



# Life Center of Long Island

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## POWER OF PRAYER

I was calling clients to confirm appointments for the next day. Many who are scheduled to come and see us are coming in for basic necessities for their babies. They are in need of diapers, wipes, formula, and sometimes a stroller, crib or car seat.

I reached one client, Ellie\*, and she seemed very hesitant to come in. She sounded very young, and extremely scared. She told me she didn't know if she would actually still be coming in for her scheduled appointment. I asked Ellie why she had made the original appointment and did she have a baby that was in need of items? She said "No...I am pregnant and I just don't know if I am going to keep 'it'. I am thinking about getting an abortion, and I am just not sure what to do, so I think I should cancel my appointment." I began to ask her questions and learned that this was her first pregnancy. Ellie was unsure how far along she was, and said she was all alone and didn't have any support around her.

I asked her to please keep the appointment so we could talk about everything and provide her with all the information she would need to make an informed decision. I told Ellie the unknown is often scary, and if she would let me fill in all the blanks for her about abortion, pregnancy and all her possible options, she may feel more in control when making her decision. Ellie agreed, and we met the next day.

I found her to be very sweet, very young and very much alone. Ellie's mother had died when Ellie was a toddler, and her father had pretty much disowned her. The woman whose family had taken Ellie in told her she would throw her out if she kept the baby. The father of the baby lives in another state, and Ellie doesn't see him often. He told Ellie she should abort, and that she wouldn't be able to handle 'it'.

After listening to her, I shared with Ellie all her options, including housing. I explained that a maternity home would provide her with support and skills she would need to take care of herself and her child. I also shared with her the beauty of adoption if she felt parenting was not right for her at this time in her life. I also offered Ellie a free sonogram so she could learn how far along she was and discuss any concerns she may have with a doctor.

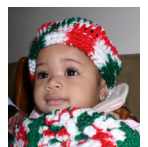
I gave her information on the risks and hurt that come from abortion, and how it is a decision she will have to live with for the rest of her life. I told her there are things we may do in life that we can go back and do over, or apologize for and make better. Abortion is not one of them. You don't get a do-over; you don't get the baby back. I could tell Ellie was listening and she agreed to the sonogram, but didn't have a ride to get there, so we made travel arrangements so she could keep the appointment, and I was able to accompany her.

The sonogram showed a beautiful window into her womb, revealing a healthy 2 month old child. Ellie seemed relieved, yet scared. I have touched base with her several times since, and Ellie has had good days and bad, and continues to struggle with the lack of support. The father of the child still wants Ellie to abort. But she told me she is keeping the baby and considering moving to a maternity residence. The Life Center will continue to give her the support she needs going forward. Please pray for her and her little one.

*\*Name has been 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*

## **Reprotection**

**R**eprotection is a new organization that has joined our prolife network. It is a non-profit that exists to help prolife advocates protect women and children from harm through investigations that hold abortion businesses accountable, and close down dangerous abortion providers..

How **Reprotection** began-Reprotection founder and Public Policy Analyst, Cathie Humbarger, became active in the prolife fight over 40 years ago when a friend shared her abortion experience with her. She was blessed to walk with her friend through the healing process. Cathie has since served on numerous prolife boards, including 20 years as the Executive Director of Right to Life of Northeast Indiana. Cathie also serves as Director of Public Policy for Safe Haven Baby Boxes developing legislation in states to enable the installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes.

One Thursday morning, Cathie looked out her office window at the local abortion business and saw women stumbling down the steps after abortion procedures. No wheelchair. No wheelchair ramp. She wondered, "What else is going on behind the doors of the notorious abortionist Ulrich Klopfer's business?" As she began to look deeper, the lack of wheelchair access was only the beginning! Klopfer was violating numerous state health and medical codes. Extension cords were running through puddles of water in the basement procedure room. He wasn't reporting child abuse victims as young as 12 to Child Protective Services. And he consistently botched abortions, leading to infections and hysterectomies. **You would think that egregious violations like these would raise alarm with local and state authorities, but they didn't.**

Cathie and her team filed over 2000 complaints against abortionist Klopfer, resulting in his three abortion centers being closed in Indiana. His medical license was then suspended with stringent stipulations that caused him to stop practicing altogether. He would never harm women again. But Cathie quickly learned that the negligence in oversight for abortionist Klopfer was common practice. **Abortion businesses were not being held accountable for dangerous violations**, and Cathie's efforts naturally expanded with inquiries about the abortion industry nationwide and how it continues to escape the scrutiny the law requires. Cathie's team needed to respond on a national level and brought on board **national prolife leader and former founder of 40 Days for Life, David Bereit, who helped establish Reprotection with its launch on January 2, 2020, now serving as the Chairman of the Board.**

Reprotection has grown, and Cathy now serves as Director of Public Policy and promoted Missy Martinez-Stone to CEO in September of 2021. Missy continues Reprotection's mission to enforce administrative code and laws by gathering evidence, filing complaints, and providing information to authorities resulting in disciplinary action against abortionists and the indefinite suspension of medical licenses. Recently, Missy and her investigators stopped construction of a new Planned Parenthood in Brighton, New York, where currently there is a temporary location.

