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SAVE THE DATE!



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



Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Bringing Long Island Back to Life

with hope and anticipation for all of God's blessings to come.

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 — it's free!** Just email us at infoma@lifecenterli.org, and we will forward the Virtual Gala link to you. Thank you for supporting our mission to save babies, all from the comfort of your home! Invite family and friends to register as well so that we may virtually join together to **Celebrate Life!** For more details, contact Cindy at 516-798-8746.

Sweepstakes and Gala Benefactor Opportunities (see enclosed)

Monsignor James Lisante - Guest Speaker



Our Guest Speaker, Monsignor James Lisante, is Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Massapequa Park, New York. He is the author of five books, including **Of Life and Love; Let's Talk; Personally Speaking; The Power of One; and More of Life and Love.** He previously served as a Director of the Office of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Long active in media, Monsignor Lisante has hosted several national television programs, including **Personally Speaking** and **Christopher Close-Up.** He is a widely sought speaker at conferences around the country. His radio show, **Personally Speaking with Msgr. Jim Lisante,** is available on SiriusXM Satellite Radio made possible by the Catholic Communication Campaign of the USCCB. The Life Center of Long Island is blessed to have Monsignor Lisante as its Spiritual Advisor.



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

Be the Voice



I have always said that I have no interest in politics, but politics has interest in pregnancy care centers!

As we approach election time, we want to stress to you the importance of exercising your God-given right to vote. By voting, you become part of the solution, and you help pregnancy care centers, such as the Life Center, keep our doors open and continue our mission of saving babies' lives. There are three bills in New York State that would have a direct impact on how we would be able to operate, and if we do not comply, close our doors. One of them has already been signed into law:

The "BOSS BILL," which was signed into law last year, will have an adverse effect on our ability to operate for our intended purposes and violates our First Amendment right of free speech by restricting our rights to **expressive association** by **forbidding certain speech about our employment standards** and compelling us to provide a message to our employees contrary to our religious beliefs and **our right to free exercise of religion** by requiring us to hire and retain employees who do not believe in and refuse to abide by our ideas about abortion, contraception, and sexual morality.

This act also infringes upon our Fourteenth Amendment **due process rights** because the law is impermissibly vague. Complying with the law would undermine and compromise our pro-life and religious missions, messages, and purposes.

The law would force us to associate with employees who do not share our "missions, messages, and purposes," and hence would be pro-abortion, and it makes us "permit employees who" lack our beliefs and serve "as our messengers to third parties"(clients), diluting and changing our mission and purpose for life. The law also harms our ability to obtain new employees, since we would face "uncertainties surrounding how to find, recruit, and hire new employees" consistent with our mission.

We could also face enforcement actions from state officials and could also be subject to private suits exposing us to crippling litigation costs, damages (including liquidated damages), and attorneys' fees and costs.

Assembly Bill A8212 authorizes the Commissioner of Health to conduct a rigorous study and issue a report examining the "unmet" health and resource needs facing pregnant women in New York and the impact of "limited service pregnancy centers" on the ability of women to obtain accurate, non-coercive health care information and timely access to a comprehensive range of reproductive and sexual health care services, in alignment with their health care needs and in support of personal decision-making. Even though this bill recently passed the New York State Assembly with a 99-43 majority, it awaits a State Senate vote.

Bill 2264 would amend the public health law, in relation to requiring disclosure by crisis pregnancy centers that upon first communication or first contact with the client or potential client, there shall be either a written statement or oral communication by staff/volunteers assisting the potential client, when inquiring about pregnancy termination, abortion or birth control, that we do not provide nor refer for such services. Reports of violation to the Department of Health for an investigation would commence within 30 days of receiving the complaint. Violation of these provisions will be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$100 and not more than \$200 thereafter.

This law is redundant to the Life Center's policy of truth and transparency, in providing real women's health care, in contrast to the deception offered by abortion facilities, such as Planned Parenthood. Time and again, our clients tell our staff and volunteers that they were never given the full range of information and options before coming to us. For more than three decades, we have consistently told our clients what we do and do not offer and empowered them to make informed decisions for themselves and their preborn children. This bill would muzzle us from telling the truth.

You can make the difference with these bills! Please reach out to your representatives and **use your right to freedom of speech**. Urge them to use their power as your elected officials to stand for life, from conception to natural death.

