



# Life Center of Long Island

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*A Voice for the Unborn  
on Long Island*

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## LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND 5K Run/Walk 4 Life



**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Cedar Creek Park**

3340 Merrick Road | Seaford, New York  
Parking Field #6



**Special Mountain Bike Raffle**  
Bike Picture is a Sample

### Register at:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Seaford/  
lifecenteroflongisland5krunwalk4life](https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Seaford/lifecenteroflongisland5krunwalk4life)

Adult Pre-Registration Entry Fee: \$30

Adult Day of Event: \$35

Kids Age < 12 Registration: **FREE**

Students Ages 12-18: \$15

\* **Kids & Students Surprise Gifts**

### Event Program

7:30 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM Welcome

8:45 AM Run/Walk Starts

First 100 Registrants receive **FREE**

Towel & Water Bottle

### Entry fee includes:

Hydration Station on course

Post-race refreshments

Top finishers awards

Run/Walk Bibs

Top Individual Fundraiser Award > \$150

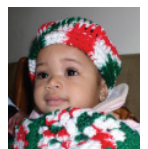
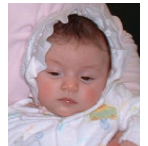
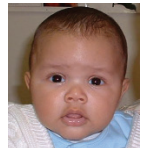
Top Team Fundraiser Award > \$300

### Raffle Prizes

\* Unable to attend? Donate as a Silent Hero!



For further information regarding: **Sponsorships ~ Donations ~ Registration**  
contact Marina at 516-798-8746 or email: [mpiccolo@lifecenterli.org](mailto:mpiccolo@lifecenterli.org)



*Our Mission...* "To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death."

Donor Site: [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org) • Client Site: [www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org](http://www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org)



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FROM THE DESK OF

*The CEO*

**Fatherhood**



GLORIA SCHREIBER



**W**ith Father's Day approaching, I am sharing, with permission, the beautiful thoughts and sentiments about Fatherhood written and sent to us from Robert Natale.

Fear. It's the first emotion I can remember after the initial joy and surprise wore off.

I'm going to be a father. How am I going to be able to do that when I can barely take care of myself?

I am afraid and confused. I see everyone rightfully rushing to help mom and her preborn child, but what about me? Who's going to tell me what I'm supposed to do? I can't do this. I just don't know how. What if I do something wrong?

The first thing to remember is that God loves you. He loved you then, He loves you now, and He will love you always. He loves your child. He has met your preborn baby already and He is sending that child to you. You are bringing a child into the world. A child made in His image. God has chosen you as the father. God does not make mistakes. He will give you the strength and love you need to be an irreplaceable part of that child's life. It's the most important job you will ever have. It will be hard, you won't sleep, you'll worry, you may even grow angry. **But you will never regret it.**

Money will be tight. Sitters are hard to come by, and carpools and play dates will all seem to be scheduled at the worst possible time. But you won't look back or give up. You'll make it work. The "how" is the best part. Just be yourself. There are no riches, no toys, no games you can give your child that had any more value than your time. That's all it takes.

You're nervous now because while you can hear the heartbeat and look at the sonogram pictures, you don't yet have that natural connection mom has. You can talk to mom's belly and maybe see a kick in response to your voice and as wonderful a feeling that will be for you, it kind of caps out at that.

Until...The moment arrives. Your baby is here and the first time those little fingers wrap around one of yours for comfort, you'll be a changed man. You will feel love in a way you never felt before. Deeper, truer and very, very real. Your love for your child will inspire and motivate you to be the dad God has planned for you to be.

You will mature instantly when you realize there is another human life that is wholly dependent on you. It's more exciting than scary! You'll grow up. You'll gain a heightened sense of responsibility not only for your child, but for yourself as well. You will not want to let that child down.

Just be with them. Your child and mother. Run to the store in the middle of the night for diapers or ice cream. Take your turn feeding so mom can get her very much needed rest. The rewards will be immediate and life affirming. Your face is all your kids need.

Be with them. Play with them. Get silly and goofy. Be the cool dad that's always where he's supposed to be when he's supposed to be there. Always fun. Always teaching and always sharing your experience.

