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## AN IMPORTANT CHOICE IN A TURBULENT YEAR

If 2020 could be described in just one word, I think the best one would be “disruptive.”

Our jobs were disrupted, our schooling was disrupted, our churches were disrupted, and practically every facet of our daily lives was unavoidably disrupted by the greatest pandemic the world has seen since the close of the First World War.

Those of you who read this newsletter every month don’t need to be made aware of this sober reality. The past seven months have been some of the most trying in the Life Center of Long Island’s 34-year history. Like all nonprofits, we were among the hardest hit by the shutdown and subsequent recession, but with your help, we are on the road to (relative) normalcy. **We are truly grateful and thank all of you who were able to support us financially through the pandemic. Because of you, we have served more than 770 clients and confirmed 16 baby saves since March!** It is the women we serve and their children, born and preborn, who are still hurting the most right now. They are why we continue to do what we do.

But not all disruption is bad. The suffragists bore witness to this.

One hundred years ago, our country was a very different place, but history has repeated itself uncannily since that time: We were recovering from that great pandemic, the Spanish flu, and we were also facing another important election. It would be the first election in which fully half of our population would finally be enfranchised, following passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

For centuries, women were legally little more than human chattel, effectively an extension of their husbands’ property. They could not testify in court, serve on juries, do their own banking, or even claim child custody in many cases. And yes, they could not vote.

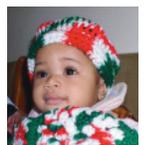
Abortion would not become an electoral issue for another half-century, but it was nothing new. Abortion was illegal but quite common during the struggle for equal suffrage. Infamously (and how familiarly), chemical abortion pills marketed as quack “medicine” were incredibly prevalent throughout the 19th century. A New York City abortionist named Ann Trow Lohman was so prolific in hawking her deadly wares under the pseudonym “Madame Restell” that abortion was commonly referred to as “Restellism.” The suffragists considered abortion a symptom of society’s failure to put women first and asserted that it was desperation under unforgiving circumstances that would cause them to reject the gift of motherhood.

It was none other than Susan B. Anthony who said that any law banning abortion would have to be coupled with social support to help women in need: “It seems to be only mowing off the top of the noxious weed, while the root remains. We want *prevention*, not merely punishment. We must reach the *root* of the evil, and destroy it.... Guilty? Yes, no matter what the motive, love of ease, or a desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed. It will burden her conscience in life, it will burden her soul in death; but oh! thrice guilty is he who, for selfish gratification, heedless of her prayers, drove her to the desperation which impelled her to the crime.”

**The Life Center of Long Island is that prevention.** When you vote this fall, keep Anthony’s words in mind. Keep both the babies and their mothers in mind. They need us now, just as they did a century ago. Except now, they have an army of voting, empowered women (and men) on their side.

**If you missed our Virtual Gala on Saturday, October 3, visit [www.lifecenterli.org/gala](http://www.lifecenterli.org/gala) to view that special evening with Guest Speaker Monsignor James Lisante.**

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**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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FROM THE DESK OF

*The CEO*

## Women First PREGNANCY OPTIONS



We are excited to announce that after 34 years of saving babies and supporting infants and their families with material aid and numerous community resources, our three pregnancy care centers known as **AAA Pregnancy Options** have been rebranded to **WOMEN FIRST** Pregnancy Options! Why?

Our new name, **WOMEN FIRST Pregnancy Options**, more accurately reflects our mission and the business we are in: helping **women first** with options when they find out they are pregnant. Studies indicate that women believe that pregnancy care centers only care about saving the lives of their babies, but what about the women? Our brand-new name reflects that the woman is first.

The pro-life movement and our tactics are constantly changing and evolving, but our skill and our will were tested like never before during this once-in-a-century pandemic. We recognize that we too must change and evolve, because the future of saving preborn lives depends on how we face the world and identify critical resources to better assist women in their moment of need.

Enhancing technology can have an adverse impact on health and relationships. The COVID-19 pandemic has not only affected every facet of our lives but also the lives of the preborn through unfortunate expansion of telemedicine chemical abortions.

Telemedicine, or “telemed,” abortion combines medication abortion, which uses pills to end a pregnancy, and telemedicine, which allows health providers to supervise the use of abortions via videoconferencing or telephone consultations so the woman never actually visits a doctor in real time. ***She can self-abort, alone, at home. It’s a DIY abortion.***

Although Planned Parenthood closed many facilities this year due to decreased federal funding, their efforts shifted to marketing the two-day abortion pills, commonly known as RU-486, through telemed abortions. They profit by charging women up to and beyond \$500 for the two pills, which are only an \$80 cost to them!

