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37TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Come Celebrate the
LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND
Our 37th Anniversary Gala!



Our Guest Speaker **Theresa Bonapartis**



Theresa Bonapartis is the Director of Good Counsels Lumina Post Abortion Healing program. Theresa is the co-developer with The Sisters of Life of *“Entering Canaan – a Sacramental Journey to an Inheritance of Mercy”*, a post-abortion ministry published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which consists of day and weekend retreats, monthly gatherings, and special retreats. She also developed, with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, specialized days for men, siblings of aborted babies, and those who aborted due to an adverse diagnosis.

Having experienced abortion herself, her journey has inspired many works across the globe, including *“An Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession”*, a prayer service she developed with the Family Life Office of NY, which has been televised by EWTN and conducted by many dioceses across the country. She has written articles for *Mind & Spirit, Aleteia, Catholic Online, Catholic Exchange, The Federalist, and National Catholic Register*. Theresa also authored a book of meditations, *“A Journey to Healing Through Divine Mercy”*, to assist in healing those suffering from abortion.

In 2002, Theresa received the *2nd Annual John Cardinal O’Connor Award* for her work with those who are post-abortive. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Be Not Afraid, a ministry for those who have received an adverse pregnancy diagnosis. Her great devotion to Divine Mercy, which was instrumental in her own healing journey, and Our Lady of Czestochowa, patroness of all her work, is the inspiration for all she does. She currently blogs at www.reclaimingourchildren.typepad.com

For more information about Gala reservations, please contact Lauren at 516-798-8746

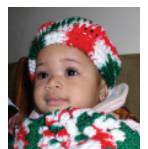


Our Mission... *“To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death.”*

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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF

The CEO

Syncing Hope With Women

HOPESYNC

With chemical abortions becoming more accessible and now accounting for over 60% of abortions, reaching an abortion-vulnerable women is even more challenging. How do we reach her? **Through HopeSync!** HopeSync is a new pregnancy help communication tool and a vital resource when a young woman is undecided about her pregnancy.

Typically, after we meet with a client, our phone messages are not returned. This is where HopeSync comes in. Since this generation lives by electronics, HopeSync has developed a cutting-edge concept which communicates directly with women in crisis, including abortion-minded clients and those dealing with other "life" concerns. It will help us "reach clients.. in the moment...in their need... with consistency...and prayer."

We ran a test trial in February and March and immediately saw the potential life-changing impact this program would have on our clients. It will also benefit our donors and help promote continuing education for our staff and counselors. We were blessed through the generosity of a recent grant to sign up for a full-year subscription. Tons of useful content can now be delivered to our clients' devices with ease.

In seconds, we can send HopeSync's documented, physician-approved videos and literature that are relatable, compelling, and factual, directly to a client's device. We can share short videos from doctors, lawyers, counselors, and women who have been in the same situation. HopeSync validates and affirms for our clients what we have already shared with them in person. HopeSync also provides a Nurse Chat during the day in addition to our after-hours hotline "Optionline".

Through HopeSync, each concern is addressed in a three-fold manner: Educational, Professional and Relational. **Educational:** The educational literature aspect has all abortion facts, how it works, side effects and risks. **Professional:** Doctors who have performed abortions explain the detailed information on video. **Relational:** Testimonies from women who have experienced abortion are included.

HopeSync has over **205 literature titles, 174 videos, and 84 discussion points.** Information is consistently updated and will greatly benefit our staff and counselors. We can even add our own documents to HopeSync's literature library. While HopeSync communicates through electronic content, we'll still be able to share more traditional content during the counseling session.

Rather than handing a client a pile of brochures, HopeSync has allowed us to say, "We have talked about a few different things today. May I text you and follow up on what we've talked about with the chance to learn more?" Most of our clients have given us permission to send videos, literature, and information to their phones.

HopeSync does not replace but enhances an in-person client session! Clients still need and most request one-on-one interaction. Yet, for the woman that we talk with on the phone who won't or can't come into the center, this tool is priceless. Unlike before, we can now reach her virtually with testimonies of women who have been in her same situation. It opens the door for a follow-up session with that client.

HopeSync also addresses a variety of topics such as parenting, sexual health, and infant care.

Our donors can be involved in real time by signing up to be part of our "Prayer Train". Our advocates can text out prayer requests, such as: "Advocate Anne is meeting with a client who is considering abortion."

