



Life Center of Long Island

CELEBRATING THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS • ESTABLISHED MAY 1986 • APRIL 2025

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

1767 Deer Park Avenue
Deer Park • NY • 11729
T. 631.243.2373
infodp@lifecenterli.org

35 East Willow Street
Massapequa • NY • 11758
T. 516.798.8746
infoma@lifecenterli.org

474 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead • NY • 11550
T. 516.408.6300
infohp@lifecenterli.org

91 Maple Avenue
Smithtown • NY • 11787
T. 631.656.0441
infost@lifecenterli.org

AFTER EVERY STORM THE SUN WILL SMILE

A close friend, Blanca*, at my Church referred Maria* to me. Maria anxiously approached me and stated that she believed she might be pregnant. She was nervously going to seek out an abortion due to the circumstances upon which she may have conceived. I could immediately see based upon her body language that there was much more to this story. I confidently explained to her that the Life Center could assist her with her questions, fears and concerns. I reassured her that we are here for her in her time of need. However, first and foremost, our first step was to set up an appointment at our Deer Park location, where we could sit in a more comfortable and private setting, so we set up a convenient time for Maria to come see me at our Deer Park Center location.

Very soon thereafter, Maria came to the Life Center with her friend to meet with me. I welcomed her with open arms and assured her she was in the right place. In speaking with her, I learned that Maria had been through a very traumatic event. Several months prior, in an effort to gain employment, she began working at a cleaning job in a place that was unknown to her. It was at this time; she was viciously attacked and raped. When she returned to the individual who had recommended this job, he also attacked and raped her. Crippled with fear and horror, she did not go to the authorities. Rather, she dealt with the horrible and dreadful aftermath that came along with such a painful ordeal.....until now.

I provided Maria with a pregnancy test kit that did indeed present a positive result. It was clear Maria had been broken in so many ways, but we were going to help her put the pieces back together one by one. The first step of the puzzle was to schedule her ultrasound so she could see her baby and undergo proper prenatal care. The next step was to explain the Life Center's role in her ordeal. We would not only support her emotionally through this pregnancy and beyond, but we would also supply her with the necessary baby essentials she would need for her newborn baby, such as a crib, car seat, diapers, wipes, clothing and so much more.

An ultrasound at the Gianna Center confirmed Maria was seven months into her pregnancy and the baby was healthy. Shortly thereafter, even without prenatal care, Maria miraculously delivered a healthy and vibrant baby girl. She thanked me for helping her save her precious little girl.

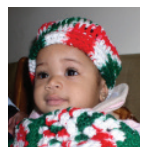
Maria continues to receive assistance for her baby girl from the Life Center. We have also arranged legal help and authorities to aid her in pursuing legal action against the two men that raped her. She is extremely thankful that we have been here for her in her time of need.

*"If you want to see the sunshine, you have to weather the storm."
~ Frank Lane*

**Names changed to protect confidentiality.*



Vicki Guerra
Deer Park Bilingual Staff



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

Donor Site: www.lifecenterli.org • Client Site: www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org



Donor Facebook: www.facebook.com/lifecenterlongisland



GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF
The CEO

Give now
and skip the
mailbox



An Easter Reflection: Abortion and the Resurrection

In the Easter season, we remember the celebration of life, death and resurrection of Jesus who suffered and died for our sins, granting us the ultimate hope that our souls may have eternal life. As we share the message of His forgiveness and His desire to see the world reconcile to Him, we commit ourselves to obeying His commandments and continue His gospel work in efforts to help save souls, which includes loving our preborn and to advocate for their life seeking their justice from abortion.

Abortion is the gravest mass injustice in the world today. There is no coincidence that April is recognized as Abortion Recovery Awareness Month, aiming to encourage healing and offer support to individuals and families affected by abortion. In our efforts to provide this support, the Life Center is expanding our Post Abortion Healing program **and will now include support from reproductive loss such as miscarriage and stillbirth**, offering a wide array of opportunities for women and men, with healing ranging from virtual, support groups, retreats, bible studies and one-on-one counseling. Individuals can select the path that is right for them. Please read the following from Lorriane Gariboldi, our Board member and our new Director of Post Abortion Ministry and Pregnancy Loss about the new additional program to our post abortion ministry, Entering Canaan:

"The Life Center of Long Island has been working with post abortive women and men since 1986. The "Entering Canaan" post abortion ministry is a program to reach these men and women. I have been blessed to experience the return of countless women and men to the sacraments, some after over sixty years away due to a post abortion. These women and men become as Pope John Paul II stated in the Gospel of Life, "eloquent defenders" of human life.