You want your wife to think you're the sexiest man alive? Immediately after you get home from work, get down on the floor and play with your kid. Give mom a break. Any mom will tell you, "that's hot!"

One day you'll be like me, and you'll look back over 26 years and wonder where the time went. You won't remember the puke on your new shirt, the dirty diapers or the time you had to hit the ER at 3AM because junior shoved an eraser up his nose. And if you do, you'll laugh.

But what will stay with you forever, what will keep your heart warm on the coldest days, is remembering that you were a good father. That your love for your family was unconditional. That there was no sacrifice you were not willing to make for them. That your kids grew up as sharing, loving, well-adjusted and happy members of society....Because you were there and you cared.

**Thank you, Robert, for sharing!**

Blessings,

*Gloria*

**Give now and  
skip the mailbox**



**Happy Father's Day!**





## MOTHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

During the month of May, devoted to Mary, the Life Center of Long Island received donations made in honor and memory of the following beloved mothers.



**Margaret Breisacher ~ Mildred Breisacher ~ Mildred Farrell Shurack  
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Kathleen Caiola ~ Kim Boney ~ Magdalena Dzurek ~ Mariana Duffy ~ Frances Moore**  
**God bless all mothers, living and deceased.**

## IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORIAL

The Life Center is grateful for donations made in honor of and in memory of the following...



In honor of:  
**Teresa Conforti**

In memory of:  
**Loretta Golinski ~ Dot Mancini ~ Damian Geminder ~ Edwin Lucie**  
Kindly call Marina at 516-798-8746 to request  
Memorial and/or Honorarium Cards.



## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU!

The Life Center wishes to thank the **Young at Heart Ministry (YAH)** from St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage (pictured right) who held a baby shower for the Life Center on May 16th. May God bless you for your kindness!



Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the **Nassau County Chapter of Columbiettes** who held a baby shower at Our Lady of the Island Council in Massapequa on May 15th (Pictured left). We are truly grateful for your support!



Many thanks to the **Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Division 15, Nassau County**, for generously hosting a baby shower to support the Life Center and our clients. Pictured at right is Patricia Bishop and Grace Dougherty.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY RALLY

The Knights of Columbus, Suffolk County chapter, held a Rosary Rally outside the Smithtown Planned Parenthood on Saturday, May 13th. Those in attendance were then invited for a tour of our Smithtown Women First Pregnancy Options center located diagonally across the street from the Smithtown Planned Parenthood.



# SAVE THE DATE: 2023 GALA



## LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA!

Sunday, September 24, 2023 ~ 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
THE MUTTONTOWN CLUB  
5933 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY 11731



## JOIN OUR TEAM! AVAILABLE POSITIONS

**Bottle Campaign Coordinator** - This part-time role is based out of our Massapequa office and will coordinate baby bottle campaigns with local parishes. Candidate must have strong organizational and communication skills. Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel skills are a must.

**Bilingual Staff** - Hiring full-time and part-time bilingual staff positions 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



Please help our cause by offering your gifts of time and talent as a volunteer.

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- English-speaking and bilingual counselors (excellent training provided)
- Layette Volunteers (to sort baby item donations and prepare layettes for new moms)
- Baby Bottle Campaign Speakers ~ Data Entry ~ Clerical ~ Gardeners



**Male Volunteers Needed** - to help property and building maintenance, management of baby item donations (ensuring items are in good, clean, working condition) and small handyman tasks as needed.

**High school student volunteers are welcome (Community Service Hours)!**

Please contact 516-798-8746 for details.

## URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED!



- The Life Center needs the following baby items:
- Summer Clothing:** Newborn through size 9 months, 2T through 4T
  - Diapers:** sizes Newborn, 4, 5 and 6 only (please, no sizes 2 or 3)  
~ Baby wipes~
  - Infant car seats (new, or if used, must be less than six years old)**



*As always, your generosity is much appreciated; we cannot do this work without you!*

### 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).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR DONORS:** Your privacy matters to us. Please be advised that the Life Center of Long Island never sells or shares our e-list with third parties.



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