



# Life Center of Long Island

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## HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

The Life Center has been there for Monica\* at different seasons of her life and motherhood, and so she and I have built a relationship through the years. Monica faces multiple challenges as a single mom with three children. She visits our Pregnancy Center regularly for material aid and she loves her children and wants the best for them.

She had been delayed in coming in for her three month-visit, so it was a welcome surprise to receive a call from her recently. We reviewed the items she needed and discussed her buying a car for her older son. She then shared the news that she might be pregnant. Monica did not initially view this news favorably. We delved deeper into her situation, identifying the most difficult detail for her to confess was that she was unsure of who the father might be. This now revealed, our eyes fixed on each other in mutual understanding. I know her as she knew me; we both understood the situation was difficult, but there was no judgement given. I called out her name, "Monica"? Sensing my genuine concern for her, she responded, "I know, it was a poor choice but it's not a good time for a new baby."

I knew that Monica needed to take the lead in our conversation. Had I not listened attentively, the full story hiding in her heart might not have been shared. It takes patience and compassion to truly listen with the heart, and it's something we at the Life Center do daily. It's not always easy, but when I yield to the Holy Spirit, he exposes the depths of a client's situation and heart in ways that never cease to amaze me. We discussed her reasons for not having her baby: three children, uncertainty about the father's identity, a potential new car for her son. To many people, including Monica, these seem like challenging obstacles, but we at the Life Center know that nothing is impossible for God who will always make a way by providing practical solutions through the right helping hands. I encouraged Monica to call on her teen son to work towards buying a car himself and to start asserting more financial independence. Monica came to understand that our job as parents is to raise responsible and accountable children in well-adjusted home environments so they can contribute to both the family and society.

We moved on to discussing the risks and devastating effects of abortion in contrast with the joy this baby will bring to her family. I invited her to examine her faith. What did she think about God? How he might be present to her in the situation? How can she respond? I helped her envision what her future could look like by following the natural path of life that God has now begun in her. I also reaffirmed the Life Center's commitment to support her along the way. She decided to embrace God's beautiful plan and give life to her unborn child! Was she still nervous? Yes. The difference now was that she knew she could call on the Life Center for help through any trials.

Like many of our clients, Monica realized that what she had thought was a dire situation is actually one that is filled with hope. When I spoke with Monica before Christmas, I shared that a generous donor offered to help her family as a Christmas gift. For the first time, I sensed true joy and hope in her voice as well as a genuine change of heart!

*"and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5*



\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.

**Lisa Vigliotta**  
Deer Park 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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*The CEO*



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## ONWARD with HOPE

**"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope & a future." Jeremiah 29:11**

**W**hat a perfect Bible quote to remind us of the truth our faith proclaims: God is **with us**, he knows the **plans he has for us**, and he **ensures the hope** that as we, at the Life Center, step into the New Year, he will be **with us** as we watch his beautiful plans for Life unfold.

**Happy Anniversary** to our Smithtown Center and team! It was only one year ago that God paved the way for us to take that leap of faith and open our Smithtown Center. Little did we know then how right that decision was, because, to date, we have saved 10 babies' lives at our Smithtown center! Thank you to our Center Director Mary, her team, our other centers' teamwork, the support of the Knights of Columbus and the surrounding parishes and communities who have made this possible with the Grace of God. We thank you!

**Food for thought:** when **you** support the Life Center's mission, **you** not only help abortion-vulnerable women and men, **you** also rescue preborn babies from the tragedy of abortion. **You** give these preborn children and their families the gift of life and a future. **You** also save Moms and Dads the emotional, physical, and spiritual anguish abortion brings. **Your** support makes **"us"** a reality where a family will relish the gift and blessings that a new baby's life bestows within the family unit, community, and society. **You** also give them a future free from abortion.



Since the blessing of the remarkable and astounding overturn of Roe v. Wade earlier this year, I reflect on the challenges and attacks pregnancy centers faced during the aftermath. We are undoubtedly in a spiritual battle. There have been attempts to silence or intimidate us through various tactics including targeted attacks and/or vandalism from pro-abortion domestic terrorists (please see photo left from our Massapequa center); social media censorship of our ads to reach women in crisis; and a three-pronged attack of investigations and proposed laws from Federal, State, and Local legislatures. Through and despite it all, the Life Center continued and continues to save lives. **We only want to defend the value of every life and to give women compassionate and caring support 24 hours a day, provide pregnancy options so she is not alone, and effectively help women choose life today, tomorrow and the next day.**

2022 also revealed that over 60% of abortions are now chemical abortions. We are in urgent need of Doctors and Nurse Practitioners (NP) to join the APRN (Abortion Pill Reversal Network) to help us combat and reverse what abortionists are now promoting and subscribing to end babies' lives. Just recently, a NP here on Long Island stepped out in faith and joined the APRN. Please pray for this NP who administered the abortion pill reversal to a client who recently came to us in desperation of wanting to save her baby. We know God is with them. **How can you help?** Please introduce us to any pro-life Doctors/NP's you know who want to inquire about the APRN and we will take it from there.