We have facilitated over twenty-five post abortion healing weekends, and many of the participants were Catholic, or former Catholics. Several participants returned to the Catholic Church after hearing about the Mercy and Forgiveness of Jesus Christ. In addition, we will be referring to clergy and trained professional therapists when necessary.

**We will be asking churches to put the following announcement in their Church Bulletin:
Suffering from the pain of a past abortion?
Hope and healing are possible through Entering Canaan and God's mercy and forgiveness.**

Call 631-463-4399 All calls are confidential

***Sponsored by the Life Center of Long Island"**

When a woman experiences the suffering of an abortion, the suffering and pain of that abortion is known to have a "ripple effect" throughout other family members i.e., Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Aunts, Uncles etc. Our programs are here to help them as well.

If you know of anyone, including family members, who has experienced an abortion loss, or the loss of a child by a miscarriage or stillbirth, please give them Lorraine's number 631-463-4399 or you can call our Massapequa center at 516-798-8746 and just leave a message for Lorraine to return your call with your phone number. All calls are confidential.



We wish you and your families the blessings that HOPE and HEALING provides throughout this Easter season.

Blessings,

Gloria

Happy Easter

Entering Canaan

Day of Prayer & Healing for those suffering from a past abortion and/or pregnancy loss

Come begin your healing journey! His mercy and peace are waiting for you!

Please contact us for upcoming Women Retreat and Men Retreat dates.

For confidential reservations contact,

Lorraine c: 631-463-4399 / email: Lgariboldi@lifecenterli.org

Rob: 516-353-5765

www.enteringcanaan.com

Sponsored by the Life Center of Long Island

Led by Theresa Bonapartis, Co-developer of Entering Canaan & Director of Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion.



JOIN OUR TEAM!!

Male Volunteers are urgently needed

Smithtown, Hempstead, Deer Park and Massapequa

- Maintaining property and building maintenance
- Management of baby item donations (ensuring items are in good, clean, working condition)
- Small handyman tasks as needed.

Please contact Lauren at 516-798-8746 for further details.

Bilingual Staff

Hiring full-time and part-time bilingual staff positions in our Deer Park, Smithtown and Hempstead locations.

For any questions, please contact Gloria at (516) 798-8746.

Qualified candidates should send resume to Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to **St. Dominic Catholic Church Outreach in Oyster Bay and the Catholic Daughters Court Sacred Heart**, we held a "Showers of Love" during the month of February for The Life Center of Long Island. People were asked to donate new or gently used clothing in sizes NB to 4. The result was overwhelming with **St. Dominic High School Campus Ministry enabling Fr. Letteri** to contribute a whopping 36 bags of clothing. Hempstead and Deer Park centers received several bags of clothing delivered by volunteers **Michele Gee and Donna Viscovich (St. Dominic Outreach volunteers)**. A special thanks to **Joan Adomsky, St. Dominic Outreach Volunteer Coordinator**. These generous contributions have a major impact on the families we serve everyday.



We are extremely appreciative to the **Catholic Daughters of America, Bellmore**, for inviting us to speak at their most recent meeting and hosting a very successful baby shower to benefit the Life Center. We are extremely grateful for the many wonderful items of baby clothing, diapers, wipes and many more baby essentials. God Bless your kindness!

A special note of thanks to **Richard Fitzgerald, District Deputy Knights of Columbus 9th District and the Associated Councils** for hosting the wonderful Suffolk Knights of Columbus Charity Drive. Thank you for your incredibly generous material and financial aid assistance.



A huge thank you to **St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, Religious Education students Gianna Lawler, Juliana Ganci, Maximus Moehringer, Kelsey Parker, Michael Tarantino, Kristen Welling and Olivia Damiano**. This wonderful group organized a baby shower by creating an Amazon wish list for our Life Center families. It was a huge success! Thank you for the much-needed donations such as diapers, clothing, baby monitors, a high chair and many more baby essentials. All of these beautiful items will certainly be put to good use!



IN LOVING MEMORY

IN LOVING MEMORY

~ Deacon Frank Gariboldi ~ Julia Quinones ~ Mary Ann Seaman ~
 ~ E. Robert ~ Marian ~ Arthur Sickler ~ Mary DiGlio ~ Rev. Msgr. Philip J. Reilly ~
 ~ Anthony Dwyer ~ Anthony Contorno ~ Robert Rapone ~ Karen Rapone ~
 ~ Mary Jane Olson ~ Julia Cohen ~ Maria Del Carmen Torres ~

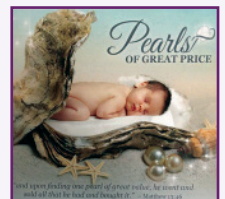
We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, to the loving embrace of our Father. May you all be blessed always with God's eternal love and grace.