Easter commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus and celebrates the defeat of death and the hope of salvation. We look forward to working with Missy and her team at Reprotection as they are called to be God's instruments through their work, giving us hope that such injustice will be exposed and women and children protected from indifference and maltreatment.

Blessings,

*Gloria*

**Happy Easter!**



WITH PURPOSE

## IN LOVING MEMORY



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

**Theresa Egan ~ John Egan ~ Arthur Klicpera  
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We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, to the loving embrace of our Father.

## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

We wish to thank the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Victory # 595 of St. Patrick's Parish, Bay Shore, for hosting a baby shower recently to benefit the clients of the Life Center. The generosity of its members is a beautiful affirmation of our mission.



Catherine Dennis, Treasurer; Patricia Both, Financial Secretary; Virginia Siani, Regent; Toni Van Schaick, Recording Secretary and Joan Treco, Vice Regent

## SAVE THE DATE

### Life Center of Long Island 5K Run/Walk 4 Life

Fundraising Event

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

**Cedar Creek Park**

3340 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY

**Details soon to follow.**

Kindly call Marina at 516-232-0730 for inquiries regarding sponsorships, donations and registration.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



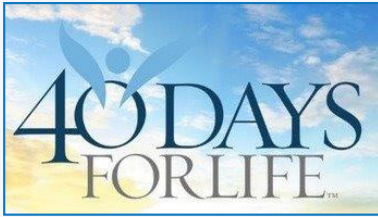
The Life Center of Long Island is looking for volunteers in our Women First Pregnancy Options offices in Deer Park, Hempstead, Massapequa and Smithtown. Opportunities are open for men and women to help with small maintenance jobs, data entry and client services.

**Bi-lingual speakers are especially needed.** Kindly call Veronica at 516-408-6300. We also ask that anyone interested in offering their time on the weekends as Baby Bottle Campaign speakers (scripts provided) to contact Lauren at 516-798-8746.





# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE UPDATE



Hello Everyone,

The first six days of the recent 40 Days for Life were very active thanks to prayer warriors praying in front of the Hempstead Planned Parenthood.

As people were praying in front of Planned Parenthood, one sidewalk advocate spoke to a couple driving into Planned Parenthood on an abortion day. The couple

seemed very tense and nervous. (Although the couple never stated why they were at PP, their demeanor strongly suggested they were there for an abortion.) They listened intently to the advocate about the help available to pregnant women, the dangers of abortion, etc. After the discussion, the couple walked into PP, only to exit PP about ten minutes later. As they left the parking lot, the couple smiled and waved to the sidewalk advocates/prayer warriors which seemed to definitely suggest they changed their minds about having an abortion.

An advocate was able to convince a woman not to use Planned Parenthood for her "healthcare." The sidewalk advocate informed the woman that PP performs abortions. Upon hearing this, the woman thanked the sidewalk counselor and decided to leave PP.

Another advocate spoke to an abortion minded woman who took the abortion pill. That advocate was able to give the woman information about reversing the abortion.

The effect of seeing people praying in front of Planned Parenthood has such a positive effect on the public. Upon seeing prayer warriors praying in front of Planned Parenthood, a woman stopped her vehicle and gave the prayer warriors money and stated "I love what you're doing. Go buy yourselves some coffee." The prayer warriors thanked the woman, but told her they would donate the money to Women First Pregnancy Options, the Life Center's Hempstead center. They were able to purchase twenty packages of baby wipes with the donated money.

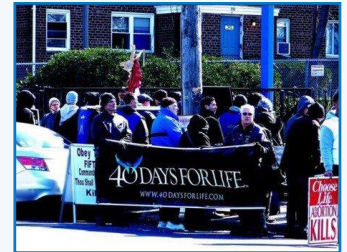
Lastly, two women went to Women First to obtain baby items thanks to information they received from prayer warriors.

You personally might not have these experiences when you pray in front of Planned Parenthood, but your prayers are joined with all the other prayers taking place at various times in front of Planned Parenthood. It makes a difference! Please go to the Hempstead 40 Days for Life website at [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/hempstead](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/hempstead).

The Pro Bikers for Life hope to see you in front of Planned Parenthood!

God Bless you.

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