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I SEE YOU, I HEAR YOU, I AM YOU, I CARE

Kindness brings lasting friendships and trust. When dealing with our clients at the Life Center it is imperative that we acknowledge their fears and show understanding and care. It makes all the difference for vulnerable clients to know they are not facing a difficult situation alone.

Three weeks ago, I received a phone call from a client friend named Tess*. Tess had come to us over five years ago. Her daughter, Emma*, now an adorable 5 year old, is what we at the Life Center refer to as a "Baby Save".

Tess and I had kept in touch over the years. Tess's health hasn't always been good. I like getting updates about her current situation. She currently resides out of state, to be nearer to family.

On this recent call, I could hear she was crying. Tess told me she is eight weeks pregnant and with a current diagnosis of narcolepsy, she is feeling overwhelmed. She currently is taking medication in order to have a normal day, fighting the tendency to fall asleep, especially as the day wears on. The medications enable her to work, and Tess is reluctant to stop them.

Tess feels that because of her prescriptions, her baby's development will be negatively impacted. She said she felt it would be inhumane to continue with the pregnancy.

In our darkest hour, it is often the smallest spark of grace that brings the gift of light. I encouraged her to see a doctor right away, to take pre-natal vitamins, and drink plenty of water. I suggested an ultrasound would also be beneficial to allay her fears.

Our phone call ended, and I knew I had to trust God and pray for a life-affirming outcome. A week went by and Tess sent me an ultrasound picture of her baby. The doctor has adjusted some of her medications, which will allow Tess to continue her routine, while lessening any harmful side effects to her baby.

Tess is happy with her decision, although still anxious. I will keep in touch with her, and encourage her to continue to follow a healthy regimen. Knowing that there are people that listen to her and care about her has made a difference in her choice for life. Never underestimate the power of prayer and kindness.

Happy New Year

Meg Malley
Hempstead Staff



**Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.*



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

Happy New Year!

GLORIA SCHREIBER

Smithtown, We Have Landed!

I, and we, at the Life Center can't thank you enough for the generous and steadfast manner, in which you have partnered with us this past crazy year. As we approach the New Year with hope, we pause to reflect on our journey throughout the year 2021, which wasn't exactly what we were expecting. Though it was an improvement on 2020, it raised new challenges...divisions over vaccine mandates, to mask or not to mask, and an aggressive abortion agenda in some states, while others thankfully and boldly stood for the sanctity of life.



For the past half-century, the United States of America has dominated a category no one would ever want to own. We have, as a nation, one of the most radical abortion regimes in the world. *We have in New York, one of the most radical abortion laws in the country.*



Even though the most pro-abortion government in U.S. history is in power...there are many reasons for HOPE at the grassroots level! 40 Days for Life stated 5 signs that we are winning after research through Human Life Review:

Abortion advocates are getting more desperate; State-level policy is more pro-life; 84% of young people are increasingly pro-life; The pro-life position is more politically popular than ever before; Pro-life prayer is more popular than ever before.

As we work to save lives from abortion and educate and empower women *and* men to make positive choices, pro-abortion activists continue to target our work.

However, YOUR support gave us the inspiration and confidence to move forward in faith. Since Covid began, we have saved **62** babies; distributed **343** Pregnancy Test Kits; Served 3,407 families with material aid the equivalent of **over 1 million** dollars!

While we were planning potential satellite offices on the north and south shores, God had different plans for us. Having the opportunity to have one of our centers open only 500 ft from the largest surgical and chemical abortion site in Smithtown, Long Island was non-negotiable. Hence...our new Smithtown center at 91 Maple Avenue is now open on Friday's 10am to 4 pm to start and as we build our team of volunteers, will gradually expand hours of operation to six days a week, Monday's through Friday's and 1/2 day on Saturday's. We are blessed to introduce our new staff person Mary Bebber (please see pg. 3) who will be running our new Smithtown Women First Pregnancy Options center.

