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## SEEK THE WAY OF LOVE

Every parent of an adopted infant shares something else besides love of his or her new baby: gratitude for the birth mother. Knowing how tempting it is to take the “easy” way out these days — abortion — for birth mothers to choose an adoption plan is remarkable.

Sadly, in the U.S. far more babies are aborted than are placed with a waiting family each year. This is the reason many U.S. parents who seek to adopt have looked to other countries, as my family did about 18 years ago. There are American children available for adoption, usually through foster care, but they’re rarely infants, and they are often siblings who should be adopted together. For parents hoping for a newborn, the thousands of babies aborted every year is an extra tragedy.

It’s so exasperating that Planned Parenthood never brings up adoption to the young women who come to them facing an unexpected pregnancy. While PP loves to say they’re all about “choice,” they never bring up the obvious choice that would be the solution for waiting parents. How do I know this? In eight years of talking with our clients, I’ve asked many who’d been to PP in an unexpected pregnancy before they found us, “Did anyone there mention adoption to you?” Not once has anyone said, “Yes.” Of course, we know the reason: Live babies don’t make any money for PP; only aborted babies do.

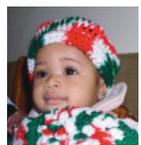
Many of the women I talk to didn’t realize how many couples are waiting to adopt. We’ve received pleading letters, asking us to please tell our “undecided” clients about them. The letters describe the life they want to provide for a child, with photos of aunts, uncles, and grandparents; where they go to the beach; family barbecues; Christmastime; the family dog; a recent vacation. Some of these waiting parents set up a website. Others hand out fliers in front of abortion centers. One family I know has been telling me for three years they’d love to adopt ANY baby a mom can’t raise herself, for any reason; they don’t need to know any background... they’ll take the first baby available.

It comes as a surprise to some to learn that many of our clients in an unexpected pregnancy readily say they plan to abort, but when asked, “Have you thought about adoption?” they immediately say, “Oh, no, I could never give my baby up to someone else.” I struggle with this response. Naturally, my head is thinking, “But you just said you’d be OK with having your baby killed!” But the approach we take is much more gentle and encouraging.

When I bring up adoption with a client, I share that I’m an adoptive mom and that each year, when we celebrate my son Jimmy’s adoption day, we make a point of praising his birth mom. For whatever reasons, she was unable to raise him, but out of love for him, continued with her pregnancy knowing she would be offering him to another family. Because of her selflessness, he’s part of our family. I tell them that they don’t have to decide right now, as they’ve just found out they’re pregnant and are often feeling overwhelmed. My suggestion is to start praying, asking God to be in the situation, to see her baby’s ultrasound, to consider any support around her and the resources we can help her with, and to just have adoption as a possibility in the back of her head. Sometimes our “undecided” clients are relieved to know that they don’t have to commit to adopting until after the baby is born. She can think and pray about it and consider many prospective parents, even talk to them by phone, while continuing with her pregnancy.

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**Patty Knap**  
**Hempstead 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*

## Your Choice for HOPE Will Impact Saving Babies' Lives in 2021

*"You know, this is the moment for which you've been created."*

I recently came upon this Bible verse, Esther 4:14: "Even if you now remain silent, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another source; but you and your father's house will perish." **In essence**, "You know, this is the moment for which you've been created."

*This Bible quote inspired me to pivot from what I was originally going to write to you for my New Year's column to what I was led to share with you.*

The main message for me of Esther is that God is working behind the scenes. There is a divine purpose for all of the decisions and details documented in each of our individual LIFE stories, yet none of that becomes apparent until later or until the end. God arranges all "secular" events to bring about His divine plan and purpose for each of us. God has put you on this Earth at this time and has placed you where you are and with the people you are with for a reason.

This prompted me to reflect on my life, family, and the span of my career for the purpose and plan God has for me. Well, it finally became clear.

Having worked in prominent positions with top-brand corporations, such as the Walt Disney Company and others, I was fortunate to have worked with excellent leadership through executives committed to surpassing company expectations of guest experiences and thus ensuring maximum success. However, I never imagined that **one day** I would have **GOD as my Boss!**

**How awesome the calling, yet awesome the ultimate responsibility the calling required — leading our team in saving babies' lives: God's divine plan!!**

In addition to being a wife and mother, and while working full time in for-profit corporate America, I felt the calling to be a volunteer as a Life Center Baby Bottle Campaign speaker, then volunteered on the Dinner Dance Committee, which eventually led to applying for the Assistant Executive Director position, leading to Chief Executive Officer for the Life Center. I never would have imagined — yet God did!

Similar to my calling, you will know when God will tenderly call you, touch your heart, and encourage you to reach out to those you know who will want to become involved with the mission of the Life Center to save babies' lives and help moms and dads in capacities you never even thought of or envisioned before.

Have you ever made a big mistake and wished you could take it back?

Sure, we all have. And we believe no woman should ever feel forced to have or finish an abortion she immediately regrets. You ARE this friend to women in crisis, the one who shares they are not trapped but have life-giving options.

Please pray and listen to God's call speaking to you how your time, talents, and treasures can assist in the pro-life mission.

Your gift will keep our ministry to women in unexpected pregnancies on track. We are counting on the support of friends like you.

Blessings,

*Gloria*

*Happy New Year 2021!*



### LIFE CENTER POSITION OPPORTUNITY



The Life Center of Long Island is in search of a part-time staff member to fill our **Communications Coordinator** position. This position is mostly remote but requires occasional work at our Massapequa facility, located at 35 East Willow Street.

