



# Life Center of Long Island

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## MIRACULOUS TWIST



Working in the pro-life movement, one never knows what the day may bring. We must always be alert and seek God's will in our every thought, word and deed. For we never know how our very actions through God's Grace may change the course of someone's very life. This was the case on October 16th.

Since joining the Life Center of Long Island, my work life has had a very structured yet rewarding quality. I have learned over the few years that we must always put God first in our day and seek His will in all things. This day started like every other day for me with daily Mass at St Patrick's RC Church. After Mass, I pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood before heading to the office. I have built wonderful relationships with the other men and women who come out to offer that last ray of hope for the women dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. This was very true for this particular Friday when the surgical abortions are performed.

I received a call from Joe, one of the male sidewalk counselors. He was praying outside of Planned Parenthood. He had an urgent request. Joe was sending down a young mom, Karen, who had her 4-month old daughter with her. This wasn't the urgency though. You see, Karen did not go to PP to have an abortion herself. No, she had dropped off her friend, Carol. With the knowledge upfront from Joe, I was able to meet with Karen. While talking with her, I got to know a lot about Karen. We try to build a relationship of trust. Doing so, I was able to learn about Karen's past. She had admitted that she had 2 abortions. These grieved her so much so that she chose life with her last pregnancy. She had admitted that she was not healed from the hurt nor the regret that she felt. Karen was open to learn about our post-abortion healing and the Graces that God has for her when you seek repentance.

Having walked Karen through the steps with our Love Approach process, I was then able to turn my attention to her friend Carol who had entered PP. I asked Karen if she thought it would be better for her to reach out to Carol and ask her to leave PP. If her friend choose life, she could avoid all of the pain and suffering she had endured. However, Karen was adamant that Carol felt that she had no other option. Despite saying this to me, Karen was definitely texting someone during our conversation. Could it have been Carol? I do not know. I had hoped so, but Karen never told me. When we concluded our session, I made another request to Karen to reach out to Carol. I wasn't sure if she would.

About 30 minutes after Karen left, I received another call from Joe. This time you could hear the joy in his voice. You see, Karen came out of PP with Carol in tow. They shouted out of the window that Carol had chosen to keep her baby!!!! Joe had told them to come back to me so that I could help Carol too. However, I never saw them again. Which is all good as God is the victor and not me.

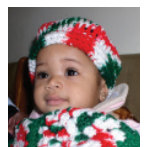
But, the story doesn't end there. A week later, I reached out to Karen to see how she was doing. My intention was dual fold. Karen didn't know that I knew that Carol had changed her mind. However, Karen couldn't wait to tell me the great news. Carol found out that she was carrying TWINS! I cannot help but think that God saved not one life but 4 that day. Carol, her twins and Karen who now knows that all things are possible with God. His Mercy and Love endures forever.

*Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

**Mary Bebbler**  
Smythtown Center Director



*\*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*

**Happy New Year!**  
*Revival! Invest in Your Life*

*W*hat an exciting New Year for the Life Center as we enter our **40th Anniversary Year!** Traditionally, a 40th anniversary is symbolized by the gemstone Ruby that represents enduring love, passion, strength, and the fiery devotional commitment of four decades.

The gemstone properties of ruby remind me of the significance and similarities of the ruby red slippers made famous by the character Dorothy Gale (Judy Garland) in the movie, *The Wizard of Oz* and that of the Life Center. You may remember the iconic scene in the movie when Dorothy clicks her heels together and chants, *"There's no place like home."* Her journey represents good overcoming evil through **Hope & Protection**, the magical protection from the Wicked Witch that evil can be overcome with inner strength; **Revolution & Liberation**, taking evil by seizing power, symbolizing revolution against oppression; and **Transformation**, transform a situation by reflecting and finding oneself and personal growth. These are attributes we educate, equip and empower our clients at the Life Center with the women and men we serve.

As we embark on our 40th anniversary, we celebrate our journey throughout the years by serving over 77,000 client visits, saving over **2,600 babies lives**, and distributing an annual average equivalent of over \$1,000,000 of material aid to our clients. Our committed goal for this New Year and the next 40 years is to remain steadfast enhancing our operations to exceed client expectations and reflect that **there is no place like the Life Center!**

Although evil surrounds us, there is a strong sense of revival in the air.

- More than 40 Planned Parenthood locations have closed this year, including the Margaret Sanger in NYC.
- Planned Parenthood has lost its federal funding for a year.
- After years of declining marriage rates, more people are beginning to embrace marriage, according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports.
- Divorce rates are at their lowest in decades.
- More people, especially men, are returning to Church and their faith.

These subtle changes point to what is coming: a potential and desperately needed **baby boom!**

The New Year brings fresh starts, resolutions and new beginnings. It is a time for writing visions, setting goals, and making plans. We have set exciting, ambitious, attainable goals for the Life Center for **2026! With your partnership**, we will increase and impact our client base to save more babies through the following programs:

- \* **Donor and Client websites** – We have partnered with a fantastic web designer on a brand-new donor website, which should be ready by the springtime 2026.
- \* **Entering Canaan** - Expand our post-abortion and pregnancy loss healing program. Affiliated with **Red Bird Ministries** to help serve families of child loss.
- \* **Men's Post Abortion Healing Program** – Under Deacon Fred's leadership, our men's program is continuing to grow.

It is my sincerest hope that you will partner again with us in our critical effort to reach young mothers and fathers, rescue the unborn, and renew hope in the lives of millions.

