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TOUCH OF THE HEART



Many times, our stories of moms who have had a change of heart are very similar in the details of their lives. Panic, stress, and uncertainty are universal in an unplanned pregnancy. But we believe each mom is very unique in how she comes to terms with the life within her.

Sandra*, a middle-aged woman, came to us in a panic. She came with the intention of us helping her get an abortion. Sandra already had a toddler and was in a relationship with a married man with children. Sandra was employed but knew full well the difficulty of raising a child on her own. I am sure the comfort of this relationship was a welcome to her loneliness. But what often transpires when a new child comes into the picture is that the dad is scared. Along with the infidelity of his marital relationship, the father felt no obligation to his preborn child. Sandra found herself alone and stressed with only one option, she thought: abortion.

Sandra came in for a free pregnancy test kit to confirm her pregnancy. When she read the test kit as positive, she shared the results with the consultant. We encouraged her to schedule a sonogram with the Gianna Center of Long Island for Women's Health and Fertility. At this point, she was still determined to have an abortion. Sandra was pretty savvy and did not want to have more information than she needed. She wanted to hide behind the veil of knowing that the local health clinic would offer her an abortion.

We knew it would be best for her to go to the Gianna Center, but Sandra chose to go to her own local health clinic. As we are committed to walk with the moms through their decision-making process, we followed up with Sandra after her sonogram.

Sandra stated how the health clinic made available the sonogram screen. She was two months pregnant and could clearly see the life of the baby in her womb! She could not deny it, and when we spoke with her, she was clear and firm in stating that even though this was such an uncertainty in her life, **she was going to keep the baby**. She realized that this situation was not the baby's fault and that really touched her heart. Sandra had come to know and understand how WOMEN FIRST PREGNANCY OPTIONS would be there to help her by providing needed resources for her and her baby.

Panic, stress, and uncertainty can be alleviated when love, prayer, and hope are offered with understanding and support from our WOMEN FIRST PREGNANCY OPTIONS centers. Thank you to all who support our mission, enabling us to open hearts to the sanctity of life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**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



Our First Virtual Gala

Thank you to all who joined us as we celebrated our 34th anniversary at our **first-ever Virtual Gala** on Saturday, October 3. Thank you to our wonderful Master of Ceremonies, Mr. David Bereit, for his phenomenal energy, enthusiasm, and most of all, his support in making our Gala a success!

We were blessed and privileged to have Monsignor James Lisante as our Guest Speaker. Monsignor inspired all with his unquestionable zest for LIFE and beautifully presented the importance and impact of the mission and work of the Life Center. We are truly blessed to have Monsignor as our Spiritual Advisor!

My organizational report focused on managing through COVID-19. With all of the ambiguity surrounding the pandemic, how do we manage and maneuver through this twilight zone and continue to save babies and serve our communities? There was only one answer: **Turn all fear into faith!** There was no doubt the services we provide are essential: critical to lives being saved, hearts being healed, and futures being rescued.

From the onset of the pandemic and as it intensified, our goal was and is to continue to serve our clients. With visionary help and dedicated leadership, we pivoted and reimagined how to find new ways and practices that might even be new best practices, in order for us to connect with clients, deliver services, and serve our communities. As a result, following is **the impact of our decision to remain open during COVID-19 from March to present:**

- **We assisted 770 clients.**
- **We distributed 50 pregnancy test kits.**
- **We distributed the equivalent of over \$220,000 of baby essential needs.**
- **And most important: We confirmed 16 Babies saved!!**

I also shared three vision points that are our focus: **Innovation, Diversification, and Location/Rebranding to WOMEN FIRST PREGNANCY OPTIONS.**

I expanded upon these points in our Virtual Gala. If you haven't already watched our beautiful Virtual Gala and can spare just shy of 50 minutes of your time, please go to lifecenterli.org/gala to hear these specifics; be inspired by David Bereit, Monsignor Lisante, and our clients' testimonies; and view our Gala Benefactors. We would greatly appreciate your support should you feel called to act to make our event that much more successful! Our Virtual Gala will remain on our donor site as well as YouTube, so please share with your family and friends, including your Facebook friends!

Special thanks to our videographer, Timothy McNicholas, for putting together our beautiful Virtual Gala, and special thanks also to Broadway National for providing our new "WOMEN FIRST PREGNANCY OPTIONS" signs for our three centers! I look forward to your feedback about our event!

Blessings,

Gloria

*Wishing you and your family a
Blessed, Bountiful, and Happy Thanksgiving!*



ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING



All are welcome to join the Life Center Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers to share in prayer and gratitude for God's blessings.

Our Annual Mass of Thanksgiving will be held in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

855 Carmans Road, Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Monday, November 23 at 12:00 noon

Brief reception to follow in the school room #24.



LIFE CENTER POSITION OPPORTUNITY



The Life Center of Long Island 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 must have strong supervisory, training, communication, and interpersonal skills and be able to coordinate client services with staff and volunteers. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel a must. Bachelor's degree preferred, and bilingual a plus. Please send resume to Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org. For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746.





DIAPER FOR DIAPER DRIVE UPDATE



In the months of August and September, through your generosity, we received \$2,140! Our kind anonymous donor has agreed to match up to \$500 per month, enabling us to provide diapers and wipes to 238 clients and their babies. This program has allowed the Life Center to conserve its precious funds for other needed items. You have made a substantial impact to our pro-life mission.



“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” —Matthew 25:40



40 DAYS FOR LIFE



This fall's 40 Days for Life campaign, organized by the Pro Bikers for Life, kicked off with a beautiful Mass concelebrated by four priests at St. Ladislaus church, Hempstead, on September 19. Afterward, Father Liam McDonald led a procession to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic a few blocks away, where the large group prayed the rosary in front of a beautiful pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

So far during this prayer and fasting campaign, sidewalk counselors have directed several women to our Hempstead center for pregnancy test kits. Several of them were abortion-minded. We're able to provide truthful information in a moral context that benefits them for a lifetime. Of those who tested positive, one woman was leaning toward abortion, and that was why she was going to Planned Parenthood. But they wouldn't see her because she had neither cash nor insurance. Hearing that everything the Life Center offers is free, she came right over. In the consultation, she learned about the development and sanctity of the preborn baby she was carrying, and she was scheduled for an ultrasound a few days later. **After seeing her ultrasound, this mother chose life for her baby.**

This is just one of many situations the prayer warriors encounter, thanks to people who give of their time to stand outside the abortion clinic. Only God knows how many abortion-minded women are influenced not to abort by driving past Planned Parenthood and seeing people praying with their signs. Please consider giving an hour of your time! While 40 Days for Life ends on November 1, there are groups who pray outside the Hempstead Planned Parenthood regularly year round.



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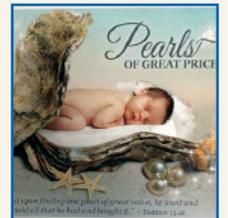
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Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary!

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



IN LOVING MEMORY



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