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## ORDINARY TURNED EXTRAORDINARY...



It began as any other ordinary Tuesday, with the exception that I was asked to fill in at our Smithtown Center for the day. Little did I know on my morning drive to our Smithtown Center that in just a few hours, I would cross paths with a fearful, nervous, panic-stricken young girl desperate for my help.

As I approached the Center, I took special notice of the comings and goings of the Planned Parenthood just a short distance across the street and said a prayer for the men and women whose somber faces spoke a million words. If we could only help them all to understand that assistance and support are just a few short steps in our direction. By the Grace of God, just before lunchtime, I would have this very opportunity.

I cheerfully answered the phone to a woman who clearly did not share my level of enthusiasm. I immediately could hear the worry, panic and concern in her trembling voice. In speaking with her, I was able to gather information about her situation and her concerns. Marisa\* was a young college student, set to graduate in just two months, facing an unplanned pregnancy and terrified. Unfortunately, she had not known the baby's father for very long and he was not supportive. Marisa\* also shared that she grew up in a Christian family and a baby out of wedlock would not be something her parents, particularly her father, would approve of. She was certain she would get kicked out of her home. She asked about her options and clearly conveyed that she was seeking an abortion. I calmly explained to Marisa\* we do not refer or perform abortions, however, I explained all of the support and resources we can offer her and her baby. With much persuasion, I convinced her to come and speak with me in person.

A short time later, the door opened, and a scared young girl entered hesitantly. I warmly greeted Marisa\*. As we approached the consultation room, I asked the Holy Spirit to give me the precise words Marisa\* needed to hear. We sat at the Smithtown Center for several hours discussing her goals, relationships, and her future expectations for herself. I made her aware of the many resources we have available to support her; she is not alone! Marisa\* took a free self-administered pregnancy test kit, and the result was indeed positive. We discussed the emotional, mental and physical risks, along with the numerous complications associated with abortion procedures. Marisa\* was totally unaware of many of the risks and ill-effects involved in the abortion process. After getting to know Marisa\* on a more personal level, I shifted our focus to her faith, which she had considered to be a very important aspect in her life. It was evident that God had a plan for her and her child.

Marisa\* agreed to go for a sonogram so I set up an appointment for her at St. Charles Hospital for the next day. It was almost as if I could see all the stress lift right off her shoulders.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, my words spoke to Marisa's heart and turned an ordinary day into an extraordinary one. I helped a young lady save her baby's life. Marisa chose life for her preborn baby! I couldn't be happier for her and look forward to supporting her throughout her journey through motherhood and beyond.

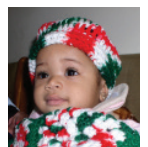
*"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings,  
turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary  
opportunities into blessings."*

~ William Arthur Ward

**Juana Hernandez**  
**Hempstead Staff**



*\*Name 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*

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and skip the  
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## Dollars for Diapers Drive Changing Diapers...Changing Lives

One of the Life Center's missions is to support new Moms and Dads with baby material aid until the child reaches two years of age. Last year, we served over 3,000 clients with material aid and in doing so, we distributed on average **each month** approximately **300 packs of diapers** (equates to approximately 60,000 diapers!) and approximately **200 packs of wipes** (equates to approximately 180,000 wipes!).

We have learned that **every major diaper brand** either vocally or financially, **supports abortion** which is a self-defeating fact about their company's purpose and a misrepresentation, really, of their product to the consumer – and to babies!

We're excited to introduce and have you meet **EveryLife**, the nation's first and only pro-life diaper company in the United States! Not only does EveryLife prioritize providing premium diapers and wipes, but they are also committed to supporting pro-life organizations like ours at the Life Center.

EveryLife believes that every baby is a miracle and gift from above deserving love, protection, and celebration. Their unapologetic commitment to the pro-life movement aligns with our mission, and we're grateful to begin a partnership with EveryLife. Partnering with EveryLife allows us to align with a company that champions parenthood and protects innocent life.

Our EveryLife partnership **offers our centers a discounted bulk rate for one month of diapers for one client - six packages of diapers and four packages of wipes – for just \$50**. This is more affordable than what you can buy at any of the big box stores! We will also be able to customize each "Bulk order" specifically for our center's needs and have them shipped to us at no charge! With this flexibility and convenience, we will be able to provide critical material goods to our clients more cost effectively.

