



# Life Center of Long Island

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## THE LION'S DEN

For those who are unaware, the Women First Pregnancy Options in Smithtown is diagonally across the street from the largest Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Suffolk County on LI. Recently, I was informed that there is a 9 week waiting period to get an appointment. This does not discourage us as we realize that God has won the victory for us. We also know that our location was Heaven sent. We are truly blessed by the surrounding communities who support us both financially and spiritually. Yet, God's hands haven't stopped there, for He also intervenes by motivating individuals who give of their time to pray outside this abortion facility. We have established an amazing collaboration with them while helping save the lives of the preborn. And, this is how we came to meet Yennifer\* and here is her story.

On Friday, the Smithtown abortion facility performs their surgical abortions, where Yennifer was scheduled to terminate the life of her preborn child. Yet, God had other plans for her. While sitting in Planned Parenthood and talking with the medical staff, Yennifer learned that she was roughly 19 weeks along. Due to financial circumstances, Yennifer was informed that no anesthesia would be used in her procedure. As we all know in the pro-life movement, to abortion providers, it is all about the money. Knowing that her preborn child would feel pain during the abortion, this moment solidified her wavering feelings and angst about the abortion. She got up from the procedure table and walked out of the office. God had given her the grace to walk out of the *Lion's den* that day. Praise God!!!

The following week, I received a call from Monica\*. She is one of the prayer participants from a local Christian Church. On that fateful day that Yennifer exited Planned Parenthood, she received Monica's contact information from another prayer participant. Yennifer contacted Monica seeking assistance after making her decision to keep her baby. Monica brought Yennifer to meet with me at our Smithtown Women First Pregnancy Options center, across the street from the Planned Parenthood where Yennifer had her abortion appointment. She was very candid with me about her prior decision and the burdens that she now faced with another child. However, we reassured her that we would walk side by side with her on this journey. I explained to her all the services we would provide. We arranged a sonogram appointment for Yennifer at the Gianna Center in Babylon with a follow up consult with its Director, Dr. Carpentier. She was amazed to learn that she was closer to 22 weeks. Yennifer now knew that she had made the right decision. She felt at peace and trusted that we would be there for her.

Yennifer reached out to me throughout her pregnancy. With the Grace of God, she had a beautiful healthy baby boy! She has sent photos from time to time since his birth. They are both doing well, happy and are truly blessed. In fact, she is doubly blessed as she has returned to her faith and God, inspired by our non-judgemental consultations and the Christ-like love that we and the prayer participants she met that day, humbly shared with her.

***Daniel 6:23 My God sent his angel and closed the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me.***

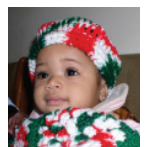
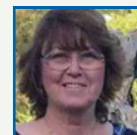
If you wish to be one of God's angels and pray outside of an abortion facility, please reach out to me at 631-656-0441. We have a training program that will lead you through the best way to show God's love and Mercy to those who need it most.

God bless you for all the support that you have given us through prayers and financial means.

*\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*



**Mary Bebber**  
**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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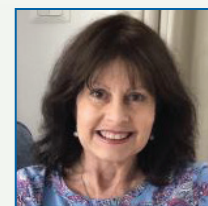


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## ***Turning Grief and Regret to Saving Lives***

The heart wrenching stories of those who've had an abortion are bringing much needed attention to the pain and regret so common after abortion. We see them at the March for Life with their moving, "I Regret My Abortion" or "Men Regret Lost Fatherhood" signs. We hear their powerful testimonies in talks, videos, and articles. What many don't realize is how people who suffer from a past abortion often direct their pain toward helping others avoid the same tragic mistake. They turn their pain into prolife assistance by volunteering at a pregnancy care center.

At the Life Center, we currently have several people who volunteer in various ways who suffered an abortion experience themselves. For some, their story is shared when they first inquire about being part of The Life Center. For others, it only comes out gradually after they've been with us for a while. Many have already gone through a post abortion healing program; if not, we urge them to attend one of these programs in hopes to find comfort and peace.

Over the years we've had a number of women – and men – who become counselors; that is, they work directly with any woman and/or her boyfriend/husband, who is considering abortion. They use their knowledge of what it's really like to explain to our clients that those who profit from abortion generally don't share the negative aftermaths of abortion. They usually urge the mother to make a decision *now*, before she has time to think, pray, talk with a pregnancy care center, or consider what support she has around her. These counselors can impress upon our clients like no one else can just how crucial it is to slow down, not make an impulsive decision that will affect the rest of their life, to see their ultrasound, and to look at the long-term picture, not just the immediate circumstances.

Most of these post abortive people were not shown their ultrasound. Our consultants talk to our clients about the deception involved in the abortion industry; for example, why abortion providers actually turn the ultrasound screen away from pregnant moms. Obviously, it's so that she doesn't see her tiny baby's heart beating and experience the natural maternal instinct that would normally kick in. It's much harder to sell an abortion when a mom has seen her own child moving. That's precisely why abortionists routinely turn the screen away, only using the ultrasound for their own purposes...to see the size of the baby, how much 'work' is involved, and how much the fee will be.

We also have a few volunteer men who experienced an abortion in their past and have gone through a post abortion healing program to assist counseling our male clients. Others assist in various ways such as picking up donations of larger items like cribs, to fundraising.