We have established exciting goals for the Life Center in the New Year of 2023! Stay tuned, be informed, and see how you can be a part of our new initiatives to save more babies' lives and expand our support to build better communities here on Long Island! Wishing you and your families a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year in 2023!



*Many blessings to you in the New Year,*

*Gloria*

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# INTRODUCING...

Happy New Year



The Life Center is thrilled to welcome **Monica Durand** as a full-time bilingual staff member at our Hempstead location. When Monica volunteered with us a few years ago, she found a deep satisfaction in assisting those facing unexpected pregnancies and in need of material aid or other resources. She found it both gratifying and humbling to assist others in difficult situations. Due to a change in her work hours, she had to step away as a volunteer. She eventually started to experience a tug at her heart which ultimately brought her back to the Life Center. In her prayers, she told our Lord that she wanted to work for Him by serving His people. She asked Mother Mary during Mass one day to guide her, and those prayers were answered the very next day when she and her husband were invited to pray outside the Hempstead Planned Parenthood. She believed it was a prompting for her from heaven to apply for the available position at the Life Center she had recently learned about. We are excited to have her on board with us. Monica is involved in numerous ministries at her parish and is certified in Natural Family Planning. She looks forward to utilizing her professional qualifications and spiritual gifts to bring hope to the Life Center's bilingual clients and to help us save babies' lives!



# THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU!



The Life Center of Long Island wishes to express its deepest gratitude to the following parishes and their parishioners, as well as many anonymous donors, for responding to God's call to aid those less fortunate during this holy season.

The outpouring of Christmas gifts for our baby save moms and their families, including gift cards, toys and other miscellaneous needed items was overwhelming and will help make Christmas brighter for the families we serve. We thank you again for your enthusiasm and for doing your part to advance the culture of life.

**St Patrick's, Smithtown ~ Men's Group from St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches ~ Jane Fagan, Outreach at St. Mark's, Shoreham ~ Pat Meschi and friends ~ Servium Agnus Dei Prayer Group, Center Moriches ~ Center Moriches Quilting Group ~ St. Josephs, Kings Park ~ St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville ~ St. Boniface, Elmont ~ St. Raymond's, East Rockaway ~ Notre Dame, New Hyde Park ~ Corpus Christi, Mineola ~ Gordon Family, Levittown ~ Holy Family, Hicksville ~ St. Kilian's, Farmingdale ~ St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset ~ Maria Regina, Seaford ~ St. Bernard's, Levittown ~ St. John the Baptist, Wading River ~ Rosary Group: Theresa Piekut, Nancy Jantzen and friends ~ K of C, Queen of All Hearts Council, Center Moriches ~ St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ St. Anne's, St. Joseph's in Garden City ~ Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne**

**Pictured Right:** Through the generosity of St. Josephs in Kings Park, two rooms in our Smithtown center were bursting with gifts!!!



**Pictured Left:** Two dedicated Merrick Avenue Middle School students, Charlie Ludwig and Jack Martin, "shone their light" and recruited Christmas gifts for the Life Center. We appreciate your support!

**Thanks to:** Rudy Cano from Fidelis Health who donated turkey gift certificates for our baby save moms and their families so they can enjoy a beautiful Christmas dinner.

**Champions for Charity Event Update:** Special thanks to all who supported the Life Center of Long Island by participating in the Champions for Charity event at the Americana Manhasset Shopping Center on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd. We are sincerely grateful to Kat Ucciferri of the Alice & Olivia store who sponsored the Life Center for this event. Many thanks also to our volunteer Janice Seaman who coordinated the Champions for Charity event to benefit the Life Center.

Happy New Year

# IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE



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

**Kathryn A. Eschmann ~ Jim McPherson ~ Phil and Ann Schriver  
Louise E. Paolillo ~ The Walter Family ~ Antoinette Capobianca**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

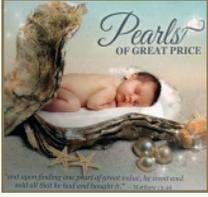


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# HONORARIUM

Happy New Year



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

**Jenn Vermilye**

**In Honor of the Unborn**

*May you be blessed always with God's eternal love and grace.*



The Life Center of Long Island has Memorial and Honorarium Cards available.

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



# MARCH FOR LIFE 2023



This year's March for Life will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023, in Washington D.C. on the 50th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. This year's March, themed "Marching into a Post-Roe America" begins with an 11 a.m. concert and 12 p.m. Rally at the National Mall to be followed by the March at 1 p.m. The March will conclude in front of the Capitol Building at 4 p.m. Directly after, Bishop Barres of DRVC will "greet the pilgrims" at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill. Please encourage your family, friends and parish to participate. *Despite the overturn of Roe v. Wade, our state is still home to some of the most radical abortion laws in the country and so New Yorkers must remain even more steadfast in defending life.* Please contact your local parish for any additional information.



# DONATIONS NEEDED

Happy New Year

Have you received a Christmas gift you don't like or cannot use? No Worries – you can donate it to the Life Center! The Life Center is now accepting donations of new items to be used in raffle baskets at our upcoming events. Items will be accepted at any of our centers. Kindly label: For Raffle Baskets.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**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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