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THE SUPERMEN OF THE LIFE CENTER

Many people assume all of the work of a pregnancy center is done by women. Traditionally, that's been true, especially when it comes to counseling young women, taking calls, and sorting donated baby and maternity clothes.

But a lot more goes into keeping the Life Center running, and that's why we're so grateful for all the men who help out, many of them fathers themselves. We are fortunate to have men as volunteers, part-time staff, and others serving on the Board of the Life Center of Long Island. The following is a sample of the many ways these "Supermen" are serving as examples of fatherly care.

We have a number of strong men with vans or trucks who pick up donations and bring them back to our centers. This usually means lifting larger items, such as cribs, strollers, car seats, pack 'n' plays, etc., making sure everything is in working order and clean, then unloading it all at our office, carrying it in, and putting it all in storage. It's a physical job and can be time-consuming.

Then we have a few great guys who assist us with handyman work. With two of our three offices in buildings we own (both former houses), there's always an opportunity of some kind for our helpful handymen. It could be fixing a door or light, putting up shelving, moving furniture or filing cabinets, fixing a plumbing problem, washing windows, or maybe trimming a few shrubs or shoveling snow. Occasionally, we need a computer or printer fixed or set up. The list is endless!

We're also fortunate to have several gentlemen willing to be Baby Bottle Campaign speakers. When a church is willing to host this fundraising campaign, we always offer a speaker to introduce our work and explain the need for baby bottles at Mass. With parishes all over the island holding these campaigns, we need to have people in different areas willing to give their time on Saturday evenings and Sundays to speak on our behalf. Our men deliver empty bottles in crates to the churches, and when the campaigns end, they are sent to pick up the crates and coin-filled bottles. This is heavy work.

So many members of the Knights of Columbus regularly support the Life Center, from hosting our annual Pasta Dinner and Auction, to attending to our annual Dinner Dance and placing tributes in our journal. We've had Knights deliver and set up cribs for clients and collect baby food and formula donations from local markets to supply our pantries.

Last but definitely not least, we have a number of men who are our male client consultants through Project Blueprint. They speak to young men involved in an unplanned pregnancy. Some of these men pray in front of Planned Parenthood and bring clients into our offices. The pregnant women who come to us sometimes have their boyfriends or husbands with them, and it's crucial that we reach them as well as the babies' mothers. It's not uncommon for the father to pressure the mother for the abortion. Educating him on the humanity of his preborn child, about the abortion procedure, and about the emotional ramifications can make the difference, especially if it's coming from an older man who understands the tragedy of abortion. These men are responsible for a number of baby saves.

All of these men are vital to our ministry, just as men are vital to the health and welfare of their respective families, and society as a whole. At the Life Center of Long Island, we are so grateful for their continuing help. With St. Joseph as their model, they continue to offer their time, talent, and treasure to support mothers and children. May these men be celebrated always for the devotion and kindness they exhibit in their service to the Life Center of Long Island.

"And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

—2 Corinthians 6:18

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 CEO

We Need Your HELP

To Continue HOPE Here on Long Island

Our baby stories are usually on the front page of our newsletters. However, I felt compelled to share with you that as I write this, just yesterday, a young woman 15 years of age came to one of our centers four weeks pregnant. Visibly upset and worried, she shared that her mother took her to Planned Parenthood to get RU-486, the two-day abortion pills, and was coercing her to have an abortion. Marie* presented herself as a very mature 15-year-old and was adamant about not wanting the abortion and that her boyfriend and boyfriend's mother supported her decision.

Marie shared that she found us on the internet, called us praying for HOPE, and found relief with the reassurance of the compassionate voice on the other end of the phone.

I thought, "What if this 15 year-old scared young woman was my daughter or yours or her close friend?" The potential reality struck me and made me realize this is **only one** of the many scenarios we encounter that moves us at the Life Center to express how critical our purpose is to have our centers remain open another 34 years and beyond to help women of all ages so vulnerable in a crisis moment, feeling captured and forced to a choice against their will.

It is now estimated that in 2020, over 50% of abortions will be chemical abortions (aka RU-486 or the abortion pill), up from 40% last year! In addition, the cost to Planned Parenthood is only \$80 for the abortion pill; yet women are charged as much as \$500 to \$1,000! As these numbers continue to increase, we believe that **no woman should ever feel forced to finish an abortion she regrets.**

More and more women are taking RU-486, especially during this pandemic because more abortion clinics are closed and having their in-clinic services substituted with telemed abortions. The abortion pill is being prescribed via the internet **without the woman ever actually seeing a doctor in person!** We were informed that the only Planned Parenthoods open on Long Island during the COVID-19 pandemic are their surgical abortion facilities in Hempstead and Smithtown, which also administer chemical abortions. Due to Planned Parenthood's decrease in funding, they and we do not know if they will reopen their Glen Cove and/or Massapequa facilities, which are currently closed (the latter of which is directly located across from our Massapequa **AAA Pregnancy Options** center).

Although a woman in an unplanned pregnancy utilizes her smartphone to search the internet for answers to her questions or information, in addition to social media, we still find women reaching out, craving that one-on-one "live" consultation session with reassurance of real "live" human interaction.

Which is why I am writing to you today with so much urgency. You see, without you, our critical mission, work, and programs are at great risk. The financial squeeze placed on us by the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions has tremendously impacted our major source of funding: our Baby Bottle Campaigns.

We are dependent upon you to help us sustain our centers so will be able to be the "safe haven" a young woman can come to knowing we will do everything we can to help her in that moment, educating her on all resources available so she can make a truly **informed and empowered decision** about her unplanned pregnancy in hope of choosing life.

