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HIS INSTRUMENT



On a beautiful autumn morning, Mary* walked into our Massapequa office. She was in her early 30s and clearly very uncomfortable seeking a pregnancy test. Mary was warmly welcomed and brought inside, and we began to discuss her situation.

Mary told me that she is a teacher working toward her master's degree and the mother of a young daughter, Emma, approaching her teen years. Mary felt it wasn't a good time for a baby and was seeking an abortion. She thought that maybe in a year or two, after she had completed her education, she would consider adding to her family. Her husband said he would abide by Mary's wishes. No one else knew. I gently reminded her that this wonderful gift from God was given to her now, and only she could choose to give her baby life!

We spoke about the dangers of abortion — all of the things they don't tell you that can happen during the procedure, the illnesses it may cause later in life, and the lifelong sadness you carry with you. Mary listened politely, but I could see she wasn't convinced.

The pregnancy test kit was positive. I offered Mary a free ultrasound, and she agreed. While we were setting up that appointment, I told her that like her daughter, I too am an only child. Now that my parents are gone, there's no one who shares my childhood memories. An abortion would deprive Emma of a sister or brother.

I then asked Mary if she would consider adoption. Today, with all of the products available to prevent pregnancy, when women are finally ready to have a family, it can be difficult to conceive. For some, it never happens. Mary said she worked with someone who desperately wanted a baby and cried every month when it didn't happen.

As Mary was preparing to leave with her appointment set, we gave her a beautiful baby blanket, handmade by a caring and talented donor. She promised to talk to her husband, and I promised we would all be praying for her and her baby.

A week later, I called Mary to see how she was doing, and to remind her of her ultrasound appointment. She told me she had some news for me. Mary and her husband had decided to keep the baby, and her daughter, Emma, was over-the-moon excited to become a big sister! As tears welled in my eyes, I could hear the joy and happiness in Mary's voice. We agreed to keep in touch, and Mary promised to share her ultrasound pictures.

I am so grateful to God for using me as His instrument and to the Holy Spirit for enlightening my thoughts and words.

**Name changed to protect confidentiality*

Anne DeGennaro
Massapequa 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 CEO

VOTE!! BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!! YOUR VOTE DOES MATTER!

The *Daily Signal* recently reported the alarming fact that because abortion reporting is voluntary, some states — namely states with radically permissive abortion laws, such as California and New York — do not submit any data to the Centers for Disease Control, which means the CDC’s figures grossly underestimate the total number of abortions nationwide.

The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute (Planned Parenthood’s former research arm) released its September 2019 fact sheet on abortion statistics and data in the U.S. It stated that the abortion rate fell by 20 percent between 2011 and 2017, and since the abortion rate peaked in 1980, rates have fallen more than 53 percent. Approximately 862,320 abortions were performed in 2017, down 7 percent from the 926,190 reported in 2014.

Therefore, while abortion data reflects a decrease in numbers and is presented as encouraging, the reality and facts are that the data is skewed by medical abortions not accurately captured, and which are substantially on the rise!!

MEDICATION ABORTION

In September 2000, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved mifepristone to be marketed in the United States for nonsurgical abortion, aka chemical or medication abortion. Currently, medication abortion is provided up to 10 weeks’ gestation.

Medication abortions accounted for nearly 40 percent of all abortions in 2017, up from 29 percent in 2014.

The majority of medication abortions were offered in specialized clinics and in high-volume facilities. In 2017, 30 percent of clinics provided only medication abortion.

Medication abortions increased from 5 percent of all abortions in 2001 to nearly 40 percent in 2017, even while the overall number of surgical abortions declined.

It costs an abortion provider \$80 for the two-day abortion pills known as RU-486, and it is sold to women for \$300 to \$500, causing women to become their own abortionists!

How can YOU become a BIG part of the solution??! VOTE!!

Hundreds of pro-life laws in states across the country are having an undeniable impact in saving human life. **The Life Center of Long Island**, and thousands of other pregnancy help centers, work daily to walk alongside and support mothers, fathers, and families experiencing difficult or unplanned pregnancies.

We should celebrate the fact that lives are being saved and that pro-life policies are working. But the 862,320 abortions performed in just one year remind us just how high the stakes are.

The pro-life movement will continue working tirelessly to see that day when every person, from the moment of conception, is protected in law and welcomed in life.

A friendly reminder that this year's local village elections are on Wednesday, March 18. Normally, they would be held on a Tuesday, but according to state law, Election Day can never coincide with St. Patrick's Day. It is critical that all defenders of life get out and VOTE. Due to our 501(c)(3) status, the Life Center of Long Island does not and will not endorse any particular candidate, but we educate, encourage, and urge you to vote your conscience. It is village officials who get a say in issues such as zoning for abortion clinics. Supporting life at every level of government matters.

Blessings,

Gloria





JOIN OUR TEAM!



THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND IS HIRING!

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.

WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

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.

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, particularly at our Deer Park location, 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 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, 631-243-0066; Gloria in Massapequa, 516-798-9100; or Veronica in Hempstead, 516-408-6300, for information on any of the above opportunities.



A REFLECTION ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE



Deer Park Volunteer Katelyn Fitzgerald (second from right) with friends at 2020 March for Life.

Every year on or near the tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the March for Life is held in Washington D.C. As a young pro-life activist, it is important to go out and march. With the upcoming election, it is vital for politicians and voters alike to see passionate young people march for the right to life. The crowd at this year's March featured every age, race, and religion. The diversity and optimism were inspiring!

January 24, the day of the 2020 March, I had never seen so many people in my life — let alone pro-life people. The streets of our capital were packed. It took an hour to get through security. There were several key speakers. President Donald Trump delivered some encouraging words and promised to keep fighting for the rights of the unborn. There was even political diversity: Democratic Louisiana State Sen. Katrina Jackson and First Lady Donna Hutto Edwards, wife of pro-life

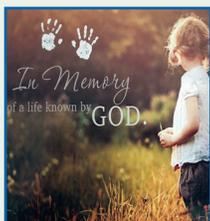
Democratic Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, gave us hope that being pro-life can transcend party lines. Two abortion survivors also spoke and gave a voice to the millions of voiceless victims of abortions. The March started soon after, but since there were so many people, it took awhile for the actual marching to start.

I enjoyed my time at the March, and I left with the hope that my generation will end the crime against humanity that is abortion.

Katelyn Fitzgerald



IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Paul Muhs

We commend his 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.

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





PAINT NIGHT AT McQUADE'S



The recent Paint Night to benefit the Life Center of Long Island was a great success! Over 40 budding artists gathered at McQuade's Neighborhood Grill in Lynbrook to showcase their talents. The Life Center of Long Island is grateful to Kathie Flanagan, Massapequa volunteer, for spearheading this delightful fundraiser!



SAVE THE DATE: PASTA DINNER & CHINESE AUCTION - MAY 3



The renowned Chinese Auction held each year and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of the Eighth District will be held Sunday, May 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Deer Park. We are presently in need of donations of goods or gift cards to fill the bountiful baskets! We are able to accept **new, unused items** at any of our centers. If you would like to sign up to create a themed basket, please call one of the centers to be added to our list. We truly appreciate your help in making this event an annual success!



SAVE THE DATE: WALKATHON - MAY 16



Our Walkathon has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 16**.
It will be held at Wantagh State Park. Details to follow!



SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL DINNER DANCE - OCTOBER 2



The Life Center of Long Island has scheduled our Annual Dinner Dance for **Friday, October 2, 2020**. Once again, it will be held at the Muttontown Club, in East Norwich. Kindly mark your calendars to celebrate the life-saving work of our volunteers, staff, and benefactors.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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