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## ONCE LOST, NOW FOUND

Jackie\* walked into the Women First Pregnancy Options in Smithtown for a pregnancy test kit. She had informed me that she had found our name on the internet. She stated that she had researched places to get a pregnancy test but had little success. Some of the offices had very long wait times for an appointment while others didn't accept her insurance. Jackie was very nervous that it would be positive and didn't want to wait to find out. I gladly greeted her and we sat in our counseling room in order to have some privacy.

After a few moments of trying to reassure Jackie that I was here to listen to her story and not judge her, she was able to open up. She was only 22 and currently working full time. She liked her work and was a bit worried about the possibility of being pregnant and how it would change her future.

We continued to talk about her life and her support system. It seems that Jackie had a very supportive boyfriend, Mike\*. He was excited about the prospects of being a father. Mike was working as well. It would seem that financially, he thought that they should be fine. Jackie seemed to still be under stress.

During our conversation, Jackie admitted that she had just moved in with Mike. Although marriage was a possibility for their future, it was not in the current plan. As it turns out, Jackie's mother was not happy with her decision to live with Mike. I believe this was the biggest obstacle that Jackie had in her decision making process. She was afraid to disappoint her mother by having an unplanned pregnancy and one so soon after moving in with her boyfriend.

I was able to enlighten Jackie to the love that mothers have for their children. While we have hopes and dreams for our children, it doesn't mean that we will not be there to support them on the path upon which they may have ventured. I asked Jackie if perhaps her mother would be supportive once she knew.

I was able to arrange a sonogram for Jackie and for her to meet with the physician. She left the office with a more peaceful composure. 10 days later, Jackie reached out to me to thank me for sending her to this provider. He answered all of her questions and started her on pre-natal vitamins. She asked for a referral to an obstetrician to help her with this pregnancy. Jackie was truly grateful for being able to find the help she needed.

Matthew 18:10-14 is about the good shepherd as he searches for the one lost sheep until found. This ministry is about helping these women who are lost in this confused world. They need a good shepherd to find them and bring them to the Lord and motherhood.

*\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.*

**Mary Bebber**  
**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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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF  
*The CEO*  
**ONCE AGAIN, THE DEVIL  
HAS REARED ITS UGLY HEAD.**  
*Attacks: Governments AND Big Tech*

The past few months since the decision on Roe v. Wade, I have written in my columns the latest attacks on pregnancy care centers such as the pro-abortion terrorist group “Jane’s Revenge” that vandalized, asserted violence and firebombed pregnancy centers. Our very own Smithtown center received a phone call that “if abortions aren’t safe then neither are we.”

In addition, we are now encountering new **three pronged legal attacks from local, state and federal** governments. **Locally**, the Hempstead Town Board voted on September 1st to eliminate a 50 year-old provision which protected pregnant women by limiting the performance of abortion to hospitals, facilities administered by a hospital, or facilities affiliated with a hospital to terminate pregnancies.

Their excuse claims it was unenforceable due to NYS’s liberalization of abortion laws. This now allows non-hospital affiliates to perform abortions with no supervision by a hospital. This decision may well increase and expand abortion facilities in our local communities imposing a dangerous environment for mothers and their babies.

**Statewide**, the NYS bill Governor Hochul recently signed enables the NYS Dept. of Health to “study pregnancy care centers” for client coercion and lack of transparency starting this December if not sooner causing hardship and financial strain. We are in discussion regarding legal representation.

**Federally**, due to separation of powers it is impossible for President Biden to “undo” the Roe v. Wade reversal. Therefore, Biden signed an Executive Order that doesn’t immediately impact pregnancy centers, but clearly permits the executive branch to seek and empower its agencies to be able to do so.