The candidate must have strong communication and interpersonal skills. Proficiency in social media, writing/editing, and public relations is required. Bachelor's degree preferred; master's 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**.



## SEEK THE WAY OF LOVE (cont'd from Page 1)

One crucial aspect of adoption we share with undecided clients is that women who offer their baby for adoption are so much better off emotionally, physically, and spiritually than women who have an abortion. This anecdotal information is now supported by research. We often recommend the website BraveLove.org for our clients. It's a pro-adoption site that has video testimonies of birth moms expressing how glad they are to have chosen adoption and also videos of adoptive parents who are so grateful to birth moms.

The main point we emphasize to our undecided moms is: If you rush and abort this baby today, there's nothing else to consider. That usually has devastating consequences, if not immediately, then later on. You may really regret you didn't wait to consider your options more fully. I'll urge them to slow down, not rush their decision. Unfortunately, abortion will still be legal a month or two from now, so why not seek God's guidance, let us get you a free ultrasound, and start considering adoption? Abortion centers try to pressure moms to decide immediately, so the mom has no chance to pray, to see her ultrasound, to seek help, to consider adoption. Usually, we find that as time goes by and they're less panicky, a plan falls into place. Not long ago, one woman who decided to keep her baby, said, "I'm so glad I didn't rush and have an abortion!"

## MARCH FOR LIFE 2021

The national March for Life in Washington D.C. is going forward on Friday, January 29, 2021.  
For more details and information on transportation, kindly email Jack at AOH11@Live.com.

For those who prefer to rally closer to home, **MARCH FOR LIFE NY** will gather on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 11 a.m., at the H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. The Dennison Building has ample parking to accommodate all pro-life advocates wishing to attend. There will be incredible speakers, spirit-filled music, vendor tables, and much more! If you or your organization would like to be a sponsor for this amazing, life-affirming event, please contact Pastor Joni Lupis at 631-681-7275, or visit [marchforlifeny.org](http://marchforlifeny.org). Let's give public witness to the sanctity of life!



## IN LOVING MEMORY

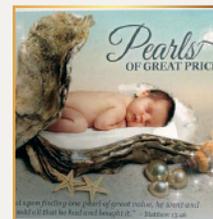


*The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in loving memory of the following:*

**Patricia Hughes ~ Joseph Anthony Keegan**

*We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, to the loving embrace of our Father.*

*The Life Center of Long Island has Memorial and Honorarium cards available. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 for details.*



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Life Center of Long Island wishes to thank the following parishes and their parishioners, as well as the following groups for providing Christmas gifts for our clients' babies and families this holiday season. The generosity has been overwhelming and truly emblematic of the life-affirming kindness we are called to bestow on those less fortunate. Together, we were able to bring joy and God's peace to his children in need.

### Parishes

Holy Family, Hicksville  
St. Joseph, Kings Park  
St. Mark, Shoreham  
St. Matthew, Dix Hills

St. Patrick, Smithtown  
St. Raymond, East Rockaway  
St. Thomas More, Hauppauge

Families of St. John, Center Moriches  
Sarah McNicolas  
Residents of the Village Green, Levittown

# MY EAGLE PROJECT AT THE LIFE CENTER



Hello! My name is Matthew Zaromatidis, and I am an Eagle Scout Candidate from Troop 544 in New Hyde Park. I have recently completed my Eagle Scout project, which benefited the Life Center's Massapequa location.

I was first inspired to help the cause for Life as my Eagle Project after my attendance at the 2019 March for Life in Washington D.C. I learned about the Life Center of Long Island then, and I reached out to Mrs. Gloria Schreiber, their director. She was very excited that I wanted to do my project for the Life Center, and she said that a Baby Bottle Campaign, baby items collection, and the renovation of the reception room would help the most.



I first ran the Baby Bottle Campaign and baby items collection at my parish, Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park, at all of the weekend Masses from January 18 through February 9. I gave a speech at each of the Masses the first weekend and then handed out the baby bottles at the end of each Mass, reminding everyone to bring them back the next week. Each subsequent weekend, I collected people's baby bottles and other donations, such as diapers, wipes, clothing, etc., and I placed them in the church's convent for storage. At the end of the Baby Bottle Campaign, I sorted all the items and gave them all to the Life Center, along with the money. I had raised over \$14,000 through the baby bottles, and I had collected hundreds of baby items — so many that I stuffed the Life Center's van!



Unfortunately, my project was then put on hold for several months, due to the pandemic's shutdowns and restrictions. I was eventually able to do a car wash fundraiser on July 25, 2020, and it was a wonderful success! I raised over \$1,200, which was much more than my \$700 original goal for my renovation costs.



I then worked with the Life Center to pick out flooring and paint for the reception room that I was going to renovate for them. On October 24, 2020, with the help of five other boys from my troop, and under the instruction of my grandfather — who has put in flooring many times before — I was able to install new flooring and blinds and paint the reception room at the Massapequa center.

With my extra \$500 from my fundraiser, the Life Center is looking to purchase and install new flooring throughout the first floor of the entire center. I am very grateful to have been able to help the Life Center with my project. It brings me great joy knowing how many babies have been and will be saved from the work at the Life Center.



**Matthew Zaromatidis,**  
**Eagle Scout Candidate**

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