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ANSWERING THE CALL



I was calling clients to confirm appointments for the next day. Many who are scheduled to come and see us are coming in for basic necessities for their babies. They are in need of formula, wipes, diapers, and sometimes a stroller, crib, or car seat.

I reached a client, Jessica*, and she seemed very hesitant to come in. She sounded very young and extremely scared. Jessica told me she didn't know if she would actually still be coming in for her scheduled appointment. I asked her why she made the original appointment, and did she have a baby in need of items?

Jessica said, "No... I am pregnant, and I just don't know if I am going to keep 'it.' I am thinking about getting an abortion, and I am just not sure what to do, so I think I should cancel my appointment." I began to ask her questions... and learned that this was her first pregnancy. Jessica was unsure how far along she was, and she said she was all alone and didn't have any support around her.

I asked her to please keep her appointment so we could talk about everything and provide her with all of the information she would need to make a good and informed decision for herself and her baby. I told Jessica that the unknown is often scary, and if she would let me fill in all of the blanks for her about abortion and pregnancy and all of her possible options, she might feel more in control when making her decision. She agreed to meet me, and we met the next day. I found Jessica to be very sweet, very young, and very much alone. Her own mother passed away when she was a toddler, and her dad had pretty much disowned her. The woman whose family Jessica was living with told her she would throw her out if she kept the baby. She told Jessica that she should abort and that she won't be able to handle "it."

After listening to her, I shared with her all of her options, even housing. I explained that a maternity home would provide her with the support and skills she would need to take care of herself and her child. I also shared with Jessica the beauty of adoption if she felt that parenting was not right for her at this time in her life. I also offered her a free sonogram referral so she could see how far along she was and discuss any concerns she may have with the doctor. I then gave Jessica information on the risks and hurt that come with abortion, and how it is a decision she will have to live with for the rest of her life.

I shared with her that there are things we may do in life that we can go back and do over, or apologize for and make better. Abortion is NOT one of them. You don't get a do-over; you don't get the baby back. I could tell she was listening, and Jessica agreed to the sonogram but didn't have a ride to get there. So I made arrangements and was able to accompany her.

Once we were there, she asked if I would come in with her. The sonogram showed a beautiful window into her womb, revealing a healthy 2-month-old child. Jessica seemed relieved, yet scared. She said she would be traveling to see her boyfriend and show him the pictures that day.

I have touched base with Jessica several times, and she has had good days and bad and continues to struggle with the lack of support around her. Her boyfriend still wants her to abort. But Jessica told me she is keeping the baby, and she may move into a maternity home, if she does indeed get thrown out of her current residence. As for myself, the Life Center and I will continue to give her the support she needs for as long as she wants it.

**Name changed to protect confidentiality.*

Vicki Guerra
Deer Park Bilingual 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

Stay on Target!

As Long Island slowly begins to reopen, we look forward to barbecues, trips to the beach, and roasting marshmallows over campfires. We at the Life Center also look forward to the **return of our Baby Bottle Campaign, but with a twist!**

With so many of our churches either closed or offering limited services, the mass gatherings needed to conduct a traditional Baby Bottle Campaign are out of the question for the short term. During a Baby Bottle Campaign, bottles are distributed and coins, dollars, or checks are inserted into the bottles and then returned to the Life Center.

Therefore, we needed to develop our own **VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**. Our goal during this critical time is to raise a **much-needed \$50,000 virtually during this five-week period! Our campaign began on Wednesday, June 8 and will end on Wednesday, July 15.**

Although the way in which we will raise much-needed funds may be different, ***the needs of the most vulnerable are NOT.***

Here are the facts: In recent months, we as a society have experienced and witnessed the distinct human formation of two opposing sides, which have been referred to as the “spiritual battle” between good vs. evil unfortunately displayed by the turbulent political arena, within religious circles, and in the increasing number of riots, all involving political leaders and others in positions of authority.

The impact of COVID-19, including the fear and anxiety surrounding it, has transformed our “normal” into a temporary “new norm” (which is really far from normal), while we await what the final “new normal” will look like. COVID-19 fear has been marketed to pregnant women, causing them to consider abortion all the more. Before, during, and after COVID-19, ***we at the Life Center are essential and critical to lives being saved, hearts being healed, and futures being rescued.***

The mission of pregnancy care centers during “normal” times faces the Goliath-like giant in Big Abortion and its flagship, Planned Parenthood. As mentioned in my column last month, although PP has closed some physical centers, their marketing of the “ease” of their chemical abortions using home delivery has lured in women, reflecting a substantial increase in demand for RU-486 (aka the two-day abortion pill); in 2020 a projected ***50% of abortions will be chemical.***

By “staying on target,” the clarity of our mission helps us make wiser decisions in a crisis, whether sheltering in place or dealing with a shortfall in funding. Operating our pregnancy centers is a convenient and necessary method to assist women in need, but our true mission is bigger than any one method. Our true mission is to reach those facing life-and-death decisions about their pregnancies with the Gospel of Life!

