



# Life Center of Long Island

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*on Long Island*

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## GIVING THANKS FOR THE YES

It was Monday of Thanksgiving week when a young woman walked into our Women First Pregnancy Options center in Deer Park. We sat down together and talked so that I could listen to what her needs were to see how I could assist her.

Sonia\* was 21. She explained that she had just gotten married and wasn't ready to start a family. She thought she might be pregnant, and so I offered her a pregnancy test kit before moving forward. A few minutes later Sonia told me she read her test as positive. She repeated that she didn't want a baby yet and that she wasn't ready to be a mother. She also shared that she had taken the Morning After Pill and was very worried. Her fears included: what if the Morning After Pill doesn't work and the baby lives? If the baby is born, would the baby have abnormalities? Would she as a mother suffer any side effects?

I tried to reassure Sonia that God has a purpose for her and her new baby's life and that we were there to help. I expressed the importance of seeing her baby's ultrasound, something an abortion center would conceal from her. No fetal model I could show her, nothing I could tell her, would have the impact of seeing her own baby's heartbeat and movement while on the ultrasound screen. While Sonia was hesitant at first to see her ultrasound, she agreed to have me schedule a sonogram appointment and to see a doctor before she would make any decisions.

Sonia and her husband went to the sonogram appointment together with a lot of apprehensions. They didn't know much about parenting and felt overwhelmed and frightened. After seeing their first child on the screen, they met with the physician who informed them that their baby was about four months along and doing well. He was able to answer their questions and reassure them about continuing the pregnancy.

A few days later Sonia called and asked to come back to our office to talk. She and her husband visited us later that day, their faces beaming with joy. They were having a BOY!! They both hugged me and expressed their gratitude. It was our compassionate care, our educating them on the numerous resources and options available to them and their baby, as well as arranging the sonogram with a caring physician, which guided them to choose life!

Before they left our center, I familiarized them with what to expect throughout the pregnancy, encouraged breastfeeding, and offered some maternity clothes. I told them that we can help them take care of their son until he is two years of age by providing material aid such as a crib, car seat, and much more. I also reminded them, as we do all our clients, that we are only a phone call or visit away if they need any help!

When we at the Life Center reflect with gratitude not only at Thanksgiving but every day of the year on the many gifts we receive from our Loving God, there is no greater gift than an innocent child being born to rejoicing parents. We are immensely thankful that Sonia said yes to her own Thanksgiving miracle this past November. We look forward with hope to the many blessings that this precious life will bring to his family and his community!

*"For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving; for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5*

\*Names have 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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FROM THE DESK OF

*The CEO*



GLORIA SCHREIBER

## ***Our New Nemesis – Expansion of Chemical Abortions***

### **OUR 2022 RESULTS**

- Served **2,566** client visits
- Distributed **221** PTKs (Pregnancy test kits)
- Served **2,292** client visits with baby material aid
- Saved **42** babies lives!

**C**hemical abortions (aka the 2-day abortion pills/RU486) now represent over 65% of abortions vs. surgical abortions and provide greater profitability for abortionists due to ease of distribution (telehealth/mail order), enabling them to close brick and mortar locations and cut staff. Abortion centers cost to obtain the 2-day pills is \$80 vs. their turnaround charge to clients is up to \$800 depending upon gestational age of baby.

Recently, the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) quietly updated the rules for the two chemical abortion drugs mifepristone and misoprostol, allowing them widespread availability at retail neighborhood pharmacy chains such as **CVS, Walgreens, and now Rite Aid**. Now, with these dangerous drugs even more readily available, a vast number of women will be exposed to the dangers of at-home abortions. These abortions require neither a visit to the doctor nor a pregnancy test, and so in-store prescriptions and mail orders will essentially take the place of abortion providers.

A critical hazard of drugstore abortion pill sales is the purposeful elimination of possible life-affirming intervention by pregnancy care centers prior to a woman obtaining the chemical abortion. Bypassing a Planned Parenthood or abortion facility where a pregnancy care center is close by, removes the opportunity for a pregnant mom to see her baby's heartbeat on a sonogram, be educated on all resources available to her, explore adoption options, have a caring and compassionate advocate to help her through difficult situations i.e., coercion, rape, sex trafficking and much more. Women would not hear the truth they deserve to hear that might cause them to have a change of heart and reject abortion, sparing them a lifetime of agony. How is this women's health care?

**Did You Know...In 2000, when the FDA was considering approving the two chemical abortion drugs mifepristone and misoprostol, officials realized that the only way they could legally approve the drugs was by characterizing pregnancy as an "illness" and then argue that the drugs provided a "meaningful therapeutic benefit." They described pregnancy in the same category as cancer or pneumonia. That's exactly how the FDA approved the drug combo. We all know, pregnancy is not an "illness".**

**Doctors Hippocratic Oath to "do no harm"**— Doctors have for years warned the FDA of the dangers these drugs pose to their patients. The FDA has long ignored those warnings and failed to uphold its legal responsibility. **They:** • **Never** studied the safety of the chemical abortion drugs under the labeled conditions of use. They don't even know how safe the drugs are when women use them as directed. • **Ignored** the potential impacts of the hormone-blocking action the drugs have on the developing bodies of adolescent girls. • **Disregarded** the substantial evidence that chemical abortion drugs cause more complications than even surgical abortions. • **Eliminated** necessary safeguards for pregnant girls and women who undergo this dangerous drug regimen. Although the FDA and abortion activists claim the drugs are safe and effective, **they are not**.

