



# Life Center of Long Island

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## SIX MONTH MIRACLE

Many times as consultants, we are not aware of what our words and prayers have accomplished. More often than not, it is truly a team effort.

Sophia\* was a young mom with a 1-year-old and found herself with what she considered an untimely pregnancy. She had been coming to the Life Center for a couple of years for her first pregnancy test kit and following the birth of her son. What transpires in the Life Center visits is a trusting relationship that enhances a confident spirit between the client and the consultants.

In a six-month span during Sophia's second pregnancy, she was abortion vulnerable, undecided. As she met with another consultant for baby items for her son, she left that visit with a positive pregnancy test and an appointment for a sonogram at the Gianna Center, yet her situation was very much unresolved.

In three months, Sophia returned for another visit for her son with a different consultant and was still undecided at this time. It's very troubling for the team as we know the outcome if she were to go through an abortion. We believe each consultant has a word of wisdom for the client. As we consider the journey of the client, we can see that more and more of her story was being unveiled, like the peeling of an onion. There was betrayal, abuse, and now single parenting of two children on the horizon. All that we can do is continue to talk and pray about the gift of life and the support she would be receiving throughout her pregnancy. Prayer is key, and through COVID-19 and the minimal volunteers available, the staff at the Life Center has continued to rely on one another at each center to ask for prayer in difficult cases, such as this one. Our volunteers are vital to this mission, and yet as always, God provided during this untimely pandemic.

Another three months passed with some communication with the client but no confirmation of a decision in either direction. Our guess was Sophia was struggling. Then, the call came through. She would need more items for her new baby to be born in a few days!

I can't really say we worry too much at the Life Center about not having enough baby items. We have seen it time and time again that we can be cleared out of an item a new mom needs, and then miraculously, what was needed is now fulfilled with God's providence through generous donations from so many different directions! The donations did not stop throughout the lockdown crisis. Most who are reading this article can't fathom how a mom like Sophia can wait so long to gather all that is needed for a newborn baby. The stress and anxiety shuts down a woman's initiative to provide even the most basic needs for her children. At the Life Center, we provide exactly what a new mom needs: love, support, prayer, conversation, and material aid. It is a process to behold!

\*Name changed to protect confidentiality.

**Lisa Vigliotta**  
Deer Park 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*



MSGR. JIM LISANTE  
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THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

# Virtual Gala

**Our Special Guest Speaker: Monsignor James Lisante**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

*As Long Island slowly begins to reopen, safety and health is our utmost priority for everyone.*

At this time of year, each year, we are always excited to promote our Annual Dinner Dance fundraiser held in early fall that so many donors and supporters look forward to. Unfortunately, due to our current environment, we can't be together at our traditional Dinner Dance in person, so we are excited to inform you we have planned the next best thing: our first-ever Virtual Gala! **This is a wonderful and beautiful online event you will not want to miss!**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 P.M.  
and register to join the Life Center of Long Island, as we

**Bring Long Island Back to Life!**

**You must register to attend this online event!** The registration link will be available at the beginning of August on our donor website ([www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org)) and will be listed in our September newsletter, both in hard copy and online.

**Please see our flier insert for details** regarding wonderful recognition by participating with an ad as a Gala Benefactor, and seize the opportunity to become our \$1,000 Grand Prize winner and/or Second Prize winner of a Lotto Board with **\$100 cash guaranteed** by purchasing your Sweepstakes Tickets early!

Please invite your family and friends to join us for this amazing event and help us expand our circle of supporters. If you are not computer savvy, ask them to assist you to register for the event and Sweepstakes online! For more information or questions, please call Cindy at 516-798-8746.

Blessings,

*Gloria*



## VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



We have great news: ***We did it!***

Thanks to your sacrifice, we were able to reach and even exceed our goal of \$50,000 in 5 weeks that began June 10 and ended July 15. As we progressed throughout this fundraiser, our **virtual baby bottle** on the homepage of our donor site filled up to the brim as donations arrived. Please visit our donor site at [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org) to see that our bottle is now full!

From all of us at the Life Center, thank you for all that you do to help the most vulnerable in our community. Because of you, we were able to do our good work during the pandemic shutdown and will **now** be able to continue to do so in the immediate days ahead.

Thank you for helping us achieve our goal of \$50,000 in 5 weeks. **Without you, there is no Life Center.** And without the Life Center, there is no way to do our good work on behalf of women, men, and their children, **born and preborn.**

Many blessings to you and your families as you have just blessed many others through your generosity and commitment to LIFE! Together, we WILL bring Long Island back to life.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Blessings,

*Gloria*





# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



John Rieger, 16, a Chaminade senior, brought in cases of much-needed diapers, purchased with donations of gift cards and cash from family and friends, to our Hempstead office recently and wrote this letter after Gloria called to thank him:

Dear Mrs. Schreiber,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. I have a growing interest in the rise in inequality that is occurring in the USA. My older sister, Caroline, was a supporter of the Life Center and its commitment to underserved communities. Caroline made me aware of the lack of fair access to diapers for families in need.