Julia Maria Cohen

Julia Maria Cohen, Born July 7th, 1937, of Benito Rivera and Carmen Perez in Utuado, Puerto Rico. Julia was one of 6 siblings. Julia was a devoted wife to William Cohen. Julia was the loving mother to Caryn and Toni, devoted mother-in-law to Troy and Eric, doting grandmother "Abuela" to Jake, Sydney, Sofia, Jordyn, Juliana, and Emma, and dedicated aunt "Tia" to her many nieces and nephews.



Julia loved her friends, whom she considered to be an extension of her family. Julia was a devout Catholic, a 3rd Order Franciscan, a Member of the Legion of Mary and was devoted to her work in the church, with the homeless and to the Life Center of Long Island, with whom she volunteered for many years.





OUR VISIT TO ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL



We wish to thank Msgr. Coogan, the students, faculty and staff at Saint Dominic's High School for inviting us to speak about pregnancy care centers and the invaluable work that we do in our communities. Throughout the school day, the student body heard about the Life Center of Long Island. Students were shown the "Meet Baby Olivia" DVD which "provides a 3-minute long medically accurate, animated glimpse of human life from the moment of fertilization. The story details her growth as she progresses from one developmental stage to the next, in preparation for her continued life outside of the womb."

Inspired by our mission, the students organized a Baby Bottle Drive campaign as their "Lenten Drive" project to raise money for the mothers and babies whom we serve. We are grateful for their support!

A special thank you to Mrs. GERALYN Loprieno for organizing this special day!

Please see below, one of the St. Dominic's student's email to her teacher regarding the Life Center presentation and their Baby Bottle Campaign...

"Hi Mrs. Loprieno,

I already filled my baby bottle with \$57 from my neighbors and from the gym and from my family. But I want to go a little farther with it because I was very inspired with what the ladies were talking about from the Life Center and I really like the cause so next week when I go to church I want to ask if I can speak about it. I want to try and raise more money. Also, if you have any more of those baby feet pins, I can hand those out. I can go to one of the centers and pick them up.

Thank you, R.M."

If you are interested in our School Presentations, Community Service hours, would like to implement a Baby Bottle Campaign or Baby Shower in your school or ministry, please contact Lauren at 516-798-8746.



EVERY LIFE DIAPER



Our sincere thanks to Michael Intriery, who coordinated with **The Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George USA Delegation**, a very generous Diaper Drive with the "Every Life Diapers" Pro-Life company to benefit our Life Center families. We are extremely grateful to all those who participated and donated especially from St. Rocco's in Glen Cove, St. Patrick's in Glen Cove, St. Hyacinth in Glen Head, and St. Boniface in Sea Cliff for the two large pallets of **Every Life Diapers** that were delivered to our Smithtown and Deer Park centers. We are overwhelmed by the abundance of generosity and truly appreciate your kindness.



"We choose to celebrate life. Because every child is a gift from above that deserves to be loved, protected, and celebrated — every single day. Every Life Diapers provides premium products for every baby. Because every baby is a miracle from God who deserves to be loved, protected, and supported." **Every Life Diapers is the ONLY Pro-Life diaper company and DOES NOT DONATE TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD.**

PLEASE NOTE:

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, kindly forward your email address to infoma@lifecenterli.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR DONORS: Your privacy matters to us. Please be advised that the Life Center of Long Island never sells or shares our e-list with third parties.



OFFICERS

Paul Hodermarsky
Chairman

Charles M. Sorrese
Vice President

Gira Freiberg
Secretary

Gloria Schreiber
Chief Executive Officer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Hodermarsky
Chairman

Charles M. Sorrese
Vice President

Gira Freiberg
Secretary

Fr. Liam McDonald
Chaplain

W. Matthew Groh, Esq.
Lorraine Gariboldi

Deacon Thomas Lucie
Fred Peritore

Carleen Russell
Louis F. Simonetti, Jr., Esq.
Deacon Mike Whitcomb

ADVISORS

Jim Jenkins
Marketing Consultant

Dr. Robert Scanlon
Medical Advisor

Msgr. James P. Lisante
Spiritual Advisor