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A DIVINE MOMENT OF CLARITY

Happy newlyweds, Nancy and Greg*, had big plans to save money and purchase a home before starting a family. They wanted to become more financially stable and spend time enjoying their marriage before welcoming children and expanding their family. However, as we know, life is full of surprises, and Nancy and Greg were no exception. To Nancy's surprise, she missed her period.

Nancy took an at-home pregnancy test, which came back positive. Overwhelmed by timing and insecurity, fear crept in. She felt unprepared and not quite ready for the sacred responsibility of parenthood, wanted more time to save money and enjoy being a married couple before welcoming children into the world. Shocked and uncertain, she called the Life Center and scheduled an appointment to meet with Vickie.

Vickie could sense the hesitation in Nancy's voice. Anxiously, Nancy took a self-administered free pregnancy test and entered the counseling room a ball of nerves. It was indeed positive. As her voice quivered, Nancy explained that she and Greg decided to have an abortion. Vickie listened compassionately to all of their worries and concerns. In a calm and composed manner, Vickie responded with "God only gives you what you can handle. He will prepare you and equip you, walking alongside you every step of the way. He will adequately prepare you for this beautiful journey of parenthood." She then encouraged Nancy and Greg to go for a free ultrasound. This would give them the opportunity to see their baby growing inside her womb. They agreed.

As Nancy and Greg witnessed the life of their precious baby dancing on the screen right before their eyes, Nancy's eyes immediately filled with tears. Something profound shifted deep within her soul. All of their worry and fears quickly began to transform into amazement and pure love.

Soon thereafter, Nancy expressed to Vickie the desire for their decision to have their baby. "How can we destroy an angel? This little one is a gift straight from God." What became as a moment of doubt, uncertainty and fear immediately transformed into unshakeable hope, love and faith. Through God's Grace, Nancy and Greg accepted the most wonderful gift of Life.

Vickie remains a steady support, always maintaining the strong bond they have formed. Nancy and Greg are extremely appreciative to Vickie and the Life Center for all of their unending support and encouragement throughout one of the most important moments of their life. As in so many other instances, The Life Center has become witness to the realization that when life challenges us, with God's loving hand, we shall triumph over fear and doubt.

*"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end."
— Lamentations 3:22*



**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."*

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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF
The CEO



LOVE Always Wins

The reason The Life Center of Long Island is so successful is not complicated. It doesn't take analysis, or multi-colored charts and graphs to determine what makes things tick here. It's certainly true that we have statistics and stories to document the success of this work, but those things aren't the foundation for why we are having such a positive impact on this community.

And don't get me wrong; sometimes we *need* analysts and charts to help us understand the why's of a situation.

I believe, however, if an analyst came in our four walls to document and better explain what is working here, the final report would begin-and end-with a four-letter word: **Love!**

Above all, **love** is what we do, and it is who we are.

Each person who serves the Life Center of Long Island does so primarily because of a **love** for moms and dads we see, and because of a **love** for children, waiting to be born. Our motivation for this? A **love** for God, who first loved us.

It's that simple.

We just entered our 40th year anniversary, I'm thankful for the many who serve here in various ways. From those who meet with our clients and families, to those who work behind the scenes in many capacities. And, I'm thankful for those who support this work financially. Some of you do so month after month, and you may never know how much I appreciate your commitment and faithfulness.

Love means we all work together, whatever our role happens to be. As the Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 12, "the body is not one member but many."

At the Life Center of Long Island, we've got everything from eyes to toes, all working as one cohesive unit. And together, we're seeing an amazing time of growth.

If you are reading this and you haven't yet found an opportunity to be a part of this mission, join us. Just drop me an email at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org and whatever you can give-whether it be time or financial support-you can be part of all we do.

Just one thing: **Love**. It's why we do this. And it is why we are reaching out and impacting lives like never before.

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good".

~ Romans 12:9

Love and Blessings to all,

Gloria

Happy Valentine's Day



Give now
and skip the
mailbox



THANK YOU SHAYLIN CULLINAN



Inspired by our mission, **Shaylin Cullinan**, (pictured left), a student of **St. John the Baptist High School** kindly coordinated a baby shower to benefit the Life Center and the families we serve. We are extremely grateful for the many wonderful items of baby clothing, diapers, toiletries, and baby essentials. We thank Shaylin for her enthusiasm she has shared for our sole purpose to promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life. 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.



