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The moment Theresa and Michael entered our Women’s First Pregnancy Options Hempstead office, their heightened level of concern and fear could not only be felt in their mere presence but was also quite evident with the look of desperation upon their young faces. That look was quite familiar and something we have seen countless times before. Immediately, as with every individual that walks through our doors, our commitment of care and competence kicks in. First and foremost, we needed to make sure this young couple was received with a warm, kind and encouraging reception, most importantly a smile. They are safe here. Safe from judgement. Safe from pressure. Safe from deception.

Once settled, we had the opportunity to understand the reason for their visit. Theresa and Michael have been involved in a relationship for many years and have three young children. To their surprise, they just found out that they would now be expecting their fourth child. After much discussion, it was apparent that they had a great deal of stress in their everyday lives, particularly within their family. Needless to say, they were extremely overwhelmed, mainly Michael, of the idea of welcoming another child into their world. Their immediate response was “We can’t do this, not now, not now. Please give us information on how to obtain an abortion.”

We knew differently. They can do this. We took this opportunity to educate them on their options. They asked about abortion, so we discussed this more in depth; different abortion procedures and the risks involved, emotionally, mentally and physically. With all of these risks involved, we explained that the most important first step would be to have an ultrasound performed, which would be not only in Theresa’s best interest but also in the best interest of her unborn baby. All the while, Theresa and Michael listened attentively.

Although this pregnancy seemed too much of an undertaking to Theresa and Michael, we knew the extreme importance of having this ultrasound and emphasizing how God has created the baby in the womb for a purpose. A priest I knew once said it was important to show kindness for the client and speak about kindness for the baby. We try our best to teach personal growth to our clients by accepting this gift of Life.

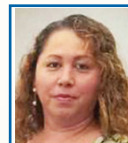
Although Theresa and Michael were clearly still overwhelmed and worried, it seemed as though we were able to provide some sense of HOPE through our support. They agreed to investigate our suggestions and agreed to receive an ultrasound. Additionally, they were unaware of the endless list of resources that we can provide to them and their unborn baby; including clothing, diapers, formula, furniture, such as a crib, car seat etc. With their approval, we will also be texting them information and doctor videos available through our new Hopesync program.

Several weeks passed, and to our delight, Theresa and Michael called to say they have chosen LIFE for their baby! We could hear the joy and happiness in their voices!

We could not be happier for Theresa, Michael and their beautiful children. Our Loving God has blessed their family with this precious gift of life. We wish them all the blessings God has to bestow upon them.

“Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness.”
~ Mother Theresa

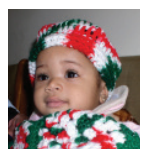
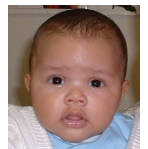
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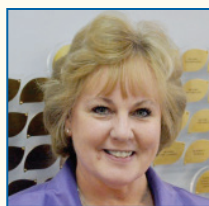


Our Mission... *“To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death.”*

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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF
The CEO



Sound the Alarm!

Ohio voters will be heading to the polls November 7th to decide on a radical constitutional amendment that, if passed, would legalize abortion in their state of Ohio and set a dangerous precedent for other states.

There's the concerning trend of pro-abortion activists attempting to accomplish locally what they failed to do federally: those in power are trying to place the "right" to abortion into their state's constitution. The abortion industry is on a relentless mission to expand abortion coast to coast using their influence and vast resources.

Since the reversal of Roe v. Wade's last year, the pro-life movement has **suffered six out of six consecutive defeats in state ballot initiatives** (Vermont, Kentucky, Michigan, Kansas, Montana, and California), and now the abortion industry is furiously mobilizing funds and followers around 9 to 11 more state ballot initiatives on the horizon in 2024 — brazenly attempting to enshrine the nation's most radical pro-abortion law in state constitutions coast to coast. The stakes are higher than ever.

