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READING THE SIGNS

It was a busy Thursday morning at the Smithtown Women First Pregnancy Options. My thoughts were preoccupied with the task of switching out the winter clothes for the spring season. I was in my happy place (yes, I love folding baby clothes). My concentration was interrupted by the door chime. I greeted a young woman who seemed a bit upset. We talked briefly at the door as I tried to assess why she had come into the office.

When I realized that Sandy* was interested in more than baby items, I brought her into the consultation room for privacy. It was established that she was 5 weeks pregnant. She was determined to have an abortion. Sandy relayed to me the details of how she came to our office that day. You see, she had passed our office with a friend, Becky*, on her way to the Planned Parenthood abortion facility across the street. It was our new landscape, that was donated by True Blue Irrigation Systems and completed the day before by Cappiello Landscaping, that caught her attention to our office. However, Sandy continued to Planned Parenthood.

She entered their facility and told the receptionist that she wanted an appointment to have an abortion. She was informed that she needed to go outside and make an appointment online. Sandy left and tried to make an appointment from her car. She went through the process and lost the signal before it completed. When she tried again, no appointments were available. She didn't know what to do. After discussing it with her friend, they decided to come into Women First.

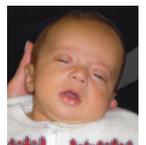
Sandy was in a difficult situation. She was single and already had two small children, a 4-year-old and a 5 month old. She did not know how she and her boyfriend could financially manage another child. He was very instrumental in the decision to go to PP. Having had a previous miscarriage, Sandy knew her child was more than just a blob. She endured great heartache from that experience. So, she had great doubts about abortion. However, she felt trapped with the lack of support that she had from her boyfriend and her extended family. Sandy's only source of support was the friend who came with her.

After listening to her concerns, we tackled them one at a time. I reached out to our insurance representative to set Sandy up on an insurance plan for both her children and herself. As for baby needs, I was able to supply with baby items for her youngest. She was made aware that we will continue to offer her these items for her youngest and the new baby when he/she should arrive. If her boyfriend was not willing to step up and support her decision to keep her child, we could find housing. This bit of information was the greatest relief for Sandy. I could see an immediate change in her physical posture and emotional wellbeing. When she realized that we could find her a safe space if she needed it, Sandy felt empowered to make the choice she knew from the start was the right one.

Once she had made the choice to keep her baby, Sandy talked of the signs that God was giving her along the journey. She felt that the indifference of the PP staff, the inability to make an appointment, our beautiful, welcoming landscape and the support of her friend were His calling to her motherhood. She left with a new sense of purpose and joy. God is good!! God Bless you all for your continued prayers and support.

**Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.*

Mary Beber
Smithtown Center Director



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

A Double Whammy... But God's Got This!

As I write this column, the abortion debate continues to progressively heat up. We are all awaiting the Supreme Court's decision on Roe vs Wade any day now. Whatever the decision, we at the Life Center are anticipating serving an increase in clients seeking assistance at our pregnancy care centers known as Women First Pregnancy Options.

In addition, within the last few days, the Life Center and the other pregnancy care centers in New York were informed that our very own Governor Hochul signed a set of divisive and extreme abortion-related bills. The State of New York already allows fully formed infants to be subjected to third-trimester abortions. It also allows abortions to be performed on minors with no parental notification.

While New Yorkers are trying to cope with sky-high gas prices, food price increases, and runaway inflation, Gov. Hochul is busy making sure New York abortionists have free rein to perform abortions on out-of-state women by signing the Pregnancy Center Report Bill (Bill S.470-Hoylman/A.5499-Glick). **This bill would impose onerous and disruptive data collection and reporting requirements upon pro-life pregnancy centers to allow the state to 'study' them for transparency of client care, effective as early as December 2022. Subpoenas are expected.**

Our centers and others serve, at no taxpayer expense, some of the poorest women in this state, women often found in predominantly black and brown communities. Several Corporate America companies are now offering to pay for their employees's travel related costs to obtain abortions here in NY. Unquestionably, the Governor's transparent attempt to please political allies at Planned Parenthood by signing this bill is inexcusable. Within just the last few weeks, we have seen the pro-abortion industry move to a far more radical extreme position that is just pure evil.

Out of deep concern, I am writing to you, about the increasing violence against pregnancy care centers across the country such as firebombing, vandalism, threats and centers recently defaced with pro-abortion messages such as "if abortion is not safe than neither are you."