This is because they lack the transportation and credit to access bulk diapers at stores like Costco. At Costco, a Kirkland brand diaper just costs 19 cents. A store brand diaper from a local grocery store or CVS is likely going to cost almost twice that. There are no federal or state programs that provide funding for diapers for these families. Thus, adequate diaper changes for babies consume a large portion of family income. The sudden rise in unemployment as a result of the COVID pandemic has only made this worse. Thus, I would like to help the Life Center by running diaper drives that specifically share access to discount stores, such as Costco. I do this by asking friends, neighbors, and family for a box of diapers at their next trip to Costco or alternately, for gift cards, rewards points, and cash that I will use to purchase bulk diapers. So far, I have delivered 4,000 diapers to the Life Center, and I plan to run at least three more drives during the next year.

Thanks again, John Rieger

And thank YOU, John! ~Gloria



## IN LOVING MEMORY



**We at the Life Center of Long Island are saddened by the recent passing of two fine gentlemen who volunteered their considerable expertise to our organization from its earliest days as faithful witnesses to God's love and mercy.**



Alphonse Cassillo was born on September 29, 1927 and entered into eternal rest on June 19, 2020. Al spent his early years in Brooklyn. Al married his wife, Irene (née Dawson), of 66 years in 1954, and they moved to Massapequa in 1957 where they raised five children, Cathy (husband Tim), James (wife Joanne), Al, Michele (husband Dave), and Theresa (husband Steve). He was the proud "Popa" to 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Al spent his career as a computer programmer, starting his own company, Total Data Services. Upon retirement in the early 2000s, he volunteered at the Life Center of Long Island, offering his accounting expertise. Al lived his life for his family and friends. He would often be seen reading books, telling stories, or playing cards with his grandchildren. If someone needed a ride to or from any airport or a hospital visit, Al was the one doing it. Jack and Tom were his special friends, along with Jerry and Diana!



Thomas Cook Sr. was born on March 3, 1928 and entered into eternal rest on June 26, 2020. Tom grew up in Elmhurst; was a loving husband to Eileen, his wife of 70 years; and dedicated his life to their seven daughters, one son, and his Catholic faith and community. Tom served as a New York City police officer, rising to the rank of sergeant. Upon retiring, Tom became a Eucharistic minister, lector, and usher at his parish, St. Frances de Chantal, in Wantagh. He also took part in the St. Vincent de Paul Society for nearly 30 years. He was one of the founders of Anthony House and Dismas House, offering tremendous support to homeless men struggling with substance abuse and former incarceration. Tom was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a volunteer at Bethany House and Mother of Good Counsel Home, in Roosevelt. He faithfully served as a volunteer at the Life Center of Long Island as well. He will be remembered as an outgoing, caring, and compassionate human being, always putting his family, faith, and others ahead of himself.



## FATHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

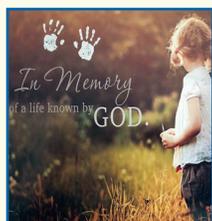


*"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love."—1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

**Ward Louis Olson**



## IN LOVING MEMORY

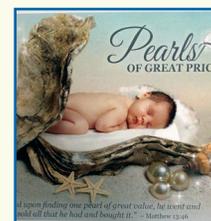


We are grateful for donations made to the Life Center of Long Island in memory of:

**Alphonse Cassillo ~ Thomas Cook Sr. ~ Patricia Gallego**

We commend their souls, 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.





## DONATION NEWSFLASH!



Our donors are probably the most creative people in the world! One of them, who has chosen to remain anonymous, has made a matching financial pledge for **Diaper for Diaper donations of diapers and wipes up to \$500 per month!** Can you please help our centers? Our donor will generously match your financial donation each month.

**Make out your checks to the Life Center of Long Island and put "Diaper Drive" in the memo, then mail to 1767 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729. You can also donate by going to [lifecenterli.org/online-donation](http://lifecenterli.org/online-donation) and selecting "DIAPER FOR DIAPER DRIVE" from the drop-down menu.**

Your generosity is astounding, and we cannot do this work without you. We sincerely thank you for this endeavor.



## HELP US SAVE \$\$\$



**Get the most up-to-date Life Center news and alerts via e-blasts and save us printing and postage costs. Kindly send your email address to Cindy at [infoma@lifecenterli.org](mailto:infoma@lifecenterli.org) to be added to our e-list.**



## SAVE THE DATE!



*Celebrate Life*  
with  
**THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**  
at our  
*Virtual Gala*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

*With Guest Speaker Monsignor James Lisante*

*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! No need to dress up! Just be sure to log on and hear about our accomplishments and goals for the coming year. A link to register for the Gala will be listed next month in our newsletter, on our website, [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org); and on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/lifecenterlongisland](http://www.facebook.com/lifecenterlongisland).*

*Invite family and friends to register as well so that we may virtually join together to support Life!*

### PLEASE NOTE:

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