



# Life Center of Long Island

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## “SURRENDERING THE SECRET” BRINGS HEALING AND HOPE

It was a Wednesday morning when I received a call from a young woman. Cara\* thought she might be pregnant and had been on the internet looking for free pregnancy testing. When she found our website, she called us to find out how she could obtain one. I explained that all she needed to do was come into the office and I'd be happy to assist her. She arrived a short time later.

We sat and chatted as we got to know each other better. Cara, a college graduate, was employed and happy with her career. She was self-sufficient and recently moved into her own apartment. I could see that Cara is bright and determined to succeed in life. She shared with me that she had hopes for a future with her boyfriend of several years. They were starting to make plans. She was fearful, however, that she might be pregnant. The timing just didn't seem right to her. Big plans were being discussed with her boyfriend. Cara wasn't sure how she would tell him if her pregnancy test kit was positive. She wondered what would he think. Would he support her? Would he be upset?

As we talked, it became apparent that there was more going on that was causing Cara distress. As I sat across from her, I could see the wall that she had built around her heart come crumbling down. Tears started to flow. I went to comfort her, and it was then Cara exposed her secret. She had been pregnant a previous time and chose to have an abortion without ever telling her boyfriend. Due to his own personal situation, she thought the timing wasn't right for him and feared what would happen to their relationship if she told him about her pregnancy. Unfortunately, this is a common pressure that women face.

Cara knew in her heart that she could not have another abortion. It was obvious that she was still suffering from the post-abortive trauma of what had happened to her and her preborn child. We talked about the healing process for women who suffer from post-abortion syndrome. Cara was encouraged to partake in the programs that are offered through Rachel's Vineyard and Surrendering the Secret. After carrying this secret for too long, it was time for Cara to heal. I explained to her that healing comes from forgiveness; she must forgive herself, ask forgiveness from her preborn child, and seek God's forgiveness. When women open themselves up to these simple yet difficult actions, they begin the journey to wellness.

Cara's pregnancy test kit was indeed positive. I explained what steps she could take. She was given an appointment to meet with a wonderful local physician who would perform a sonogram. Cara finally told her boyfriend about the pregnancy. His initial reaction was not positive, which caused Cara great stress and anxiety. Thankfully, Cara was granted access to our new **HopeSync** online application, and she now knows that she is never alone. There is support for her just a text away. About a week later, Cara informed me that her boyfriend will support her decision and help her in any way he can.

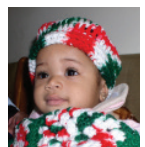
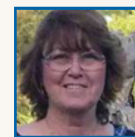
It is truly our Lord and Savior who heals the hearts of these struggling women and couples that we interact with every day. We are merely His instruments.

***“For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the Lord..”*** Jeremiah 30:17

God bless all who pray for the intentions of the Life Center's pregnancy care centers known as Women First Pregnancy Options and the women who receive God's healing through the work we do. Your prayers matter and are answered more than you realize.

*\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*

**Mary Bebbler**  
**Smithtown Center Director**

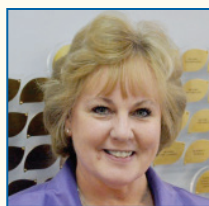


**Our Mission...** *“To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death.”*

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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF

*The CEO*

**Time to Vote!!**

**Even More Important – One Year Later**

Last June, the decision to overturn Roe v Wade was a fantastic victory for the pro-life movement and a turning point in the fight to protect life. Yet, shock waves were sent throughout the U.S. and around the world that are still being felt today. While Roe is now no longer the law of the land, and we do have much reason to celebrate, *the abortion landscape is now more difficult to navigate.*

The fight for life has entered a new phase and it's important for us to be aware of how the battleground is shifting. New challenges are around every corner and always on the horizon.

The Life Center faced increased attacks and battles brought on by the new abortion post-Roe landscape. We and other pregnancy care centers experienced a four-pronged attack throughout this first year: 1. Our **social media** presence was intercepted as Google and Yelp censored our advertising efforts. In addition, pro-abortion groups encouraged abortion activists to post fake negative reviews of our centers to discourage those who sought our services from getting the help they needed. 2. There were **threats as well as attacks** on pregnancy care centers and pro-life sidewalk advocates. 3. There were multiple state **legislative battles**. 4. **The accessibility of chemical abortions** increased to what is now over 60% of all abortions. **Yet pregnancy help is, and will remain, more important than ever. The help isn't about abortion; it's about people who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and those who provide pregnancy help.**

Our mission is to educate women on all the resources available so they can make truly informed and empowered decisions regarding their pregnancy in the hopes they choose life!

