hunker down for the duration.

But in the words of Pope St. John Paul II: **Do not be afraid!**

In times of crisis, nonprofits are among the first to suffer as people cut back donations. And adding to this, the run on stores is depleting many of the supplies needed for material aid to those we serve, especially diapers, baby wipes, and formula. But we especially need financial donations because that gives us the flexibility to supply the numerous and diverse necessities at the time of need for our clients.

But times of crisis are EXACTLY what the Life Center of Long Island is here for. As a crisis pregnancy center, we need your support **especially** now. We who work and volunteer will be all right as we are taking the necessary precautions and constantly adjusting how to operate with the ever changing and challenging realities of this international crisis. But we cannot say the same for the scared young women and girls we see every day. **They** need you, too. But we cannot help them if financial resources that enable us to address varying necessities for each of our clients are cut back, especially during this time. And there will be great difficulty to assist our clients if financial resources continue to decrease.

April marks the first full month of spring, as well as Easter. This is a season of renewal, of rebirth, and of hope.

If we are truly an Easter people, if we truly believe that Death has no sting, if we truly believe in Life Everlasting, then we **must** respond to death with life in this world, too.

Please prayerfully consider a donation during this time. Donations can be expedited on our website www.lifecenterli.org (click the Donate button and select "Online Donations") or mailed to the Life Center at P.O. Box 468, Deer Park NY 11729-9805. For anyone who would like to contact me, I can be reached at 516-351-3584. Thank you for all you do for life and the Life Center.

As St. Teresa of Ávila, the first woman Doctor of the Church, wrote five centuries ago:

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,*

*Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

Wishing you and your family a blessed and happy Easter!

Blessings,

Gloria



JOIN OUR TEAM

Part-Time Bilingual Staff Member for our Hempstead office. Kindly send résumé to gloriaschreiber1313@gmail.com.
For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746.

Volunteer Drivers willing to pick up donations and assist in drop-offs/pickups for Baby Bottle campaigns.
This effort is vital to the operation of the Life Center.

Volunteer Baby Bottle Campaign Speakers able to speak at parish kick-offs to introduce the Baby Bottle campaigns.
Scripts to read are provided. Let your voice for the preborn be heard throughout Long Island!
If interested in either position, kindly call Lauren at 516-798-9100.

Volunteer Assistance needed at all centers to help with sorting donations, office work, and data entry. Please consider helping our cause by offering your gifts of time and talent. If a student or individual is in need of fulfilling community service hours, the Life Center offices in Deer Park and Massapequa have a need for gardening and ground maintenance help. The schedule for such work can be tailored to fit the needs of the volunteer.

Please contact Lisa in Deer Park at 631-243-0066, Cindy in Massapequa at 516-798-9100, or Veronica in Hempstead at 516-408-6300 for information on any of the above opportunities.



HELP US HELP THEM WITH AMAZONSMILE

The mission of the Life Center of Long Island is to reach abortion-bound women and change their hearts for Life. **We can't do this without your help, *especially* during this time of crisis when so many women and girls and their babies are most in need.** Only God knows how many babies have been saved from abortion because of the work of the Life Center and its generous supporters. If you haven't already, please consider joining Amazon Smile. In two simple steps, you can support our life-saving work **at no cost to you.**

HERE'S HOW:

1. Set up an account: smile.amazon.com
2. Select **Mother and Unborn Baby Care of Long Island** as the charity you wish to support. Amazon donates 0.5 percent of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Life Center of Long Island. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Once you have made your purchase, be sure to share this with your friends and family.

Please don't forget: The Life Center only benefits when you shop directly through AmazonSmile.

Please contact Cindy at 516-798-9100 should you have any questions.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the generous ladies of the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**, Court Mother Seton #2413 of St. Barnabas, Bellmore, for holding a bountiful baby shower to benefit the families served by the Life Center of Long Island. May you share in God's blessings always.



Our gratitude to the ladies of the **Ancient Order of Hibernians**, Babylon, Division 2 for hosting a wonderful baby shower and pot luck luncheon with proceeds going to the Life Center of Long Island. We deeply appreciate their kind support and delicious meal.



IN LOVING MEMORY

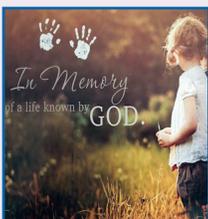
We are grateful for donations made to the Life Center of Long Island in memory of:

Andrew Crossland ~ Evelyn Froelich ~ Emily Funston ~ Charles Gilbert

We commend their souls, 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.

Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 for details.



DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, A FEW OF OUR IMPORTANT SPRING FUNDRAISERS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. WE WILL ANNOUNCE NEW DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHEN RESCHEDULED, YOUR PARTICIPATION AT THESE EVENTS WILL BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER AND WILL MEAN MORE THAN YOU KNOW TO HELP US ASSIST OUR CLIENTS.



How You Can Help



The Life Center and our clients need your help now more than ever. How can you do your part? **YOU** can:

- 1) **PRAY.** (And if you weren't already, now is a fine time to start!)
- 2) Designate the Life Center as your preferred charity on **AmazonSmile** (see previous page).
- 3) Join our **Adopt a Mom & Child Program.**
- 4) Plan a **Baby Bottle fundraiser!**
- 5) Consider donating your car, boat, or other vehicle through our **Baby Buggy Car Donation Program.**
- 6) Make a **Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD)** through your IRA.
- 7) And consider leaving the Life Center in your will as a final gift.

However you can help, we **thank you!**

For more details, please visit our website at www.lifecenterli.org and click on red "Donate" button.

Please contact Gloria at 516-351-3584 should you have any questions.



POSTPONED: ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION - DATE TBD



ADOPT A BASKET: DONATIONS NEEDED!

Each year, the Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th New York District sponsor a fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island. This popular event includes our Chinese Auction, which is renowned for its bountiful baskets! Although this event has been postponed, we will inform you of information as soon as possible when we are back in our centers full time. In the meantime, please share with others that we will need new/unused items in the future and/or for those who are interested and able to create a themed basket of their own. We would greatly appreciate it!

Past examples include gardening baskets, game baskets, home goods baskets, sports baskets, or use your imagination and create something of your own. **All donated items must be new.** Unused gift cards of any value are appreciated as well; kindly include receipts with gift cards. When we are back in our centers full time, please call ahead to drop off at any one of our locations. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!** Please contact Gloria at 516-351-3584 should you have any questions.



POSTPONED: ANNUAL WALKATHON - DATE TBA



Stay tuned to learn more about our Walkathon, which will be held at **Wantagh State Park!**



SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL DINNER DANCE - OCTOBER 2



LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND DINNER DANCE

*Come Celebrate the 34th Anniversary
of the Life Center of Long Island*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

6:00PM-11:00PM AT THE MUTTONTOWN CLUB
5933 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY 11732



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

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