



# Life Center of Long Island

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**OF LONG ISLAND**  
*A Voice for the Unborn  
on Long Island*

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## THE RAINBOW AFTER THE STORM

We all face storms throughout our lifetime and hope they will produce beautiful rainbows. One such storm occurred on a rainy February day. Marco felt called to endure heavy rain, wind and bitter cold standing outside Planned Parenthood. He spotted a car exiting the parking lot, approached the car and motioned to the driver. She rolled her window down, and immediately was trying to communicate her concerns and needs in Spanish. Just by her demeanor, he knew she needed help. Marco handed her our information flyer which outlines all the free services and assistance we offer individuals facing unplanned pregnancies. She understood he was there to offer her help by his kind voice and the peaceful look in his eyes while he directed her to our center down the street.

Visibly shaken and soaking wet, Marco led Lisa\* into our office and introduced her to Juana, who spoke Spanish and immediately welcomed her with compassion, making Lisa feel comfortable, secure and accepted. Marco knew well that Lisa was now in excellent hands and offered her rosary beads before leaving. Lisa immediately understood that there would be no judgement passed upon her. She willingly began to share her turbulent past and unfortunate events that led her to this very moment. Finally, someone was sincerely interested in her and her feelings.

Most recently, Lisa had been separated from her abusive husband, with whom she had a five-year-old daughter. Although Lisa had begun seeing another man, her husband continued to contact her and encouraged her to meet with him. Against her better judgement, she agreed. Lisa was unaware of the evil intent her husband had in mind for their meeting. This was a night that would forever change her life. Sadly, Lisa endured a considerable amount of violence, abuse, and manipulation which resulted in a horrific attack resulting in rape.

Lisa became pregnant. Filled with panic and terror, Lisa made several different attempts to abort her pregnancy. She purchased the morning after pill, drank a rare tea that she heard would induce abortion, and went to a doctor who referred her for a surgical abortion at Planned Parenthood. However, the huge expense was not something she could afford. By the Grace of God, she encountered Marco and he led her to the Life Center. Juana told her the baby was a gift from God despite her husband's despicable actions. Her focus now should be on her sweet 5-year-old daughter who would now have a sibling. Juana pointed out that Lisa had already been managing on her own with one child, and that the risks and ramifications of abortion would be more traumatic than the rape. Lisa learned about the grief and depression that often continues for years, even decades, following an abortion, and how alcohol, drug abuse and even suicide rates increase dramatically for women who have an abortion.

Juana asked Lisa to watch a new endoscopic video together about gestational development called "See Baby Grow". With the education and support provided, Lisa agreed to an ultrasound and saw the miracle of her 11-week-old baby moving around in her womb. In that moment, Lisa knew she would keep her child, and thanked God that her abortion attempts had failed. ***"This baby is going to be special," says Marco. "Just think, four attempts to end the life of this child... the morning after pill, some strange tea, going to a doctor that she thought could do an abortion, and then to Planned Parenthood."***

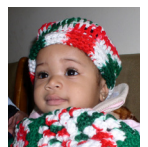
Through the storm, by God's grace, came the rainbow.

*\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*

**Marco**  
*Our Sidewalk  
Advocate*



**Juanita Hernandez**  
*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*

**BREAKING NEWS!**

## ***The "See Baby Grow" App***



The "See Baby Grow" app is a new and updated resource to help our clients and our entire society choose life for the preborn. It is arguably the **best single resource ever created to introduce people to the child in the womb.**

**For pregnancy centers and clients,** the "See Baby Grow" app has the most informative "pregnancy tracker" on the web for moms to see the baby developing in their womb. Every major stage of pregnancy is depicted in **actual video using real endoscopic visualization technologies.** The user can learn remarkable **developmental facts for each one of the pregnancy's 266 days of gestation.** The app is easily downloadable for our clients, even in our centers during the counsel process, to help reinforce her connection with her baby and her own health needs during her pregnancy.

**For teachers,** the app offers an unprecedented array of educational resources for every age group and for every educational level, **from pre-K school to medical school.** There is curricular material and lesson plans for teachers. There are videos geared specifically for children, as well as coloring books in which children can color images of the baby in the womb.

The user will find links to a selection of embryology textbooks commonly used by medical and nursing schools. For more advanced study, the app contains a large array of high-resolution animations depicting major organ systems, each rendered in 3D models that can be rotated, tilted, etc., to permit viewing from a nearly infinite array of angles. For example, one shows the human heart as it appears in an 8-week embryo, a 16-week fetus, and the adult body. Each organ's substructures are labeled inside each organ, and each substructure can be accessed by name through an alphabetized index.

The app also contains public service announcements that show the striking video of the baby and talk about the negative impact of smoking and drinking on the preborn child. We are able to text the scientific evidence of fetal pain in 2nd and 3rd trimester ultrasound scans of facial expressions signaling intense pain upon needle-sticks in preparation for fetal surgery. These disturbing images address the common fear among women considering abortion that their baby is capable of feeling pain, and much, much more!