Not everyone who's suffered an abortion is comfortable speaking directly with our clients, yet in their hearts want to help women choose life. For them, that help can be in sorting through donated baby or maternity clothes, fundraising, answering phones and doing data entry, picking up donated cribs, strollers, and car seats, and helping put together bags of diapers and clothes for our clients. How grateful we are for these people whose grief and regret motivates them to help others avoid the same tragedy.

Abortion testimonies from clients throughout the Life Center's past 37 years continue to stress the critical importance of post-abortion healing. We have witnessed the impact this healing has in saving and redirecting people's lives. Our programs have helped hundreds of post abortive women and men find forgiveness and peace whether it be through our Rachel Vineyard Retreat weekends, Surrendering the Secret for women or Healing a Father's Heart for men Bible Studies.

**On Saturday, June 22, 2024, we will be hosting the nationally known post abortion healing program *Lumina* presented by founder, Theresa Bonapartis, who previously experienced her own abortion journey. Should you or someone you know need healing, please contact me at 516-798-8746 for more information. All inquiries are confidential.**

Sincerely,

Gloria Schreiber, CEO, LAS

**\*\*names have been changed to protect confidentiality\*\***

*Happy Saint Patrick's Day!*

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and skip the  
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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 24

Helping to End the Injustice of Abortion

**40 Days for Life** is an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Our **Women First Pregnancy Options** centers, located in Hempstead, Massapequa and Smithtown, are across the street or one block away from these Planned Parenthoods. The **40 Days for Life** Campaigns enable Sidewalk Advocates and/or Prayer Warriors to bring a woman directly to one of our centers where we can educate her on the truth about abortion in hope she has a change of heart and saves the life of her baby and spares herself the spiritual, emotional, and physical anguish an abortion would bring. Please participate in the current **40 Days for Life** campaign to help end abortion and save lives! The following campaigns are taking place throughout Long Island:



**Hempstead:** Pro Bikers For Life • Hempstead Planned Parenthood

540 Fulton Ave Hempstead, NY • 516-410-5983 • Hempstead40daysforlife@aol.com

**Patchogue:** Waverly Avenue Respect Life, Inc. • Waverly Avenue Planned Parenthood Center

450 Waverly Ave Patchogue, NY • 631-615-1735 • WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com

**Smithtown:** Planned Parenthood

70 Maple Ave Smithtown, NY • 40 Days For Life Smithtown

**Massapequa:** Paul Arena Planned Parenthood

35 Carman's Road Massapequa, NY • 516-848-1562 • paul.arena29@yahoo.com



## MARCH FOR LIFE



The March for Life 2024 started off amid a snowstorm. At first, it seemed that the turnout in D.C. would be small because of the snow, but it transformed into a massive sea of people standing up for life and the preborn. There were electrifying speeches from many notable people, such as Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson (R-LA) and NCAA College Football Champion head coach, Jim Harbaugh of the University of Michigan.

I traveled with my sister, brother-in-law, and two nephews from Merrick, NY. We planned to meet my other two nephews at the March. One traveled from Mineola with his high school, Chaminade, and the other traveled with 400 students from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. The cold, wintry weather belied the "hearts-of-fire" that stirred within thousands who stood up for life. "With Every Woman, For Every Child" epitomized the spirit and message of the 2024 March for Life.

~ Rich Ellwood, Life Center Baby Bottle Campaign Speaker



## IN LOVING MEMORY / HONORARIUM



### HONORARIUM

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

~ Ann Hughes ~ Peggy Rupnick ~

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~ Damian Geminder ~ Ken O'Brien ~ Mary Diglio ~ Walter J. Rosati ~

~ Lorraine Campbell ~ Fallon Rae Brown ~

~ Lucille Buffalino ~ remembered for her dedication and one of the original founders of Celebrate Life on Long Island.

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

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





# THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU



Our deepest thanks to the **Rosary Altar Society, Saint Hedwig's Church, Floral Park**, for generously coordinating a baby shower to benefit the Life Center and the families we serve.



The Life Center would like to recognize the **Assumption Council, St. Mary, East Islip**, for their dedication and commitment to braving 17°F temps on January 19th, saying the Rosary, in support of the Washington D.C. March for Life, and all pre-born souls. Due to the inclement weather, their NY bus to Washington D.C. was canceled. However, this did not discourage or prevent them from showing their support.

Many thanks to the Respect Life Committee at **St. Patrick's, Bayshore** for generously hosting a baby shower to support the Life Center and our clients. May God Bless your kindness!

## LOOKING AHEAD... UPCOMING EVENTS



**NEW EVENT**

**Coming May!**

**Comedy Night** with Christian pro-life comedian and our recent Gala Emcee, **Gordon Douglas**, a two-time Mike Huckabee show guest! Check out some of Gordon's samples at [www.gordondouglasfunny.com](http://www.gordondouglasfunny.com)



**Coming June!**

**5K Run/Walk** to be held at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford on Saturday, June 8th, 2024. More information and details regarding this event to come!



**NEW EVENT**

Please join us for our first time ever **Bingo Night!**  
**Coming October!**



## REGIFTING DONATIONS 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/gift cards to be used in raffle baskets at our upcoming events.

Items will be accepted at any of our centers. Kindly label: For Raffle Baskets.

Any questions, please contact Regina at 516-798-8746.



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