



# Life Center of Long Island

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## FROM UNDECIDED COMES AN UNEXPECTED REUNION

So often, we never know the outcome for the young women who come to us with unplanned pregnancies. All the ramifications and risks of abortion have been discussed with them. An ultrasound has been scheduled. We've discussed their goals, ensured they have a strong support system, connected them with community resources, and explored the possibility of adoption.

The ultrasound is a critical part of the process, and, after the appointment, we call to ensure that it went smoothly and to discuss the emotional experience. Many are thrilled to tell us about their baby's movements, heart beating, and whether they're having a boy or girl. Sometimes though, the client skips the appointment. When we follow up, we can be met with unreturned messages, wrong numbers, and sometimes we're even told "I had an abortion." When a client leaves undecided and doesn't return our calls, we're left to ponder the outcome. All we can do is pray that a seed was planted in our client's mind during the counseling session.

We recently encountered an unusual case of not learning the outcome until 16 years later! Lisa\* came to our center in 2007 seeking an abortion. Although she agreed to have an ultrasound, she missed the appointment. Phone calls to her went unanswered. A few weeks ago, however, a woman called about maternity clothes for her 16-year-old daughter. She explained how we had helped her years ago when she was pregnant. Our records indicated that she had left our office "undecided" in 2007. Now, 16 years later, we finally learned of her decision: Lisa continued with her pregnancy! Plus, her daughter -- the child whose life we helped save -- was pregnant!

When Lisa and her daughter Riana\* recently visited us, we shared our joy that mom had chosen life for Riana back in 2007. "Oh, thank God I did," she said. "I love her so much!" We counseled Riana on her baby's development, nutrition, and good relationships, including abstinence and marriage. We educated her on the abortion process and the many risks involved. We discussed her support system, the assistance we can offer, and God's plan for her and her child. Riana said she would keep her baby, just like her mother had. Lisa -- who we first helped choose life in 2007 -- now has a grandchild due this October! We can't wait to meet him or her!

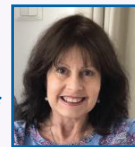
We encouraged Lisa to go with her family to Church. We explained a bit about the Catholic faith and referred them to [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org) as a resource for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Lisa and Riana left smiling, with a handmade baby blanket, rosary beads, and an appointment for an ultrasound.

Not only did God reunite us with a past client who we helped choose life, but he gave us the privilege to help her child also choose life for her own preborn baby. To see the results of our efforts -- 16 years later -- should remind all who fight for life that our work is never in vain and can bear fruit in unexpected ways. Sometimes it will be revealed to us, but often it will be known to God alone. Let's move onward for Life together so we can all help save countless generations!

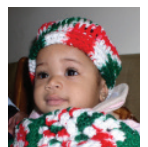
***"One generation shall laud thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."*** Psalm 145:4

**Happy Easter!**

**Patty Knap**  
**Hempstead Staff**



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



**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

## Sidewalk Advocacy: "Every Sidewalk, Every Soul"



The Dobbs decision that overturned Roe v Wade last June was a glorious victory for the tens of thousands of lives that will be saved from abortion because of this Supreme Court decision. This decision was also a "win" for all the volunteers who, for years, labored in the pro-life movement without ever knowing if this day would come.

However, since last June, Post-Roe America is a rapidly changing landscape. The battle line between states has been drawn, between "the extreme states" where life is protected, vs. the "free for all states" where abortions can be performed through the third trimester and up to the day of delivery.

A short time after, what shocked me, yet did not surprise me, was the depths to which the predatory abortion industry would stoop, flocking to areas where abortion is still unregulated and unrestricted. Chemical abortions have dramatically increased to now over 60% of all abortions. In addition, Planned Parenthood is heavily targeting minors with Transgender Hormone Therapy without parental approval. Women are traveling across state lines to obtain their abortions. There are rumblings that the number of abortion facilities will soon triple – or even quadruple – in New Mexico (a key "free for all state") according to their Sidewalk Advocates.

As abortion legislation continues to evolve, the rise of the "abortion-tourist state" is playing out all over the country. Many underage women show signs of abuse and may even be victims of sex trafficking (often not being reported) with abortion used as birth control. Some women are even receiving some form of compensation (gift cards for travel, etc.) to obtain their abortions. With these incentives, women feel committed, therefore pressured not to change their mind to parent because it's already been paid for. We witness, quite often at our Smithtown center, cars with out-of-state license plates pulling into the Planned Parenthood diagonally across the street from our center. .

With all this unfolding, and New York becoming one of the burgeoning abortion-tourist states, I had an unexplainable tug on my heart to think about what more can we do at the Life Center to intercept and reach these women. No matter the legal status of abortion, pregnant moms still need support! We need to be on the ground and visible for the women in our communities at Planned Parenthoods, hospitals performing abortions, pharmacies, etc.