Big Abortion is fighting against our advancements. Why? Because **pro-lifers have traction and run marathons, not races!** We search to find a **Breakthrough** for any obstacle placed in our client's path. We are growing and our impact is increasing. Together, God gives us the strength to continue and to experience a **Breakthrough to Victory** in whatever lies ahead!

While many other states—excluding NY, unfortunately—were excited to see legislation passed protecting preborn babies, the battle has now shifted. There's a concerning trend of pro-abortion activists attempting to accomplish locally what they failed to do federally: Those in power are now trying to place the "right" to abortion **into their state's constitutions. By amending state constitutions**, pro-abortion groups could bypass pro-life majority state legislatures, who currently support all protections for women and their preborn children, by allowing abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Through ballot initiatives, they can write incredibly broad language that is misleading to voters. Big Abortion hides behind the ambiguity and statements of "reproductive freedom" in an attempt to obscure the true impacts of the amendments.

Every election is important. The pregnancy help movement must enter the political conversation to defend life in the upcoming November 2023 local elections. New Yorkers will vote on amendments to our state constitution that could further strengthen access to abortion. The Equal Rights Amendment in New York would prevent the state from denying rights to people who choose to have an abortion. We must speak up and ensure our hard-earned victories are not erased and that abortion is not further embedded into our state constitutions. Voting by your pro-life values and motivating others to do the same is an important way that we can ensure abortion is unthinkable for future generations.

Abortion will also be a major issue in **all 50 states** when Americans go to the polls for the 2024 presidential election. Please make sure you VOTE this November and search for other ways you can get involved!

Blessings,

*Gloria*

**Give now and skip the mailbox**



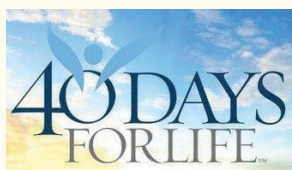
## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

**D**uring this Respect for Life Month, there are ways you can help restore respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death:

**PRAY** – Prayer is powerful. Remember to pray the rosary, as October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and ask for the protection of all life, born and pre-born. Our troubled world needs the intercession of our Holy Mother Mary.

**PARTICIPATE IN THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** – 40 Days for Life is an internationally-coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. The current Fall campaign is taking place from September 27th through November 5th.

*For those who have recently been trained as Sidewalk Advocates for Life at our Smithtown Center, the current 40 Days for Life campaign provides the ideal opportunity for you to receive further mentorship and apply the skills you learned to real-life crisis pregnancy situations. The experience you'll gain during the campaign will prepare those of you who would like to counsel outside of abortion facilities 365 days of the year and not just during the 40 Days for Life Fall campaign. Sidewalk prayer warriors are encouraged to attend.*



\*Visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) to contact the campaign leader nearest you.

\*\* For anyone interested in learning more about becoming a sidewalk advocate or prayer warrior, please contact Mary at 631-656-0441.

## 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 Needs:** Full-time and part-time bilingual positions in our Deer Park, Smithtown and Hempstead locations.

Please contact Gloria Schreiber at [gschreiber@lifecenterli.org](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org)

## IN MEMORIAM



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

**Christopher G Fake ~ Patricia Cunningham**

*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.*

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



## BABY BOTTLE TESTIMONY

When Jean\* went to her ladies meeting at St. John's in Riverhead recently, she had one of our baby bottles with her and explained to the ladies at the meeting what a Life Center Baby Bottle campaign is all about. Then, to Jane's surprise, a woman at the meeting who was familiar with the campaign shared a testimony she had witnessed. The health aide of this lady's mother saw the bottle one day in her mother's home. After seeing the bottle, she said "I was going to have an abortion and those people saved my baby. He's getting married next week".

We're grateful for how baby bottles from our campaigns brought forth a testimonial of how our work is bearing fruit that will last for future generations. *\*Name changed to protect confidentiality*

## UPCOMING EVENT TO BENEFIT THE LIFE CENTER

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