Pro-life politicians across our country have used the pandemic to block access to abortion, arguing it is not essential health care and supporting limitations in the interest of conserving personal protective equipment (PPE) for COVID-19 cases. A few pro-abortion organizations, however, falsely claim that abortion is time-sensitive, essential “health care,” and lack of access may negatively impact a woman’s life, health, and well-being. Those doctors, in fact, are calling for ***easier and more access to abortion***, not reducing the perceived need for it.

Nothing in America or in the world takes more lives than abortion, and these are the weakest and most defenseless human beings. Planned Parenthood alone still kills more than 340,000 preborn babies in abortions every year, and climbing.

Abortion remains the most urgent social and moral problem we face. Even COVID-19 has pushed the abortion issue to a boiling point here in America. Abortion supporters are ***more brazen*** than ever, pro-life people ***are taking more courageous steps*** than ever, and our local, state, and national elections provide us the ***most important opportunity*** ever to secure legal protection for these children.

It is imperative that as our clients’ behavior evolves, so too must our brand. We must stay relevant and at the forefront of the culture. Our rebranding efforts will include integrating the newest technology and enhancements in social media, including our newly updated client website, to reach our women faster and more easily, in real time, because they deserve better.

Young people in an unplanned pregnancy often feel they have nowhere to turn, making the free and confidential resources **WOMEN FIRST Pregnancy Options**, will continue to provide life-changing for so many.

As a caring alternative, our technology enhancements at **WOMEN FIRST Pregnancy Options**, will provide a truly personalized approach and non-judgmental, fact-based education for clients and their families, enabling them to make truly informed and empowered decisions about their pregnancy, while we remain steadfast in providing alternatives to abortion and contraceptives.

We will continue our compassionate consultations and free services to clients at each of our centers under this new name. This rebranding is expected to reflect services broader than just providing emergency help amid an unplanned pregnancy. Our goal is to provide and extend a variety of crucial services to young women and men within our communities, especially our underserved, low-income clients.

**As we move forward, we remain committed to the mission that has brought us here today. Please pray that our efforts serve even more abortion-vulnerable women and men in our mission to save lives.**

Blessings,

*Gloria*





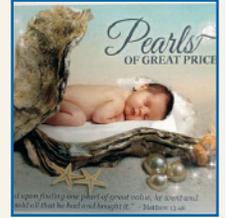
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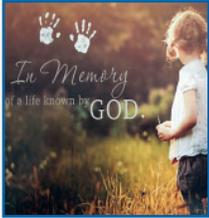
We are thankful for a donation made to the Life Center of Long Island in honor of:

**Suzanne Russell**

May you continue to share in God's love and grace.



## IN LOVING MEMORY



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

**Denise DeBobes Patricia Gallego**

We commend their souls, 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.



## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



At this fraught time, it is easy to feel apprehensive regarding life issues and the direction in which some office holders have taken in regard to the sanctity of human life.

There are ways you can help restore respect for the dignity of life from conception to natural death.

### PRAY

Prayer is powerful. Remember to pray the rosary and ask for the protection of all life, born and preborn.  
Our troubled world needs the intercession of our Holy Mother Mary.

### PARTICIPATE IN THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Pro Bikers For Life will be Sponsoring a **40 Days For Life** Campaign on Long Island NY  
**Sept. 23rd - Nov. 1st**  
 You're invited to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the Unborn during a 40-Day Vigil outside Planned Parenthood... Located at 540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, NY 11550  
 The vigil takes place 6 days a week, ( Mon. to Sat. ) between the hours of 8am - 6pm

**LOVE SAVES LIVES**

**KICK OFF !!!** 40 Days For Life  
 Opening Mass at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church  
**Sept. 19th Sat. 9am**  
 Located at 18 Richardson Pl, Hempstead, NY 11550  
 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be Concelebrated by PBFL Chaplains Fr. Liam McDonald & Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR.  
 Administrator of Parish, Fr. Mariusz Gorazd  
 Afterwards there will be a short procession to Planned Parenthood Hempstead for a Witness and the Rosary.

Pro Bikers  
 Pro Life for Life  
 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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# 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](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org).  
For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746.



## DONATION NEWSFLASH!



### Shop with AmazonSmile

As you prepare to make your Christmas and holiday purchases, please shop using AmazonSmile. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Life Center, at no cost to you! Simply log in to or set up your account at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select **Mother And Unborn Babycare Of Long Island Inc** as the charity you wish to support.

### 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](http://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!



## 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](mailto: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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