**One solution:** task the Life Center to be a training venue to **develop more Sidewalk Advocates** so there can be more boots on the ground to increase a loving, prayerful, and peaceful presence on **every sidewalk, at every abortion facility, to save every soul**. With lives literally on the line every day, clearly, this is no time for anyone with the heart for life to take a back seat.

We have witnessed many women arriving to an abortion center that do have a faith background, praying for a sign to not go through with the abortion. Women have "turned around" and left the clinic because **they saw someone praying in front of the facility**. Trained Sidewalk Advocates have a key role in speaking with the women about the numerous resources available at our pregnancy care centers that they may not have known existed and, with the Grace of God, bring them to us.

This movement needs all of us to stay the course, continue praying, and work together to support pregnant women. Please become part of the solution and join our team in this great mission. With God's grace, we can expect miracles.

For inquiries about Sidewalk Advocacy Training, please contact our Smithtown Center Director, Mary at 631-656-0441.

Blessings,

*Gloria*

*Happy Easter!*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish to thank the students at **Saint Dominic High School** for inviting us to speak about pregnancy care centers and the invaluable work that we do in our communities.

The students heard about the Life Center of Long Island in Father Chris's and Ms. Loprieno's theology classes. Inspired by our mission, the students organized a Baby Bottle Drive campaign as their "Lenten Drive" project to raise money for the mothers and babies whom we serve. We are grateful for their support!



*Pictured right to left: Father Chris Heller, Rich Ellwood, Lauren Phillips – Massapequa Center Director, Ms. Loprieno and her students.*

## IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE



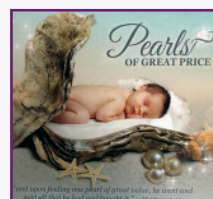
*The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in loving memory of:*

**Eileen Hasbrouck ~ Mary Diglio ~ Nicholas Sanna  
Raymond Winslow ~ Sr Vincent Mary Donohue**

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



## HONORARIUM



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

**Andrea Caserta**

*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.**



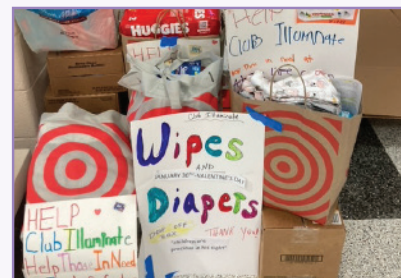
## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU!

The Life Center wishes to thank **Our Lady of Victory** student, **Sarah Zaikowski**, (*pictured right with our Hempstead Center Director, Veronica Reyes*). As part of her school project, Sarah held a baby shower for our clients, and, for two weeks, collected diapers, wipes, toiletries, new and used baby clothes, shoes, and new baby bottles.

The Life Center also extends our heartfelt thanks to **MacArthur High School** student **Maeve Carey** who, with her teacher and fellow students of **Club Illuminate**, coordinated a baby shower to benefit the Life Center.



**Club Illuminate**, led by **Ms. S. Dunninger**, exists to engage students in the reflection of Biblical principles as they apply to their lives in today's cultural society. Members uplift and encourage each other, and, through discussions and activities, implement ways to make a difference in the lives of the staff, student body and community.



# SAVE THE DATE: 5K RUN/WALK 4 LIFE\*

## Fundraising Event\*\*

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Cedar Creek Park

3340 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY

Please check our Facebook page and future newsletters for further details and updates.



*\*Unfortunately, we will not be able to include the Woof Walk 4 Life this year.*

*\*\*Kindly call Marina at (516) 798-9100 for inquiries regarding sponsorships, donations and registration.*

## BE PART OF OUR GROWTH

To keep pace with our anticipated growth, the Life Center is in need of volunteers as well as additional staff.

### Staff Opportunities

**Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator:** The person in this role will coordinate baby bottle campaigns with local parishes. Candidate must have strong organizational and communication skills. Proficiency with Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel are a must. This position is part time and located in our Massapequa Center.



**Bilingual Staff:** Full-time and part-time positions are available in our Deer Park, Smithtown and Hempstead locations.

*Qualified candidates should send resume to Gloria Schreiber at [gschreiber@lifecenterli.org](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org).*

### Volunteers Needed

The Life Center of Long Island depends upon volunteers willing to graciously donate their time and talent. **As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.** – 1 Peter 4:10

**Male Volunteers Wanted** 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.

**Additional Volunteers Needed:** English-speaking and bilingual counselors (excellent training provided) Baby Bottle Campaign Speakers ~ Layette Volunteers (to sort baby item donations and prepare layettes for new moms) ~ Data Entry (Computer skills: MS Word, Excel) ~ Clerical ~ Gardeners

**High school student volunteers are welcome!**  
**Volunteers may contact 516-798-8746 for details.**

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