Bottom line: **YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE** between a mother choosing life or death for her unborn child.

Blessings,

*Gloria*

*Wishing you and your family a Happy, Healthy,  
and Prosperous New Year!*

**Give now  
and skip the  
mailbox**





## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU



The Life Center of Long Island wishes to thank the following parishes and their parishioners, as well as so many anonymous donors for providing Christmas gifts for our clients and their babies this holy season. The generosity has been overwhelming and is a true illustration of the life-affirming kindness we are called to bestow on the less fortunate. Together, we were able to bring joy and God's peace to his children in need.

~Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Massapequa Park ~St. Patrick Parish, Smithtown ~  
 ~ Susan and Joseph Contorno ~ St. John of God Church, Central Islip ~ St. Anne's Garden City ~  
 ~ Celina and Robert Jablonski ~ St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, Franklin Square ~  
 ~ Sacred Heart Parish, North Merrick ~ St. James Parish, Setauket ~ Sally Avellino ~  
 ~ Anthony and Gina Ocello ~ New York Giving Dolls ~ Janice Palumbo ~ Rosemary Scarangela ~  
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 ~ Holy Spirit Respect Life Committee, New Hyde Park ~ St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Amityville ~  
 ~ Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst ~ St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset ~



**A Note of Special Thanks:** The Life Center wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Charles Ludwig (current junior at Chaminade High School and Sacred Heart Church, North Merrick parishioner), and family, for his tireless efforts in organizing a Christmas gift collection at Sacred Heart Parish for our Life Center families. Through Charles' kindness and hard work, the Life Center received an abundance of beautiful Christmas gifts for those in special need this Christmas season. These wonderful gifts included toys, essential baby items for our clients including diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets, and bottles. The generosity was overwhelming! It was so nice of you to deliver all of the items to our Massapequa Center. By serving those less fortunate, we are serving Jesus.

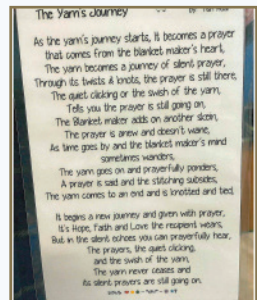


## MARIA REGINA ROSARY SOCIETY



The Life Center of Long Island is most grateful to the Maria Regina Rosary Society Members for their donated gifts of beautifully hand-knitted baby blankets. You may not realize it, but you've done much more than make a blanket. When we give an expectant mother a hand-made blanket, sweater, or hat it creates a connection to her baby which she may not have acknowledged before. Clients are touched that a stranger cares enough about them and their preborn child to create

such a thoughtful gift. It is a gift that is received with an unwritten message that says, "We are with you, and we're in this together." That speaks volumes when the days are difficult, and they're feeling overwhelmed by an unplanned pregnancy. Thank you again for walking with us as hearts are being touched and lives are being saved. You are making a difference – a big difference – and we appreciate your generosity. Many children are staying nice and warm during this cold winter season due to your generosity.



## IN LOVING MEMORY



### HONORARIUM

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

~ Grace Aranda ~  
 ~ Paul and Betty Monaghan's 55th Wedding Anniversary ~  
 ~ Shannon Wissoman ~



### IN LOVING MEMORY

~ Paul Monaco ~ Thomas McCabe ~ Patricia Crotty ~ Donna Kaufman ~ Anthony Contorno ~ John Quinn ~  
 ~ Dominic Romeo ~ Fallon Rae Brown ~ Rosalie Joannou ~ Irene Buatti ~ Marie Shaw ~ Roberta and Eli Zimmerman ~

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.







## BABY BOTTLE CORNER



### Did you know that anyone can host a baby bottle campaign?

Prayer Ministry Group, Boy or Girl Scouts, Book Club,  
Women's/Men's Group, School Programs?  
or would you like to be a part of our campaign speaking team?

Please contact Regina at 516-798-8746



## SIDEWALK ADVOCACY



At this very moment, hopeless women full of fear and uncertainty are standing alone outside abortion facilities. Their current circumstances, many times including poverty, violence, and destitution, negatively impact their decision to embrace the blessing of life God has given them. These women need our help more than ever.

Lives are saved and changed when offer to help is accepted ...

Marco was praying on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood when a pregnant mother, "Kate", approached the entrance. As she approached the front door, she noticed Marco, our sidewalk advocate, motioning to her that he had something he wanted to say to her. As Kate walked in Marco's direction, she was a ball of emotions and broke down in tears. Marco calmly consoled her and reassured her that he was there to help her. His kind words provided Kate with a sense of Hope. Not only was he there to help, but he led her a short distance to the Life Center, where she realized our staff of counselors were also there to provide much needed support. Marco's comforting presence was exactly what Kate needed to ultimately choose life for her baby.

The impact of our Sidewalk Advocates for Life is astounding as it directly relates to saving lives and ending abortion. As a result of their steadfast commitment, the results of their unending efforts are invaluable:

**25,039** BABIES SAVED

**6,395** HOPEFUL SAVES

**107** ABORTION WORKERS WHO QUIT

**71** CLOSED FACILITIES

**250** CURRENT LOCATIONS



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!



**Congratulations to our Christmas Creche Raffle winner, Deacon Rich Maher,**  
from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Islip!

Thank you to all who participated which directly benefits the Life Center!



**Annual March for Life is on Friday, January 23, 2026, Washington D.C.,**  
with its theme "Life is a Gift," that emphasizes the importance to embrace life as something to be cherished and celebrated from the very beginning.

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