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HOLY MOMENTS



One never knows what God has in store for them. We start each day with the comfort of knowing God will guide us and has a plan for each of us. I firmly believe that individuals are placed in our lives for a very specific purpose and reason. The experience I am about to share with you, confirms this belief.

Two young ladies entered our Hempstead Center. Same day. Same time. In that particular moment, I was unaware of the profound impact each would have on the other. Alternatively, these young ladies were also unaware. Their lives were about to change dramatically, for the better, for the rest of their lives. Now, I recognize this was divine intervention.

Theresa* entered our Center and like so many instances before, I observed the look of uncertainty on her face. Appearing hesitant and cautious, I greeted her warmly, hoping my kindness might put her fears and worry at ease. Incidentally, there was also another young client, Louise*, sitting in our reception area, waiting to be seen. Two very different individuals with two very different needs. Theresa was scheduled for a pregnancy test kit and was quite fearful of a positive result. Her intention, at that moment, was not to have a baby. Louise, had been down that very same path with the same type of fears and apprehension. As we had assured Louise, she was now coming to see us on a regular basis to supply her with whatever needs her baby may have at the time; diapers, wipes, clothing etc. There was a most notable difference between the two ladies. A few months prior, we offered Louise compassion, knowledge, education and material support. She now sat in a chair beaming with confidence and self-assurance knowing that choosing life for her baby was the best choice she ever made, rich in her understanding of the sanctity of Life. Quite the contrary for Theresa. She sat in her chair with an overwhelming sense of insecurity, self-doubt and fright. Louise recognized these feelings immediately with Theresa. In this very moment, things were about to change.

Louise broke the ice and extended a warm hello. It seemed as if the girls hit it off and began talking. Louise was upfront and honest about the many challenges but also spoke of the many blessings that God has bestowed on her with the gift of her newborn daughter. Sure, there would be difficulties, but the rewards would be so much greater.

We all prayed together, the girls exchanged phone numbers and then went along their way. A week went by and Theresa called to say she would keep her baby and shared how happy she was that she came to us and met Louise. We not only offered her assistance but most importantly, compassion. Additionally, Louise offered her truth and friendship.

Louise and Theresa have not only stayed in touch but have become close friends and get together on occasion. Both are doing quite well and are forever grateful that their paths crossed that day. Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1:11

"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will."

*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality

Meg Malley
Hempstead Staff



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

Happy New Year to 2024!

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" - Nehemiah 8:10

This past year we've navigated through many difficult situations, as well as new challenges that we've had to face. The promise and simplicity of the above verse reminds us that when we are filled with **His joy, we are strengthened** to continue to fight the battles before us in saving babies' lives. His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, we thank you, **our donors**, for a great 2023! Your prayers, life-giving financial support, and your inspiring calls and letters, have made the journey alongside all of you, even more meaningful and productive, as we serve the Lord together in this vital life-affirming work. Keeping Christ close to our hearts isn't always easy, but as we continue to journey through life, *carrying His lessons with us will open us up to infinite new possibilities.*

We have exciting goals for the Life Center in the New Year of 2024!

One of our new projects consists of much needed facelifts for our Hempstead and Massapequa centers such as new floors, lighting, painting, and updated chairs for our waiting and counsel rooms. This update will provide a much warmer welcome for our clients, and for them to know that we care enough about them with how we present ourselves to them. We invite you to become part of this exciting transition and would greatly appreciate any financial support and/or talents with accomplishing this project.

One of our new initiatives consists of reaching out to all the private and public schools here on Long Island, introducing and explaining the work of our pregnancy care centers - Women First Pregnancy Options – and invite them for a tour at any one of our centers. Our goal also, is to educate the students that although abortion is legal, **coercion and undue pressure to a woman to abort is illegal**. We will introduce and share the "Dear Parent letter, Father of the Baby letter, School Counselor letter, etc.," from the Justice Foundation as a resource for the students and schools. We are excited about this opportunity to reach our youth and welcome any suggested introductions to schools our donors may have.

We will also be expanding our Post Abortion Healing program that currently consists of **Surrendering the Secret** to include the well-known program **Lumina** that was founded by Theresa Bonapartis, who was our Guest Speaker this year at our Annual Gala. Please watch for upcoming information about the retreat date to share with someone, or someone they know, who might have interest in attending and long to be healed.

