



# Life Center of Long Island

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*A Voice for the Unborn  
on Long Island*

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## FROM SORROW, A BABY IS SAVED

Our centers have seen and heard every imaginable situation, and we know not to make any assumptions about the people who walk through our doors. More than once, I've guessed wrong and misjudged a client's situation.

So when Dana\*, age 15, walked in recently with an older woman who I thought could be her mom, I wasn't surprised to learn she was actually her aunt. Dana was pregnant and looked anxious and overwhelmed. She said she wanted to ask about abortion. I assumed the aunt was supporting an abortion. But in asking questions, it was obvious Dana didn't really want an abortion; she just felt she had no choice other than aborting. She described a chaotic home life: Her parents were divorced and fighting, one was an alcoholic, and the other worked two jobs and was never around. Dana had been bounced back and forth between the two parents and had been having a boy over when no one was home.

That boy disappeared the moment Dana said she was pregnant. He told her to have an abortion "like everyone else." She felt she couldn't tell her mother about the pregnancy and figured her father would be furious. She felt trapped and made an abortion appointment at Planned Parenthood.

She was sitting in the abortion center's parking lot, praying and crying. That's when she thought of calling her Aunt Anne\*. She could barely get the words out, expecting a barrage of criticisms. Instead, Anne kept saying, "It's OK. It's OK. Just do not go in that place." And then, she shared with her niece that 35 years ago, she, too, had become pregnant as a teenager, at 16. She told her she was coming to get her, and that's when they came into our center. On their way in, Dana's aunt told her she'd aborted that baby and had been suffering because of it ever since. She said she remembers the anniversary every year, thinks of that baby every time she sees a pregnant woman or another baby, and would do anything to keep Dana from going through the same torture. She said it was the worst decision of her life, and compounding the pain was realizing that the abortion providers purposely omitted any info that would have caused her to reconsider. She had gone through our Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat, which did help her realize that God surely forgave her.

Anne had tears in her eyes as she told me she had brought Dana in to help convince her not to abort her baby. Once again, I'd assumed wrong! I was happy to show her our fetal models, to explain the sanctity of human life from the very first moment, and to share all of the ramifications of abortion on the mother. But what I said paled in comparison to the raw grief Dana's aunt was sharing, pleading that Dana wouldn't make the same tragic, life-altering mistake.

It was among the most beautiful witnesses I have ever heard. She told Dana she was welcome to come live with her and her family, and Dana agreed that would be best for her now. This woman so wanted to help this baby live and was directing her pain toward helping her niece. We scheduled an ultrasound, and Dana chose some maternity clothes to take home. She said she just needed one person to give her hope. Who better to persuade a young woman against ending the life of her own child than a devastated mother who wishes she never had?

\*Names changed to protect confidentiality.

**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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FROM THE DESK OF  
*The CEO*



GLORIA SCHREIBER

## ***Our Baby Bottle Campaigns Save Lives***

**W**e at the Life Center reimagined how to remain open and available for our clients throughout COVID-19 because we are essential to our community here on Long Island.

Our year-end results for 2020 reveal that we distributed 163 pregnancy test kits, gave material aid to 1,751 client visits, and ***saved 36 babies' lives!***

Last year presented many challenges, especially financially. That is why I am sharing with you the importance of our Baby Bottle Campaigns, which are an integral part of the Life Center of Long Island's operations. Our Baby bottle Campaigns provide the necessary funding for our centers' vital services to the individuals in need of pregnancy support, enabling us to celebrate the beauty of the lives that have been touched and saved through our ministry. They also raise awareness about the tremendous resources and educational programs available so women in unplanned pregnancies and families in tremendous need can make truly informed, empowered decisions and better choices for themselves and their families. Most important, **they reinforce our primary mission: to support and defend the sanctity of life.**

We are extremely grateful to the parishes that support us with our Baby Bottle Campaigns, especially those which attempted a campaign just prior to COVID, including Matthew Zaromatidis for his Eagle Scout project and Chaminade High School. Thank you to the coordinators of the following parishes who completed Campaigns just prior to Christmas to assist the Life Center: Sacred Heart, Merrick; Our Lady Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst; Holy Family, Hicksville; St. Edwards, Syosset; St. Mary's, East Islip; St. Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace; St. Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square; Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park; Mary Immaculate, Bellport.