We must follow our mission in ***different, new, innovative ways*** to meet the challenging changes in our community, culture, and country.

Our “target” is the at-risk abortion vulnerable woman and the underserved woman in desperate need of emergency baby needs. While we are in the midst of all this craziness, we must look beyond to realize what lies ahead. The short-term reality is that the baby boom that will occur in nine months most likely will be preceded by an abortion boom. While the abortion industry is constantly changing the game, we are reimagining our abilities to rise above the challenge. Most women who choose abortion **are desperate** for life-affirming alternatives, and many of those are scared young women who want to stop their chemical abortions. **They WANT to choose life!** Presently, there is even more need to reach and rescue as many lives as possible.

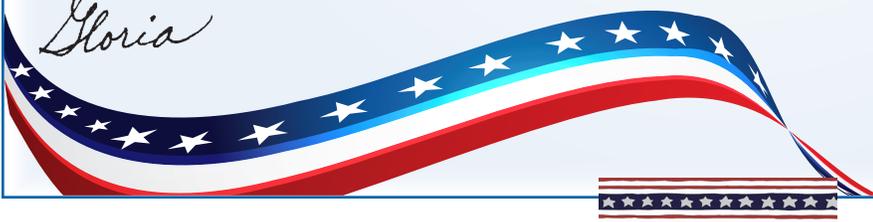
Our preparation today will determine our achievement tomorrow! Please help us “stay on target” by donating to our **VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** to provide the hope and inspiration **we need at the Life Center NOW**, so we will be able to provide hope to women in the future to save babies’ lives.

Thank you to those who have donated so far to our VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!

Blessings,

Gloria

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY





SAVE THE DATE!



THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Urgent Goal is \$50,000 in five weeks: June 8 through July 15
THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GIVE TODAY!

OPTION #1:

- Go to lifecenterli.org/online-donation
- Click "Choose a Fund"
- Select "VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN" from the drop-down menu.

OPTION #2: Please write a check payable to "Life Center of Long Island" and write "Baby Bottle Campaign" in the memo. Then, mail it to:
 Life Center of Long Island
 1767 Deer Park Avenue
 Deer Park, NY 11729



Your donation helps us provide the vital resources that enable us to celebrate the beauty of the lives that have been touched and saved through the ministry of the Life Center of Long Island.



SAVE THE DATE!



Celebrate Life
with

THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

at our

Virtual Gala

OCTOBER 3, 2020

*Bringing Long Island Back to Life
with hope and anticipation for all of God's blessings to come.*

Special Guest Speaker

Sweepstakes and Gala Benefactor Opportunities (see enclosed flier)

As we can't be together at our traditional Dinner Dance Gala, we have planned a Virtual Gala, to Celebrate Life and benefit the good works of the Life Center of Long Island. Please join us!

An online link will be listed in upcoming newsletters, on our website at www.lifecenterli.org, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lifecenterlongisland.





How You Can Help Now



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 Tax-Deductible Charitable Donation for 2020: Charitable organizations, like many for-profit businesses, are facing significant hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here at the Life Center of Long Island, we have had to suspend our church-based Baby Bottle Campaigns. **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 (CARES) Act. This targeted relief **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. The amount businesses are allowed to deduct for charitable contributions has also been raised from 10% to 25% for 2020. **This makes it easier to give and save at the same time!** Please consult with a tax professional for guidance.



2) Become a Monthly Life Saver Partner: Take that step that you always thought about, wanting to do something for the pro-life movement, especially after New York State passed the so-called Reproductive Health Act targeting the most vulnerable. What will help us continue to help them? Sustaining our mission. **Recurring monthly donations** through eGiving assists us by maintaining our cash flow. 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 check off **"Make this gift recurring."** Through your participation, you join us as God's instrument in directly saving babies' lives. *Thank You!*



FATHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS



"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love." —1 Corinthians 16:13-14

*Edward Callaghan ~ Joseph Capobianco ~ Edward Ford ~ Thomas Hughey ~ Lenny Manzo
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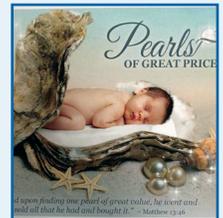
IN LOVING MEMORY



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



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