The Order tasks **Xavier Becerra** with finding a way to keep abortion pills accessible regardless of the laws laid down by individual states. Extremely problematic, this could lead to women having abortions at home with minimal/no medical oversight. The Biden administration touts that the abortion pills are “safe and effective” without mentioning the **increase in ER visits**. After the Roe v. Wade decision, **Attorney General Merrick Garland** stated publicly that the Dept. of Justice will do whatever it can to protect women seeking abortions out of state and will protect abortionists catering to women coming from other states. **Sen. Elizabeth Warren** recently told NBC 10 Boston: “those crisis pregnancy centers... outnumber true abortion clinics by three to one. We need to shut them down all around the country.” Like Planned Parenthood, Ms. Warren is more concerned about abortion than about women who are pregnant and need help for any other choice.

**Now, Big Tech won’t stop.** Yelp.com is placing consumer notice warning labels on Pregnancy Help Centers listed on their site: “Consumer Notice – This is a Crisis Pregnancy Center. Crisis Pregnancy Centers typically provide limited medical services and may not have licensed medical professionals onsite.”

Recently we’ve seen it all. Yelp and Google have changed algorithms which manipulated online search results for women seeking help. Abortion Pill Reversal ads are banned. Pro-Life pages are taken down on social media (including ours). Once again, Big Tech is attempting to keep vulnerable women from getting frontline services from the life-affirming help of pregnancy centers they’re looking for and just another example of Pro-Abortion powerhouses attacking Pregnancy Help Centers. Women are looking for the truth about their life-saving options and should decide where to seek help. They don’t deserve manipulated search results and misleading information.

While the abortion issue has always deserved the full-time commitment of our citizens, there has never been a more appropriate or urgent moment for such a commitment than now, nor ever a moment that had more promise for the fruits of such a commitment. We must keep fighting to reach more women with the life-affirming truth they deserve.

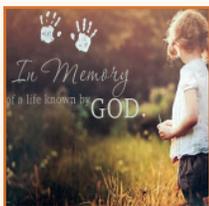
**Our local and national elections provide us the most important opportunity ever to secure legal protection for these children. Please VOTE pro-life this November because the good work you are in a position to make possible, can save lives – both her life and her baby’s!**

Blessings,

*Gloria*



## IN LOVING MEMORY



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

**Phyllis G. Antonucci**

&

**Camille Gagliano**

*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.*

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## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The recent Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, does not mean the fight to protect the pre-born is over. Legislation regarding abortion has been turned back to the states. (See Gloria's column on pg. 2).

There are ways you can help restore respect for the dignity of human life at this time.

**PRAY** – Prayer is powerful. Remember to pray the rosary, as October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and ask for the protection of all life, born and pre-born. Our troubled world needs the intercession of our Holy Mother Mary.

**LEARN** the positions candidates for elective office have regarding abortion and life issues. Support and vote for candidates that respect and champion the dignity of all human life, especially that of the innocent pre-born.

**PARTICIPATE** in a *40 Days for Life* campaign. *40 Days for Life* is an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. Information for Long Island campaigns is listed below. All take place on the public right of way outside abortion facilities.



540 Fulton Ave., Hempstead – Hempstead.40Days@aol.com

450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue – WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com

Brentwood – Paul.Arena29@yahoo.com

## LIFE CENTER POSITION OPPORTUNITIES

The Life Center of Long Island has an opening for the position of **Executive Assistant to the CEO**.

This position is at the **Massapequa office** at 35 East Willow St.

The candidate must have strong organizational and communication skills. Proficiency with Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel a must. Kindly send resume to Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org or call 516-798-8746, Monday-Friday.

## TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE

It has been my privilege to work for the Life Center of Long Island for the past eighteen years. I began as a volunteer in 2004, when the Massapequa office opened, and became a staff member in 2007, serving first as Volunteer Coordinator, and most recently as Executive Assistant to the CEO. I have worked alongside so many wonderful staff and volunteers, truly some of the best people on earth. While striving to educate and care for women and families in crisis, there have been some tears, but mostly joy, when we were able to reach a mother with God's plan for life.



My fondest memories are those times when a "Baby Save" client would visit our center proudly showing off her little one. It is an amazing feeling to know that I have played a small part in bringing hope and love to a mother and child. May the Life Center of Long Island continue to shine a light guiding mothers and fathers to the beauty of life.

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