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Joy Beyond Christmas

Our monthly newsletter often includes one of our consultant baby saves. The stories are always so encouraging and remind us how our mission truly saves lives, one baby and one family at a time. As one child of God effects so many other lives in that baby's circle of influence, we don't always here of what transpires way past the two-year mark of our baby saves. I would like to tell you of such a story.

Her name is Nancy*. She came to the center over 7 years ago for baby needs. At the time she was living in a shelter with her two children. She was on disability as she had been struck by a car.

Almost a year later she came back to us for a pregnancy test and some baby needs. She was abortion vulnerable. At this point her boyfriend was incarcerated. Nancy felt she had nowhere to turn, and abortion was her only option. Upon speaking with one of our counselors, the Life Center was able to share with her our position on helping her keep her baby! That was baby save number one. A new baby, a new sister, a new granddaughter! Her circle of influence grows before she is even born!

This is about where I came into the picture and started building a relationship with her over the next 5 years. We met regularly to talk about all kinds of relational issues. We spoke of her dreams, her fears, her tears, her financials and her future to grow and become sound in body, mind and soul.

Nancy returned two years later, this time in dire straits. She came in for baby needs. As she was ready to leave she asked for a pregnancy test kit. Of course, I asked her to return to the room so we could talk. Our relationship had grown to the point that I could be very frank with her and even instill some humor into this dire situation. Nancy shared with me that her test was positive. Of course, I said congratulations, but she did not appear too excited. As we started to share information, she became vulnerable and was able to tell me the truth. She did not know the father of her baby. It was one of two men that she had a relationship. We spoke of her options. At this point I understood that she was very much an abortion vulnerable client. We know from our work and training with Heartbeat International that once a mom considers abortion, she very rarely is free of an abortion decision. We scheduled Nancy for a sonogram so she could see her baby and bond with that baby immediately. She had the inkling that she could not go through with the abortion. Our relationship had grown into a trusting, genuine sisterhood. She knew what I shared with her was true and right. We would be there every step of the way. A new baby was born in the new year!

Nancy has grown tremendously over the years. She comes to the center more frequently and finally understands the benefit of utilizing local resources on her own for food, clothing, school supplies, and holiday support not only from us but from local churches and organizations. It takes quite a few conversations to help our clients understand the importance of reaching out on their own, become empowered, and have assistance for their families and educating them on how to become empowered and make better choices for their families. When they are not working, I explain to them that this is their job to help their children and that one day they will be able to help others.

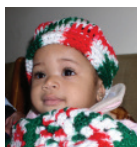
Nancy has gone on to enter the work force as she cares for her 4 children. We text regularly and once again this Christmas season the Life Center will be able to assist her family. This relationship is a joy that I will never forget! The Life Center makes this all possible!



Lisa Vigliotta
**Program Administrator/
Consultant**

Merry Christmas!

**Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*

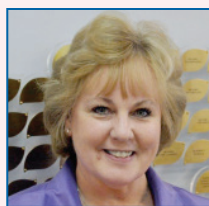


Our Mission... *"To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death."*

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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF
The CEO



*Baby Save, Mark

Love, Peace, and Joy

As we enter the Christmas season, the Life Center has much to be thankful for. As we rejoice in the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, we share the **love, peace, and joy** that night the Holy Family knew Jesus came to give us to share with the world. We are grateful to be God’s instruments for the opportunity to provide that love, peace, joy, and hope to the women and men that seek our help and to whom we serve.

Our lives, country and world are far from perfect, with new challenges and struggles we all face. Even if there is much bad news and devastation in the world: **the message of Christmas is timeless - the good news - doesn’t change from year to year!**

What a year we experienced at the Life Center! We faced increased attacks by the interception of our social media presence; abortion groups posting fake reviews about our work; threats and attacks on pregnancy care centers and prolife sidewalk advocates; multiple state legislative battles; and the expansion and accessibility of chemical abortions that now represent over **70%** of all abortions.

This new battleground in the fight for life presents new challenges around every corner and always on the horizon. **Yet pregnancy help is, and will remain, more important than ever.** To combat these challenges and better serve our clients, let me update you on **three very successful resource initiatives we incorporated into the Life Center this year that saved lives:**

Abortion Pill Reversal: Did you know that in the Bible the number 7 is mentioned 700 x and symbolizes completion or perfection? We received both! God completed our **seven-year search** and presented a breakthrough: a Nurse Practitioner here on LI, stepped out in faith and joined the APR network using her own liability insurance. With her, working with us, we have now **saved our 1st APR baby that was just born in July!** **We need more Doctors/Nurse Practitioners to join the APR Network because calls are increasing, and women want that second chance to save their babies lives! Please forward those interested to contact me at 516-798-8746.**

HopeSync: a cutting-edge concept, directly communicates via text with our abortion minded clients and those dealing with other “life” concerns. Our client website www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org has a chat feature during the day that lets our clients connect with us via text, in seconds and real-time, on our computers or by a secure text line to our cell phones. It allows us to communicate with a client (with her permission) before she even steps into our office, and for the woman that we talk with on the phone who won’t/can’t come into the center, this tool is priceless. We can send educational literature and 1-3 minute videos from former abortion Doctors. **Since inception in July, we have had over 200 client interactions!** HopeSync does not replace in-person client visits – it fills the gap between office visits and builds stronger relationships between the clients and our counselors.