Our need for diapers is great and "our ask" is simple. We are having our first **"Dollars for Diapers Drive"** with EveryLife Diapers **beginning May 1st through June 30th** during the months of Mother's Day and Father's Day. **Our goal is to raise enough funds to double our normal monthly inventory** for a two-month period in order to purchase 200 boxes (\$10,000) that will assist more babies in need. Having and changing more diapers DOES change more lives!

Can we count on you to help us make this Diaper Drive a great success? Please visit our website [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org) for more information about donating to this very important cause. Checks can also be made payable to Life Center of LI and mailed to 35 East Willow Street, Massapequa, NY 11758. Please note Diaper Drive on your check and number of boxes such as 1 box for \$50-2 boxes for \$100-3 boxes for \$150 etc. Your donation will give our clients so much more than a participation perk. You provide stability, a basic need, an opportunity for conversation, and a show of God's love.

Thank you for supporting our clients through this new partnership with EveryLife and your "Dollars for Diapers" donation! **A premium product for our extraordinary mission.**

*In last month's newsletter, we thanked Michael Intrieri, who coordinated with The Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George USA Delegation, a Diaper Drive with the "Every Life Diapers" Pro-Life company to benefit our Life Center families. We would like to share a few pictures of their hard work in efforts to deliver the diapers that helped us assist parents in much need of diapers.*

**Wishing all Mother's a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!**

Blessings,

*Gloria*



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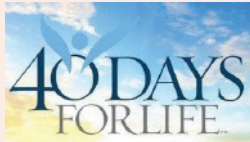
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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE RESULTS



As per Mike Sweeney, local Smithtown 40 Days for Life Leader  
**All Glory and Honor to God. We had a BABY SAVE yesterday.**

Here are the details in the sidewalk counselor's own words:

*"A woman came walking toward the Hempstead Planned Parenthood. I waved her over at the entrance, but I found she spoke no English. Immediately, I called on the Life Center (who did a fantastic job) and she spoke to a Spanish speaking counselor for seven long minutes. The woman then started to well up. Tears rolled down her cheeks and for some reason she instantaneously stopped the conversation, turned and went into Planned Parenthood. I prayed my three Hail Mary devotion for her to come back out and the Life Center immediately put her on prayer chains.*

*An hour and a half later she came out, stood right next to me and did not say a word. I started walking towards the Life Center. She started walking next to me, but I didn't know if she was walking home or not. I called the Life Center and told them to open the front door and get ready for her. We got her into the Life Center. She was there for two more hours. It turns out that she is pregnant and went into Planned Parenthood to abort the baby. The Life Center counselor told her that was a spiritual sign and me being there to intercept was a second.*

*She is scheduled for a Monday morning appointment at Mercy Hospital for a sonogram. We hope she doesn't change her mind and keeps her appointment. Please pray for her & her baby's spiritual and temporal well-being."*



## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU



A heartfelt thank you to the **Religious Education Students, Wendy and Iveth Salvaco**, along with their cousin **Mia Salvaco at Infant Jesus Church, Port Jefferson**, for organizing a baby shower and creating a beautiful invitation. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and the number of beautiful baby items that will benefit our clients and their families. Thank you also for delivering these items to our Deer Park and Smithtown Center.



Many thanks to the **Christian Mothers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst**, for their donation of new clothing, diapers and wipes. Thank you for also delivering them to our Massapequa Center. May God Bless your kindness!



## ROSARY RALLY



A gathering of the Suffolk Chapter Knights of Columbus (from four different Districts) and some friends gathered on a crisp Good Friday morning for a Rosary Rally in front of the largest Planned Parenthood on Long Island. As a result of the presence of sidewalk advocates, a young couple decided to choose life that morning.



## IN LOVING MEMORY



### HONORARIUM

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

~ Lou Fielack ~

### IN LOVING MEMORY

~ Maria Del Carmen Torres ~ Anthony Contorno ~ Mr. and Mrs. Bozza ~

~ Mr. and Mrs. James DeCicco ~ Ken O'Brien ~ Lino and Jean-Pierre Serena ~ Lorraine Campbell ~

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.





# PREGNANCY LOSS MINISTRY



## 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 Day & Weekend Women's Retreat and Men's Retreat dates.**

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