Chemical abortions pose risk of severe side effects including hemorrhaging, the need for follow-up surgery, and even death. Multiple peer-reviewed studies such as those from the Charlotte Lozier Institute, found there is a 53% greater risk for an ER visit for chemical abortion complications 4x than that after a surgical abortion. Also, 34% of post-abortive women report an adverse change in themselves, including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and thoughts of suicide.

Alliance Defending Freedom is now representing a host of doctors and medical organizations demanding the FDA to be held accountable for its failure to abide by the legal obligations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of girls and women, while also challenging the Biden administration and a key federal agency to defend the unborn and women from the dangers of chemical abortion drugs.

**Please pray for our recent two clients who received the Abortion Pill Reversal, that they continue in health to the day of birth and beyond. Please help us recruit more Doctors/Nurse Practitioners to join the Abortion Pill Reversal Network in our efforts to save more moms and their babies' lives.**

Blessings,

*Gloria*

*Happy Valentine's Day!*



## MARCH FOR LIFE 2023



KOC Assumption Council 5252

Thousands of people, including many of our friends and supporters, marched together on January 20th to demonstrate their commitment to human life and the need for its protection from conception to natural death. The theme for the 50th Anniversary of the annual March For Life was Next Steps: Marching into a Post-Roe America which underscored the need for continued efforts to protect innocent life against radical pro-abortion legislation. With Roe v. Wade overturned, this year's March included a trip past the Capitol Building to signify that the battle for Life will now be fought at the Congressional and State levels. Please continue to fight the good fight!

## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU!

We are grateful to John Cullinan, Sean Hewiston and Connor Brown (*pictured right*), students at **St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School**, West Islip, for designating the Life Center of Long Island as the beneficiary of their recent community service project. In a short period of time, these young men were able to put the word out among family, friends and neighbors of the need for diapers and infant necessities. After collecting and sorting items, they were brought to our Massapequa center.



A heartfelt thanks to Bob Williams and Dennis Berry of the Knight of Columbus Council #725 – Patchogue, who graciously donated baby supplies and accessories to our Smithtown Center. Their generosity is a beautiful affirmation of our mission.

**Pictured Left:** Charlie Sorrese, KOC Assumption Council 5252; Bob Williams and Dennis Berry, KOC Council #725.

**A Note of Special Thanks:** Recently the Life Center put out a call to the community for warm winter clothing and coats for toddlers. The response of people throughout Long Island and beyond has been overwhelming! The Life Center wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the many individuals, families, churches, and organizations that contributed to our efforts to provide appropriate seasonal clothing. By serving those in special need, we are serving Jesus.

*“Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine you did for me.”* – Matthew 25:40 N. A. B.

**We are presently in need of newborn boys and girls winter clothing size 0-3 months. Donations accepted at all centers. Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

## IN LOVING MEMORY



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

**Alec Cassillo, Annmarie Adams, Barbara Kinsella,  
Frances Moore, Mary Harrington Fountaine, Patricia Scanlan Sturm**

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



## IN HONORARIUM



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

**All Babies Saved**

The Life Center of Long Island has “In Loving Memory” and  
“In Honor Of” cards available.

Kindly call Marina at 516-798-8746 for information.



## SEVEN WEEKS COFFEE

Seven Weeks Coffee was founded by Anton Krecic. He and his wife drew inspiration for their company from visiting a pregnancy care center and seeing its mission firsthand. Seven Weeks Coffee offers ethically sourced coffee with a mission to support life.

### HOW TO HELP THE LIFE CENTER

1. Visit <https://sevenweekscoffee.com/?ref=LifeCenter>
2. Select your favorite coffee(s)
3. Complete your purchase
4. SHARE with your family, friends, and churches\*

When you make a purchase through our custom link above, the Life Center receives 20% of your sale – every time!



**Thanks to your participation in this program, the Life Center has already received \$300 which enabled us to purchase two Pack 'n Plays and two car seats for our clients. By enjoying your morning cup of Seven Weeks coffee, you can help save lives! Please order delicious Seven Weeks Coffee today!**

## BE PART OF OUR GROWTH

### Volunteer and Bilingual Staff Opportunities

With the Life Center's anticipated growth, we are in need of **full-time and part-time bilingual staff**. Please send resume to [gschreiber@lifecenterli.org](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org).



**"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."** — Luke 10:2

The Life Center of Long Island depends upon volunteers willing to graciously donate their time and talent. We are looking for male volunteers to help with the maintenance of property and building, management of baby item donations (ensuring items are in good, clean, working condition) and small handyman tasks as needed.



Presently, we also need help with the following volunteer positions:

*Graphic Artist/Designer ~ Data Entry ~ Computer skills (MS Word, Excel) ~ Gardener(s) ~ Layette Volunteers ~ Baby Bottle Campaign Speakers ~ Handymen/women ~ **High school student volunteers are welcome!***

Volunteers and Bilingual Applicants may contact Gloria at 516-798-8746 for details.

## SAVE THE DATE: WOOF WALK 4 LIFE



### NEW THIS YEAR! 5K Run/Walk 4 Life Woof Walk 4 Life

The Life Center is scheduling our next 5K Run/Walk 4 Life including new **Woof Walk 4 Life**. More information coming...Please check our Facebook page and future newsletters for confirmation of date, time and location.



### PLEASE NOTE:

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, kindly forward your email address to [infoma@lifecenterli.org](mailto:infoma@lifecenterli.org).

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