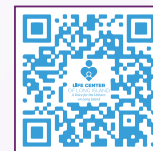
The app and all the educational material do not talk about abortion, but by showing the developing baby in ways that most people have never seen before, it inoculates the viewer from accepting the lie that the preborn child is "just a blob of tissue," and challenges the thinking of those who have already bought that lie. Clients pressured to abort are now able to show short clips of prenatal video content to fight back against this coercion.

We are in a post-literate culture as young people live their lives on their screens today. Many suffer poor reading comprehension and content retention. This app engages them visually in our hope of reaching them. Women deserve better and the truth. The "See Baby Grow" app is a game changer for the prolife movement. It will get us more of what we need most: women turning to pregnancy centers instead of Planned Parenthood for help dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

Sincerely,

Gloria Schreiber, CEO, LAS

**Give now  
and skip the  
mailbox**



## ***Office Space for Lease at Our Smithtown Center***

91 Maple Ave, Smithtown- Entire 2nd Floor (1300 +/- SF)

For more information, contact

516-798-8746 or email [mpiccolo@lifecenter.org](mailto:mpiccolo@lifecenter.org)



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Knights of Columbus**

The Life Center is thrilled to announce we will be the proud recipients of this year's **Nassau County Chapter Knights of Columbus Charity Ball for 2024** being held on Sunday April 14, 2024 from 12-5pm at Leonard's in Great Neck.

We will share highlights from the event in our May newsletter.

We are deeply humbled with this acknowledgement of our mission.

For all God's children,  
Gloria



**Aid After Pregnancy  
To Support the  
Life Center of Long Island**  
*Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>*

- Baby Items from 0 to 6 months**
- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Diapers sizes 3-6              | Girls and Boys             |
| Baby Wipes                     | Outfits 0-4T               |
| Receiving Blankets             | One Zees (Great Condition) |
| Baby Towels                    | Formula                    |
| Highchairs (Great Condition)   | Jar Baby Food              |
| Car Seats (Less than 6yrs old) | Baby Lotion                |
| Desitin                        | A&D Lotion                 |

**Place donations in the Baby Crib located in the  
Lobby of Our Lady of Grace Parish at  
666 Albin Ave, West Babylon**

## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU



Our deepest thanks to **Katie Hovestadt, a student of St. Pius School, Huntington Station**, for kindly coordinating a baby shower to benefit the Life Center and the families we serve (pictured left) We are extremely grateful for the many wonderful items of baby clothing, diapers, wipes and formula delivered to the Massapequa Center.

*I always learned about the importance of life through my religion. While at school, my speech teacher inspired me to compete in the pro-life speech contest hosted by The Long Island Coalition for Life. It was during this contest where I learned about the significance of the young community in the pro-life organization and how I could personally help other women. These experiences were my inspirations for starting a drive to aid mothers and children at the Life Center.*

Written by ~Kathleen Hovestadt



Many thanks to **Karen Hoffman and Marijane Camilleri** for donating the beautiful regifting items to be used in our future fundraising baskets. May God Bless your kindness!



We are extremely appreciative to **Layla DeLillo, a student of Wisdom Lane Middle School, Levittown**, for her many hours of organizing and coordinating a baby shower within her school to help support the many families we serve at the Life Center (pictured right) All of these beautiful items will certainly be put to good use!

## IN LOVING MEMORY / HONORARIUM



### HONORARIUM

*The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in honor of;*  
**~ Lieve Hawkins ~**

### IN LOVING MEMORY

*The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in loving memory of:*  
**~ Damian Geminder ~ John Wallace ~ Baby Daniel ~**

**~ Joseph DiStefano ~ John Thorne ~ Ronald P. Joannou Sr. ~ Margaret Falese ~ Barbara Kinsella ~ Robert Thornton Sr. ~ Arthur J. Sickler ~ Christine Liotta ~ Glenn Fredericks ~ Rosemary Curtin ~ Lucille Buffalino ~ Rosemarie Coletta ~**

*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.*



## SAVE THE DATE

### Life Center of Long Island 5K Run/Walk 4 Life

Fundraising Event

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Cedar Creek Park

3340 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY

**Details soon to follow.**

Kindly call Marina at 516-232-0730 for inquiries regarding sponsorships, donations and registration.



## ENTERING CANAAN – POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

### Day of Prayer & Healing

for those suffering from a post abortion

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Come begin your healing journey!

His mercy and peace is waiting for you!

For confidential reservations, call Joanne c: 516-647-5353

Sponsored by The Life Center of Long Island

Led by Theresa Bonopartis

Co-developer of Entering Canaan &

Director of Lumina Hope & Healing After Abortion

[www.enteringcanaan.com](http://www.enteringcanaan.com)



## 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.



### PLEASE NOTE:

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