SAFL (Sidewalk Advocates for Life): Every sidewalk in front of an abortion clinic is a battle for life. SAFL have a front-line peaceful presence at abortion clinics where vulnerable women and men are, connecting them, providing prayer, counsel, and practical resources to guide them to our pregnancy care centers, that will enable us to empower them to make a life decision. **Over 70% of women who see a Sidewalk Advocate will not keep their abortion appointment.** There is a tremendous need for more Sidewalk Advocates in order to have a stronger visible presence at abortion facilities all 365 days of the year. For those interested in becoming a Sidewalk Advocate or Peaceful Prayer Warrior, please contact Mary at 631-656-0441. No matter the battle, we will not back down from offering hope to women at any point in her pregnancy. Our commitment is to her—to offer compassionate, caring, and truthful support.

At this Christmas season, we want you to know how much we appreciate you and how **your support helped us save lives!** The biggest battle we fight together is to defend the value of every life. **Every Gift you Give, Gives the Gift of Life!**

From all of us at the Life Center, to all of you, may your Christmas be full of love, peace, joy and hope!

Blessings,

Gloria

*Our Best Wishes to You and Your Families for a Very Merry Christmas
And a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

Give now
and skip the
mailbox



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

We take this opportunity to thank the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #375, Our Lady of Victory, Huntington**, with assistance from Court #2687, St Elizabeth, Melville, for hosting their annual Baby Shower for the Life Center of LI on October 18th at St Patrick's Church, Huntington. They were most generous in their baby shower gifts donated to the Life Center of Long Island.



For **Victoria Lynch's** Confirmation community service project, she created a Walmart online baby registry, collected the baby items donated through the registry and brought them to the Life Center. Victoria selected this particular project because she felt as though "this is the time of year to reflect on thanksgiving for the blessings and gratitude for Life."



We are sincerely grateful to the **Angels of Mercy from Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Hicksville**, for hosting their most recent baby shower. This devoted group has been an endless source of support to the Life Center enabling us to meet the specific needs of the various families that come to us.

A special note of thanks to **Phyllis Lafauci**, the principal of the Huntington Montessori School, for coordinating a coat drive on behalf of the Life Center. The Life Center happily received **50 brand new jackets** ready to be distributed to our families. Due to this organized effort, many will be cozy and warm this winter.



Thank you to **Dorine Kiley** from St. Barnabas Parish, Bellmore, for donating beautifully handmade blankets to our families. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

HONORARIUM



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

"aborted babies" ~ Anita Savello

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.**

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

**Mr. and Mrs. J. DeCicco ~ Mr. and Mrs. J. Bozza ~ Rita Sudwischier ~ Barbara Kinsella ~
Jacqueline Byrne ~ Dreu A. Beers ~ Helen Riekert ~ Jerry Riekert ~ Donald Barry ~ Catherine Jo Ryan ~
Joseph DePierro ~ Ken O'Brien ~ MaryAlice McNamara ~ Sal Pekoff's Birthday ~ "those not born"**
We commend their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed to the loving embrace of our Father.



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

MEET REGINA - OUR NEW BOTTLE CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Regina Lawler joined The Life Center as our new Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator in October. She and her Husband reside in Massapequa Park with their daughter. Regina loves to Cook, Bake, and entertain for family and friends. She received her degree in Baking & Pastry Arts from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI. Regina found her path into her faith in her adult life and went through an adult RCIA program at St. Anne's in Providence, RI. She found great happiness and spiritual fulfillment at this time and is thrilled to raise her daughter in the Catholic faith. Regina brings strong skillsets from previous positions to her new role as our Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator. She reports to Lauren Phillips, Director of Client Services, who is our previously held the Baby Bottle Coordinator position. " I am very grateful for the opportunity to work at The Life Center of Long Island, where Christian values and faith serve as the foundation of its life-affirming mission." Welcome Regina!



UPCOMING EVENT TO BENEFIT THE LIFE CENTER

AMERICANA MANHASSET CHAMPIONS²⁸ FOR CHARITY[®]

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

COUNTDOWN

HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT

Shop Americana Manhasset and select Wheatley Plaza stores and 25% of your full-price pre-tax purchases will be donated to our charity.

HOW IT WORKS

1 REGISTER

for your Champion number and select our charity at championsforcharity.org

2 SHOP

Americana Manhasset and select Wheatley Plaza stores November 30 through December 2

3 DONATE

25% of your full-price, pre-tax purchases will be donated to our charity

You must give your Champion Number at the time of each purchase!

Register at championsforcharity.org

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Diocese of Rockville Center

December 8th to Saturday December 9th | 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Hour of Unity 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM EST

We will be united in prayer in churches across the country.

Brief History

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th), our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and of the Americas, first appeared to Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our blessed Mother and to pray for the Lord's mercy and restore life, liberty, faith, and peace.

Please visit DRVC website for parish locations and times.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Annual March for Life is on Friday January 19, 2024 with its theme which emphasizes the need to care for both mother and child: "With Every Woman, For Every Child"

Please contact your local parish for inquiry.

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