One of our ongoing operations for serving the Moms, Dads, and Grandparents in 2023 with material aid is on an upward trajectory for 2024. On average, we distribute the equivalent of over \$800,000 in material aid each year. Our **Adopt a Mom and Child Program** enables us to provide the much needed material aid support to the families we serve. It has changed the hearts of abortion vulnerable women who did not have the means to provide for their baby but now do. Please consider becoming a part of this program by participating and becoming a partner in our Adopt a Mom and Child program so we can have the resources available to serve the projected number of families in 2024 and save more babies lives.

Please stay tuned, be informed, and inquire how you can be a part of this journey together with us in saving more babies lives and expanding our support to build better communities here on Long Island!

Blessings,

Gloria

*Wishing you and your families a Happy, Healthy,
and Prosperous New Year in 2024*

**Give now
and skip the
mailbox**



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

Each year during the Christmas season, the Life Center of Long Island, makes a special effort to make it a most memorable one for the baby save moms, their babies and extended families we have had the privilege of serving this past year. However, this particular year, with the state of our current economy, we initially found it a bit more challenging to obtain gifts for our moms. However, God sure does provide! The closer we got to Christmas, local parishes, parishioners as well as anonymous donors came through and provided us with our exact needs, including gift cards, toys and other various items, enabling us to make this a beautiful Christmas season for those in need. To all of those who made this possible, The Life Center of Long Island wishes to express its deepest appreciation! A sincere thank you for responding to God's call to aid those less fortunate during this holy season. Your enthusiastic response surely did help make Christmas brighter for the many families we serve.

**St. Patrick's Smithtown ~ Christ the King, Commack ~ Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park
St. Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square ~ Catholic Daughters of America from St. Joseph's, Kings Park
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St. Bernard, Levittown ~ Ridgewood Savings Bank ~ The Parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst**



A special note of thanks to **Rudy Cano from Fidelis Health**, who arranged for a Grant to benefit the Life Center, which allowed us to purchase gift cards for our client's Christmas gifts.

Champions for Charity Event Update: Thank you to all who supported the Life Center by participating in the Champions for Charity event at the Americana Shopping Center in Manhasset. We are most grateful to our volunteer Janice Seaman who coordinated the Champion for Charity event to benefit the Life Center.

We are most grateful to the **St. Patrick's "Something for Seniors" Organization** for their generous donation.



IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Annemarie Adams ~ Edwin J. Lucie ~ Colin Michael Gilmartin

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

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



URGENT CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!!

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For all Four Centers

Deer Park, Smithtown, Hempstead and Massapequa

Winter Clothing

Boys & Girls

NB-4T

Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Socks

Unopened Toiletries, Crib Sheets

Thank you for the continued support

2024

BABY BOTTLE CORNER

We received a beautifully written note from a 10-year-old girl in one of our Baby Bottles. It was so touching that we wanted to share it with all of you. These truly inspirational words give us much hope for the future.

*“Dear Families,
God, I found this lucky penny on the ground and I really wanted to keep it for my soccer game, but I put it in the bottle to help the parents and babies. I know this penny is more special than coins in my wallet because it came from Angels. Amen”*
~ Written by 10 year old girl

As we begin the new year, we are in need Baby Bottle Campaign Speakers. If interested, please contact our Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator, Regina Lawler at (516) 798-8746.

LOOKING AHEAD: UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for dates and information.....Spring/Summer Events

Annual March for Life is on Friday January 19, 2024 with its theme emphasizing the need to care for both mother and child: “With Every Woman, For Every Child” Please contact your local parish for inquiry.

5K Run/Walk to be held at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford...more information and details regarding this event to come!



Comedy Night with Christian pro-life comedian and our recent Gala Emcee, **Gordon Douglas**, a two-time Mike Huckabee show guest!

Please join us for our First time ever **Bingo Night!**



RAFFLE BASKET ITEMS NEEDED

**Have you received a Christmas gift you don't like or cannot use?
No Worries – you can donate it to the Life Center!**

The Life Center is now accepting donations of new items to be used in raffle baskets at our upcoming events. Items will be accepted at any of our centers. Kindly label: For Raffle Baskets.



BABY BUGGY CAR DONATION



We are pleased to report the success that has come from the Baby Buggy Car Donation Program. The Life Center of Long Island has benefited in the amount of \$3,794!!!! Thank you to all our generous donors who have chosen to donate their vehicle to the Life Center through the Cars for Charity organization! If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful program, please contact our Massapequa Center (516) 798-8746.

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