Remember: Most women who choose abortion are desperate for life-affirming alternatives, and many of those are scared young women — like this 15-year-old young woman — want to stop their chemical abortions. **They WANT to choose life!**

If we at the Life Center, with the expansive resources we are able to provide, are not here for them, who will be?

You can help bring these women to the Life Center with your gift. No matter how large or small, every gift gives the Gift of Life.

Your support will enable the Life Center to continue to provide a **safe haven** and offer the **HOPE** that a new mom needs in that **one last chance** to save her baby's life.

Since January 1, we have saved 11 babies' lives, even with decreased hours of operation due to COVID-19. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Please let me hear from you. We hope and pray this newsletter finds you and your family well and safe.

Blessings to all fathers on Father's Day,

Gloria

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*Name changed to protect confidentiality.



MOTHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

We continue to receive donations in honor of mothers, living and deceased.

When God created mothers, He knew they would have a special place in His Creation.

We are blessed by our mothers' greatest gift to us: the gift of LIFE!

**Anne Callaghan ~ Lorraine Campbell ~ Antoinette Capobianco ~ Basilia R. D'Souza
Mary Essig ~ Helen Leder ~ Maria T. Matos ~ Frances Moore ~ Mary O'Connor ~ Theresa O'Hara
Florence Smith ~ Kerry Smith ~ Maureen Smith ~ Tiffany Smith ~ Gloria Winslow-Thumser**



FATHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS



"The just walk in integrity; happy are their children after them!"

—Proverbs 20:7

**Harold J. Boening Sr. ~ Fred Breisacher ~ Dominick Colapinto ~ John Corrigan Sr. ~ Robert Cronin
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Donald Miller ~ Henry Mozdzer ~ Kenneth O'Brien ~ Chris Pekoff ~ Philip Schaefer Sr.
John G. Seyfrie ~ Raymond Thumser ~ Thomas A. Walsh ~ Living and deceased members of the Novak Family**

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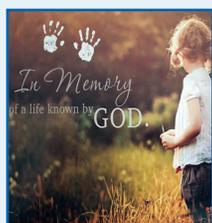
**Thank you for all who participated in the recent
Giving Tuesday fundraising event!**

We are deeply grateful for your support during this trying time. You chose to give and stand with the Life Center of Long Island, and we cannot thank you enough. We continue to reach those who need us, because of you. We reimagined our services because you made it possible for us to be flexible. Thank you for being part of this work. Together, we are choosing to thrive through this time. And as a ministry, we will come through this more united, more connected, and more effective than ever.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Elaine Calvin

We commend her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, into the loving arms of the Father.

The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" and "Honorarium" cards available.

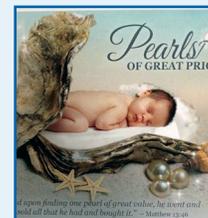
HONORARIUM

The Life Center of Long Island is in receipt of a donation made in honor of:

Anne Marie Nolan

May she be blessed with grace and the love of the Lord.

The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" and "Honorarium" cards available. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746, or email at ntantone@lifecenterli.org for details.





*“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart,
and to bring home those who have lost their way.”*

—St. Francis of Assisi (attributed)

As we comply with New York State’s order to “shelter in place,” there are ways to help the life-saving work of the Life Center of Long Island:

1) Make a New Tax-Deductible Charitable Donation for 2020: Charitable organizations, like many for-profit businesses, are facing significant hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Recognizing that businesses and individuals want to support charities in these times of need**, President Donald J. Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which made changes to encourage charitable giving to nonprofits. This targeted relief recognizes the important role charities play during the pandemic and **provides additional benefits for taxpayers supporting charities.**



The CARES Act creates a new partial above-the-line deduction for cash contributions up to \$300 for taxpayers who elect not to itemize deductions in 2020. Those taxpayers who itemize may deduct qualified contributions above the previous 60% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), meaning itemizers can deduct more of their charitable cash contributions for 2020. Please consult your tax adviser for specific rules regarding your tax deductions, but the CARES Act provides some additional tax relief for donors. **This makes it easier to give and save at the same time!**

2) Become a Monthly Life Saver Partner: Take that step you have always thought about, wanting to do something more for the pro-life movement, especially after the so-called Reproductive Health Act was signed into law here in New York in January 2019 and after seeing the movie *Unplanned!* **Become a Life Saver Partner with the Life Center!** What will help us continue to help them? Sustaining our mission. **Recurring monthly donations** through eGiving sustains nonprofit organizations. Please consider helping us each month financially. No gift is too small, and every gift gives the Gift of Life. Please visit our donor site at www.lifecenterli.org, **select DONATE**, and finally select **make this gift recurring**. Through your participation, you join us as God’s instrument in directly saving babies’ lives!



3) New Program HopeSync Reaches Abortion-Vulnerable Women: Support the Life Center of Long Island’s subscription to HopeSync, a program that allows our consultants to text the most up-to-date information on pregnancy, fetal development, abortion risks and procedures, and more. Previously, our centers purchased and distributed printed literature, but it has been found that clients are more receptive to information received through text and downloadable content, which can be tailored to each client’s particular situation. We experienced and observed the great potential this program has to offer, especially with abortion-vulnerable women. **Please consider donating to this program, as our free trial subscription expires shortly!**



Any donation made toward this is greatly appreciated. The cost is \$3,100, which includes two new iPads per center. The HopeSync program is downloaded onto the iPads, each of which is assigned a phone number in order to text abortion-vulnerable clients life-saving education, information, and videos that can impact a woman’s choice to have a change of heart and choose life.

Thank You!

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