Administratively, HopeSync cuts down our tasks required for each intake. During a counseling session, we can now quickly and easily send information to our client's device and confirm they received it. We can provide a welcome text that recaps our services, answer some FAQs, and give the client our Facebook link. We're currently creating an exit survey to be texted to each client after their visit rather than filled out in our centers. Our resources, once on paper, can now be sent to our client's phones.

HopeSync is definitely a blessing to our ministry. We will keep you updated on HopeSync's impact with our clients!

Blessings,

Gloria

***Please join us at our Gala on
September 24th to learn more!***

***Give now and
skip the mailbox***



MEN WANTED!!!

Are you semi-retired or retired? Do you often wonder, how YOU can help save babies? God has a special calling for men to be strong, courageous leaders. His word inspires and sets men apart in a special way to be the protector and defender of families. Answer His call to you by joining the Life Center and assisting us in protecting and providing for the babies and families we serve.

"Be strong and of good courage" Joshua 1:9

Male Volunteers are urgently needed in all of our four locations: Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park and Smithtown....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. This volunteer position is a great opportunity for the semi-retired and retirees.

Please contact Lauren at 516-798-8746 for further details.



JOIN OUR TEAM! AVAILABLE POSITIONS

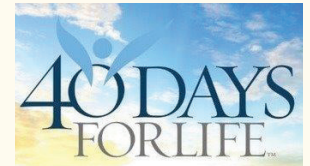
Bilingual Staff - Hiring full-time and part-time bilingual staff positions in our Deer Park, Smithtown and Hempstead locations.

Qualified candidates should send resume to Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org

SIDEWALK ADVOCACY



"Sidewalk Advocates for Life is now celebrating 20,461 babies saved and 17 MORE closed abortion facilities where Sidewalk Advocates were present ...and all this in just nine years on the sidewalk – Glory to God!!"



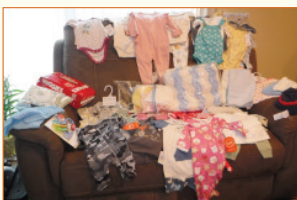
For those who have recently been trained as Sidewalk Advocates for Life at our Smithtown Center, the approaching

40 Days for Life campaign will be an excellent opportunity for you to receive further mentorship and apply your recently honed skills to real-life crisis pregnancy situations. More importantly, the experience you'll gain during the 40 Days for Life campaign will prepare you to counsel outside of abortion facilities 365 days of the year and not just during the course of the biannual 40 Days for Life campaigns.

The upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign is September 27th through November 5th. Visit www.40daysforlife.com to locate one of vigils here on Long Island.

If anyone is interested in Sidewalk Advocacy training, please contact Mary in the Smithtown Center at 631-656-0441.

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU!



We were blessed to receive a monetary donation as well as baby clothes, diapers, blankets, and toys from **St. Frances De Chantal Columbiettes, Wantagh.**

Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

BACK TO SCHOOL ALREADY?

WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED

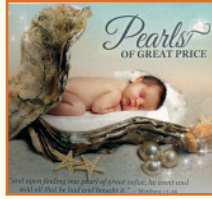
The Life Center has volunteer opportunities for students to satisfy Community service hours:

- spend a couple of hours after school at one of our four locations: Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park, Smithtown
- hold a baby shower at school
- hold a Baby Bottle Campaign at school
- teachers may request some of our prolife literature and DVDs to share and educate their students
- teachers may request a guest speaker from the Life Center to share and educate students on the work of pregnancy care centers

For more information, please contact Lauren at 516-798-8746



IN LOVING MEMORY



The Life Center is grateful for donations made in memory of:.

Ken O'Brien ~ Barbara Kinsella ~ Patricia Scanlon Sturm

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

Kindly call Marina at 516-798-8746 to request Memorial and/or Honorarium Cards.



37TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR
37TH ANNIVERSARY GALA!

Sunday, September 24, 2023

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

The Muttontown Club

5933 Northern Blvd. | East Norwich, NY 11731

\$180 per adult ~ \$100 per student

\$1500 for a table of 10

Make checks payable to: Life Center of Long Island

Call 516-798-8746 or email: infoma@lifecenterli.org for details

Don't forget our Sweepstakes! You need not be present to win!

\$15 each or 6 chances for \$75

Grand Prize \$1000 ~ 2nd Prize \$500

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please reserve _____ seats at \$180 per person, _____ seats at \$100 per student, or _____ \$1500 for Table of 10

I cannot attend, but wish to support the work of the Life Center.

Please accept my donation in the amount of \$_____

All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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