I have had many parents call us and share how they love our Baby Bottle Campaigns because the bottles are tangible, visible items that appeal and touch the heart of their family and open the door for the parents to begin having family discussions about the sanctity of life. The campaigns inspire and motivate people to become involved in the pro-life movement, either by becoming an on-site volunteer at one of our centers, a remote volunteer such as a Baby Bottle Campaign speaker, a furniture pickup driver, etc., or by becoming a financial supporter. Our campaign speech often leads people who hurt from abortion to contact us about our after-abortion healing programs for women and men. We are enhancing our Campaign with a new marketing DVD and parish bulletin inserts, and we welcome creative speaking engagement and baby shower opportunities as appropriate during the pandemic.

We are blessed and thank our dedicated Baby Bottle Campaign speakers, who are our frontline public relations volunteers. They are the "first voice" of the Life Center to parish communities and deliver our mission with passion and heartfelt sincerity. We appreciate coordination of new campaigns!



**The following is a testimony from one of our Campaign speakers, Rich Ellwood:**

*I have been blessed to participate in the pro-life ministry through the Baby Bottle Campaign as a public relations speaker. This ministry has given me the opportunity to speak to the communities of many churches throughout Long Island, from the South Shore, to the North Shore, to the East End of Long Island.*

*I have the unique privilege to inform them of the opportunity that the Life Center offers every day to women and men about the choice they have: the choice to choose life!*

*People always come up to me after I speak to tell me how grateful they are for the great job the Life Center is providing to women and men in need. One time in particular continues to resonate with me: After speaking about the Life Center and the Baby Bottle program, a woman approached me in tears. She told me that while I was speaking about the Life Center, specifically how we rescued 153 babies over the previous two years, she saw an angel towering over me as I spoke. To this day, just writing or talking about that experience fills me with gratitude... and humility... and awe.*

Blessings,

*Gloria*

**Matthew Zaromatidis,  
Eagle Scout Project**



THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND IS HIRING!

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



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 résumé to Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org. For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Pro Bikers for Life is Sponsoring A 40 Days for Life Campaign on Long Island, New York February 13 to March 27

YOU ARE INVITED to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the unborn during a 40-day vigil outside of Planned Parenthood, located at: **540 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550.**

THE VIGIL TAKES PLACE 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

SIGN-UP INFO: [www.40daysforlife.com/Hempstead](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Hempstead)

SINCE THE FIRST coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign took place in 2007

VIGILS HAVE BEEN HELD in more than 1,000 cities in 63 countries

SEE AMAZING RESULTS: [www.40daysforlife.com/about-results.aspx](http://www.40daysforlife.com/about-results.aspx)





## Adopt a Mom and Child Program

The average Life Center client receives approximately \$300.00 in donated goods and services. Help us help more women and children by joining our **ADOPT A MOM AND CHILD PROGRAM**.

*The Life Center’s mission is to reach abortion-bound women and change their hearts for Life. We can’t do this without your help. Only God knows how many babies have been saved from abortion because of the work of the Life Center and generous supporters like you.*

**Level #1** — For \$25.00 a month for 12 months (\$300.00 total), support one mother and child.

**Level #2** — For \$100.00 a month for 12 months (\$1,200.00 total), support four mothers and children.

**Level #3** — For \$300.00 a month for 12 months (\$3,600.00 total), support twelve mothers and children.

Should you wish to participate in this program, kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or visit our donor website at [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org) and click on the DONATE tab.

*Thank you for your love and generosity.*

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## Diaper for Diaper Drive

A donor who wishes to remain anonymous has generously continued to match all monetary donations for diapers and wipes up to \$500 monthly for 2021. Diapers are essential: Most of our clients do not have access to in-home laundry, and keeping babies clean is paramount to good health. **Be sure to make checks payable to the Life Center of Long Island and put “Diaper Drive” in the memo section. Mail to the Life Center at 1767 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729. You may also donate online by going to [lifecenterli.org/online-donation](http://lifecenterli.org/online-donation) and selecting “DIAPER FOR DIAPER DRIVE” from the dropdown menu.**

*As always, your generosity is very much appreciated; we cannot do this work without you!*

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## 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 tell them that you wish to donate your vehicle to the Life Center of Long Island. Our EIN # is 11-2767098. You may also visit [www.carsforcharity.net](http://www.carsforcharity.net), click the “**Find a Charity**” button, and select “**Life Center of Long Island.**” Fill out the donation form and submit to begin the car donation process. Cars for Charity will schedule your fast, free pickup! It’s that easy!

### PLEASE NOTE:

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