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU



Thank you to the parishioners of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help RC Church, Lindenhurst**, for donating gift cards, toiletries, and many other baby essentials provided from their Christmas giving tree to benefit the mothers and babies we serve. The overwhelming amount of gifts are very much appreciated by our center and our clients.

A special thanks to **Susan and Joseph Contorno**, who so graciously donated an endless supply of Supermarket gift cards in Memory of their beloved son, **Anthony Contorno**. Many Life Center families had a most memorable Christmas season thanks to your generosity. May God Bless your kind efforts help to empower pregnant women by providing them with the resources required to take care of themselves and their children.



Thank you to the **Catholic Daughters of America, St. Patrick's, Bayshore**, for hosting their most recent baby shower to benefit the mothers and babies we serve. The overwhelming amount of gifts, including diapers, wipes, infant/children's clothing, toiletries and so much more are very much appreciated by our clients. We also appreciate your invitation to our Life Center representative to speak at your event!



Thank you to **St. Sylvester's Prayer School Ministry, Medford**, for donating beautifully handmade blankets and winter hats to our families. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.



We are truly blessed to receive the overwhelming donations provided to us from the **parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip**. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to coordinate a baby shower for our families at the Life Center. The baby clothes, Pac n Play, stroller, diapers, wipes and many other baby items donated will be extremely beneficial to all of the families who come to us for assistance each and every day.



Champions for Charity Event: A sincere thank you to all who supported the Life Center of Long Island by participating in the **Champions for Charity Event at the Americana Manhasset Shopping Center**. We are most grateful to our volunteer **Janice Seaman** who coordinated the **Champions for Charity** event to benefit the Life Center.

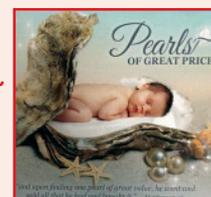
We are most grateful to the **LIIA Lions Club** for donating warm blankets, hats and gloves through their **Spread the Warmth Program**. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

IN LOVING MEMORY



~ Raymond J. Thumser ~ Paul Monaco ~ Jonathan Jalbert ~ Patricia Rochford ~
 ~ Anthony Contorno ~ Joy Chester ~ Joan Marie Parker ~ Rocco Santo ~ Peter Carlisie ~
 ~ Fallon Rae Brown ~ Irene Hoffman ~ Virginia Kessler ~ Jack and Winifred Eschmann ~
 ~ Juana Prepetit ~ Jeanne Marie Longua ~ Constance Vela ~ Jeanette Mendola ~

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.



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE



Mark Russell

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN HEAVEN MARK

*To God we entrusted you. From Him you came, and to Him you returned.
Your Heavenly reward of eternal life is embraced with our eternal love.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



MARCH FOR LIFE



Before Abortion became legal in our country, a few groups of women from Long Island started to lobby against this law. Ann and our mom were among them. Throughout 1972, they went down to Washington D.C, going to various Congress and Senators' offices to voice their beliefs that all unborn babies are sacred and should be protected.



Unfortunately, abortion did become legal on January 22, 1973. The following year, the first Right to Life March was held in Washington D.C. Both of us remember boarding one of the two buses from



our parish with our mom and sister. Although Ann was fully aware of the importance of the day, Jeanette, being a pre-teen, only knew that abortion was wrong. The march included a few speakers and a walk around the Capitol. Throughout the years, this March grew. In fact, the speeches are now held on the grounds of the Washington Monument, and the march starts there and proceeds to the Supreme Court (where this horrific law was signed). Tens of thousands of people from various states (including students from various High Schools and colleges) come each year with the same belief which those groups of women had when they went lobbying in 1972.



We are grateful to be a part of this March for over 45 years. Outside of a few years, we, as a family, have traveled by either bus or car to be there to March for the rights of the unborn. By our presence, we feel we are showing our support in making people aware of how an unborn child's life is precious and a gift from God. Although the Supreme Court returned rights for an abortion to the states in 2022, we will continue to march until abortion becomes unheard of throughout our great country.

~ Jeanette and Ann Butler, Baby Bottle Campaign Volunteers

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