And don't forget before, during, and after Election Day... to pray!

Blessings,

Gloria



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Pictured left to right: Bogda, owner Robert Valenti, and Maria

Once in a while, a truly dedicated donor comes along to help us support our clients in an ongoing way.

Robert Valenti is one of those people. Robert, who until recently was the owner of Kidz Stuff in Valley Stream, first learned of the Life Center about five years ago.

The store sold gently used children's things to families in the community. After Robert heard about us from someone who worked with him, as well as from several customers who bought things to donate to us, he called our office to see if he could help. Sometimes, his shop was either too full or had too many of a particular item. Robert wanted to donate these things to our clients, for whom buying several new baby things at once is often out of the question.

So whenever Robert had a few things for us, he'd immediately think of the Life Center. "I've got a pack 'n play, three car seats, and a stroller. Can you use them?" he'd call. Our Hempstead office would have one of our pickup helpers, Larry Egan, go get these donations and bring them into our office.

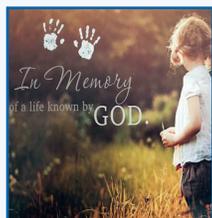
This became a regular event, with Robert putting aside all sorts of usable things in great condition for us every few weeks. Sometimes, it was a rocking chair for a new mom, or it might be a changing table, or a crib, or a bassinet, and we regularly received maternity clothes and baby clothes, which were greatly appreciated by our clients.

After a while, Robert and Larry arranged pickups directly. "Every two weeks or so, Robert would call me and tell me he had some things for us, and I'd go by with my truck," Larry says. "Whenever I'd thank him, he'd always say how happy he was to be able to help us."

When the Life Center sent a thank-you note to Robert a while back, he put it in a frame and kept it by his register. That helped make local families aware of us and what we do.

Now, Robert is retiring in order to take care of his mother, who has dementia. We're not surprised by his selflessness. We will miss his generous donations, but more important, we will miss his dedication and friendship. We wish him well and send our prayers for him and his mother.

IN LOVING MEMORY



We are grateful for the many years of commitment to the cause of Life by

Majorie Hildemann

*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.*



LIFE CENTER POSITION OPPORTUNITY

The Life Center is in search of a full-time staff member to fill our **Client Services Coordinator** position at our Massapequa facility located at 35 East Willow Street.

The candidate will have strong supervisory, training, communication, and interpersonal skills and coordinate client services with staff and volunteers. Proficient in Word and Excel. Bachelor degree preferred, and bilingual a plus.

Please send résumé to Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org.

For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746.

DONATION NEWSFLASH!

Diaper for Diaper Drive

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 your checks payable to the Life Center of Long Island and put "Diaper Drive" in the memo, and mail to 1767 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729. You may also donate by going to the lifecenterli.org/online-donation and select "DIAPER FOR DIAPER DRIVE" from the drop-down menu.

Your generosity is very much appreciated; we cannot do this work without you!

Baby Buggy Car Donation

Cars for Charity is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that accepts all vehicles, regardless of condition. Trucks, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, and heavy equipment are accepted as well.

Call Cars for Charity at 888-755-5435, and inform them that you wish to donate your vehicle to the Life Center of Long Island. Our EIN# is 11-2767098. You can also visit www.carsforcharity.net and select the "Find a Charity" button and choose the **Life Center of Long Island**. Fill out the vehicle donation form and submit to begin the car donation process. Cars for Charity will schedule your fast, free pickup! It's that easy!



HELP US SAVE \$\$\$

Get the most up-to-date Life Center news and alerts via e-blasts. Save us printing and postage costs. Kindly send your email address to Cindy at infoma@lifecenterli.org to be added to our e-list.

GIVE TO THE LIFE CENTER (AND SAVE!)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump, has made changes to tax law for 2020 to encourage charitable giving to nonprofits, such as the Life Center of Long Island. This targeted relief provides additional benefits for taxpayers.

The CARES Act provides a new deduction for cash contributions up to \$300 for taxpayers who elect not to itemize. For taxpayers who do itemize, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities, such as the Life Center of Long Island, to be deducted up to 100% of one's adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year. Please consult your tax adviser for specific rules regarding your tax deductions; the CARES Act makes it easier to give and save at the same time!



DONATE WITH CONFIDENCE!



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