As this surge develops, Ohio's results represent a national tipping point for hope. Ohio is the state to watch as their results on other important issues have influenced other states, as noted when they have often decided presidential elections. The outcome here could dictate the trajectory for the entire United States. **This issue will be a ballot initiative for New York in the November 2024 election.**

The pregnancy help movement must enter the political conversation and elect officials who defend life. This November, elections will be held for Suffolk County Executive, and Nassau and Suffolk County Legislature Districts. Please research your candidates and seize the opportunity when meeting **any** candidate, to ask them their views on life issues.

By rallying together, we can intercept and fight against this proposed amendment, stop the abortion industry's surge and pivot the national momentum towards LIFE.

Every life deserves protection. With your support, we can make a difference.

Please vote!

Blessings,

Gloria

*Wishing you and your family the best of health
and a very Happy Thanksgiving!*

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ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING

All are welcome to join the
Life Center Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers
to share in prayer and gratitude for God's blessings.

**Our Annual Mass of Thanksgiving will be held in the
Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
855 Carmans Road, Massapequa Park, NY 11762**

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

Brief reception to follow.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 15th to Lauren at 516-798-8746



SPIRITUAL RETREAT

AT OUR RENEWED ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT!

On Monday, October 16, 2023, the Life Center held our renewed **Annual Spiritual Retreat Day**, led by Fr. Liam McDonald, our chaplain at the Life Center, and pastor of St. Therese Lisieux in Montauk. The retreat theme Fr. Liam selected for our spiritual refreshment was "Light Shines on in the Darkness" where he delivered two presentations with the day concluding in Mass and Adoration.

Staff, seasoned volunteers and new volunteers in attendance, were reminded to be aware of the importance to embrace the daily plan God has selected for us and not necessarily the daily plans we have selected for ourselves. Fr. Liam delivered a powerful presentation on charisms and helped us see where our individual strengths lie; the charisms which give each one of us purpose; and to endear the charisms of our coworkers, staff and volunteers.

While we were renewed and refreshed for the great work that has been assigned to each of us at the Life Center, we also addressed the challenges we face while living and serving pro-life work on a day-to-day basis and all the different aspects and challenges of our life-saving work. One such ministry is the Sidewalk Advocacy Ministry.



One of our own volunteers in attendance shared his story of how he prayed quietly on the Hempstead sidewalks as a Sidewalk Advocate, in front of the Nassau County surgical Planned Parenthood. He is now being incarcerated for this work. A few days after our retreat, he surrendered and reported to jail, now serving 11 months. We all know the persecution that Christian lives are experiencing regularly right here in the United States. To see this man of such strength, humility and faith speaking about what is taking place in the nation was too much to comprehend. There he was right in front of us sharing his strength and his plea. Fr. Liam took the multiple Holy Spirit opportunities to pray with this young man to endure the fight! Please keep this young man, in your daily prayer. This young man already is hoping God will use him mightily within the walls of his jail surroundings to share the Word and salvation of Jesus Christ!

~ Lisa Vigliotta, Program Administrator



ANNUAL GALA



Thank you to all who joined us as we celebrated our 37th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, September 24th at the beautiful Muttontown Club in East Norwich.

Our Distinguished Honoree, Deacon Frank Gariboldi (pictured left) Co-Founder of Long Island Rachel Vineyard Weekend Retreats and initiated the Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaigns for the Life Center of LI, received the Life Center Gospel of Life Award. We were also privileged to have as our Guest Speaker, Ms. Theresa Bonapartis: Author, Co-Developer, and Speaker on Post-Abortion Healing and Founder of the Lumina Post Abortion Healing Program (pictured left).



Our wonderful Emcee for the afternoon was pro-life comedian Gordon Douglas (pictured right). Gordon ensured our audience had fun, laughed, cried and helped us set a new fundraising record. Aside from his comedy, Gordon is a pastor and has been on the board of his local pregnancy center. Gordon will be back in the Spring/Summer 2024 to perform a Comedy event for the Life Center. Stay tuned!

Thank you to all those who supported us in making this another great event!

Please patronize our supporters who so graciously donated gift baskets and gift cards for our 2023 Gala event.

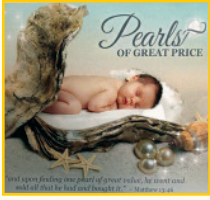
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May you all be blessed always with God's eternal love and grace

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

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