Last week's arson fire at a pregnancy center near Buffalo made pro-abortion violence a state issue. Despite all this, Gov. Hochul has not done anything to promote the safety of New York's pro-life pregnancy centers. Rather, she recently set aside millions in state funds for the protection of abortion clinics. Pro-life pregnancy centers have been left vulnerable to rising abortion activism, while taxpayers fund Gov. Hochul's abortion extremism.

A terrorist organization identifying itself as "Jane's Revenge" has claimed responsibility for most of these attacks. Further, this group has sent out an email urging demonstrations, protests, and violence at 8 pm ET on the night that the Dobbs-Roe vs Wade - decision is released.

Our centers have addressed, prepared, and ensured a safety and security checklist in these times of turmoil. We are living in precarious times, yet continue to serve through plagues, civil unrest, disruptive elections, natural disasters, and other crisis **because of our commitment to empower mothers and fathers to choose life.**

Although chaos surrounds us, HOPE is on the horizon. Now more than ever, women facing unplanned pregnancies are seeking and receiving the compassionate care they need from our pregnancy centers. **With your continued support, together**, we are doing the Lord's great work and are accomplishing his purposes. God will provide everything we need, for this battle belongs to the Lord.

Please pray for us and all those impacted. **God's Got This!**

Blessings,

Gloria

Happy Fourth of July and May God Bless America!



FATHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart.

~ Luke 6:45

We celebrate fathers, so integral to the well-being of the family.

We pray for our fathers, in thanksgiving for their generous gift of self in protecting and supporting life.

May God bestow upon them His abundant grace, strength and wisdom.

The Life Center of Long Island is blessed to have received donations for the fathers, living and deceased, listed below.

**Henry F. Barbeau ~ Peter M. Blasucci ~ Harold J. Boening, Sr. ~ Dominick Colapinto
Bill Furey ~ Donald Miller ~ Raymond Thumser**



IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Alice Kiesel

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

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

The Life Center of Long Island is blessed by the generosity of organizations willing to host baby showers and collect much needed baby items for our clients in need. We wish to thank and acknowledge the following organizations for their willingness to assist the Life Center in its mission to uphold the dignity of human life.



**Maria Regina Rosary Society, Seaford
St. Jude Columbiettes, Mastic Beach
Columbiettes of Nassau County, Our Lady of the Island
Catholic Daughters Court Ana Theresa # 1074, Sts. Philip
and James, St. James
Senior Center Needles and Crafts, West Islip**



"And the king will reply, 'Amen I say you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

~ Matthew 23:40

The Life Center of Long Island is sincerely grateful for the work done gratis at our Smithtown office by **True Blue Irrigation Systems and Capiello Landscaping**. As mentioned in our front page story, having such an appealing landscape drew a client to our door which ultimately saved the life of a preborn child! What a beautiful gift!



Before



After



5K RUN WALK 4 LIFE

The recent Life Center of Long Island 5K Run/Walk 4 Life event held at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford was a great success. The weather was pleasant and all the participants enjoyed the event. Many compliments and our thanks to John McHugh and the Strong Island Running Club for its well run set up and operation of the 5K Run/Walk.

Congratulations to the following runners:

Female Overall Winner
2nd Best Time
3rd Best Time

Una Broderick
Maryanne Cleary
Rebecca Mackay

Male Overall Winner
2nd Best Time
3rd Best Time

Clark Anderson
James Pyun
Brendan Rogers



LIFE CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

The Life Center of Long Island has staff openings for bi-lingual consultants. There is one opening for a full-time position in our Deer Park office, one opening for a part-time position in our Hempstead office and one opening for a part-time position in our Smithtown office. If interested, kindly forward your resume to gschreiber@lifecenterli.org. Call Gloria at 516-798-8746 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – ALL CENTERS

All our centers are in need of committed, pro- life volunteers interested in helping in our offices with Data Entry, Baby Bottle Campaigns, and/or General Office duties. Handy men and women are always welcome to assist with small repairs and maintenance of our grounds. Please call the office where you wish to volunteer whose contact information is at the top of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your generous offer of time and talent.

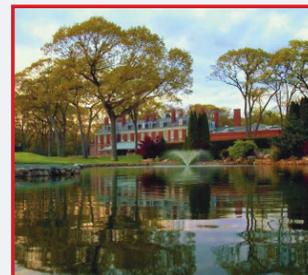
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LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND
36TH ANNIVERSARY GALA!
Sunday, September 25, 2022 ~ 1:00 PM to 6 PM

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Our Honoree
TIM JACCARD

Founder of Children of Hope Baby Safe Haven



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