We thank God for a beautiful Grand Opening Day on Saturday, December 4th and we thank all those that attended and made this an even more special event. We especially thank Monsignor Walden, Pastor of St. Patrick's in Smithtown who conducted the actual ribbon cutting; Pastor Mike Lawver of Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle joined Msgr. Walden in the blessing of our new center; Legislature Leslie Kennedy and Comptroller John Kennedy who presented beautiful Proclamations; Knights of Columbus #12006 who gave our 1st donations of winter coats.

Looking to make a difference in this New Year? Please partner with us to rescue more babies lives by participating in our Adopt a Mom and Child Program and/or our matching programs Answering His Call Phone Drive and/or Diaper for Diaper Drive. We would love to have you as a Volunteer!



Msgr. Walden and Pastor Mike pray over our Smithtown Building

Blessings,

Gloria

*Wishing you a Happy, Healthy
and Prosperous New Year!*





INTRODUCING...



Lauren Phillips joined the Life Center of Long Island as the Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator in March 2019 and has recently been appointed as Center Director of our Massapequa Center. She and her husband currently reside in Massapequa with their two children. She attended Iona College where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Language Pathology/Audiology. She continued her studies at the University of West Alabama and received a Master's Degree in Counseling/ Psychology. Lauren then had the good fortune of working at a private school in Hilton Head, SC as the Director of Guidance and Student Services. Having been educated entirely through Catholic schools and sending her children to parochial schools, she welcomes the opportunity to work in an environment like that of the Life Center of Long Island that embraces the Christian values she has acquired as a fundamental foundation for its mission grounded on the ideals and values of our Christian faith.

Mary Regina Bebber recently joined the staff of the Life Center of Long Island as the Center Director for our new Smithtown location. She and her husband, Charlie, are the parents of seven children. Mary has a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering Chemistry from SUNY Stony Brook. Prior to joining the Life Center, Mary worked for a physician affiliated with one of New York's largest healthcare providers, responsible for the clinical and administrative aspects of the practice. Mary believes that an encounter with Our Lady of Guadalupe at a March for Life in 1995 changed the course of her life. As with her own motherhood and that of our Blessed Mother, Mary felt a calling to help others see the beauty and miracle of life.



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU!



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

**St. Raymond Parish, East Rockaway ~ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Lindenhurst
St. Matthew Parish, Dix Hills ~ Holy Family Parish, Hicksville ~ St. Patrick Parish, Smithtown
Catholic Daughters of the Americas # 832 Court Ave Maria, Kings Park**

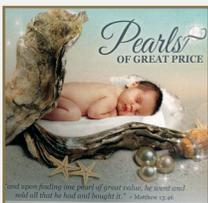
Pictured top left: Through the kindness of Charlie Ludwig, Jack Martin, Jaden Megias and Andrew Marino of Sacred Heart Parish, Merrick, we received an overwhelming number of toys and Christmas gifts for our clients' children.

Pictured left to right: Charlie, Jack and Jaden. Bless you!

Pictured Right: Our heartfelt appreciation to the members of the Knight of Columbus Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Council # 12006 who answered our call for donations of toddler winter coats. Pictured are member Knights at our new Smithtown office. You're the best!



IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Kevin Patrick Sturm ~ Irene Buatti

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





HONORARIUMS



The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in honor of

**Patricia Scanlon Sturm
and
Happy Birthday to Valerie Wipperman**



May you both be graced with happiness in God's eternal love.

The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" and "Honorary" cards available. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746, or email ntantone@lifecenterli.org for details.



OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



On October 24, 2021, the Life Center of Long Island celebrated its 35th Anniversary with a Gala event at the beautiful Muttontown Club. It was a sunny, crisp, autumn afternoon attended by our benefactors, Board of Directors, staff and volunteers. We are proud to have had Dr. Paul Carpentier of the Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility as our Distinguished Honoree, and Father Liam McDonald, pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux, as our Guest Speaker.

Thank you to all that made this event a success!



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