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WHEN LIGHT FINDS US

Mary*, a 40-year-old woman, had long believed her childbearing years were behind her. She had settled into a season of life where she felt certain that raising children was no longer part of her future. So, when an at-home pregnancy test revealed she was pregnant, she was completely caught off guard. Shock quickly gave way to fear, uncertainty, and a deep sense of being unprepared.

Not knowing where else to turn, Mary scheduled an appointment at the Life Center of Long Island. The next day, Mary was greeted warmly by Vicky as they entered the counseling room. During their conversation, Mary shared honestly that she was considering an abortion. She explained that she felt too old to start over and didn't believe she had the energy, resources, or stability to raise a child at this stage in her life.

Vicky listened with compassion and without judgment. She gently asked questions, allowing Mary the space to express her fears and concerns. Rather than rushing her decision, Vicky encouraged her to pause and reflect. She reminded Mary that life often unfolds in ways we don't expect, and that sometimes, even in the most uncertain moments, God may be at work in ways we cannot yet understand.

Vicky shared that none of us can fully see what lies ahead, but we can choose to take one step at a time with faith instead of fear. She asked Mary if she would be open to gathering more information before making a final decision—specifically, by having a sonogram. After a moment of hesitation, Mary agreed.

When the day of the sonogram arrived, Mary walked in unsure of what she would feel. Up to that point, everything had seemed distant—more like a problem to solve than a reality to face. But the moment she saw the image on the screen, something shifted. There, before her eyes, was the tiny life growing inside her.

Overcome with emotion, Mary began to cry. The reality of the situation became deeply personal in a way it hadn't been before. What once felt abstract now felt real, present, and undeniable. In that quiet moment, her heart began to soften, and the weight of her decision took on a new meaning.

When Mary returned to meet with Vicky, there was a noticeable change in her. Through tears, she shared what she had experienced during the sonogram. She said she could not go through with an abortion. She couldn't ignore the life she had seen, and deep down, she felt that this child was not a mistake, but a gift.

Mary continued to meet regularly with Vicky for counseling and encouragement. She didn't walk the journey alone.

In time, Mary gave birth to a beautiful baby boy.

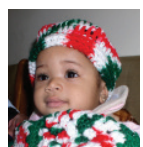
Holding him for the first time, she was filled with a deep sense of love and gratitude. The fear she once felt was replaced with joy and awe at the life she had chosen to embrace. What began as an unexpected and frightening situation had become a powerful testimony of faith, courage, and hope.

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance
about what we do not see".
Hebrews 11:1*

**Name 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



THE MOMENT vs THE MONEY What is their plan now?

Since the overturn of Roe v Wade, abortion rates have increased. Heartbeat International data reports reference estimates of about 79% of all abortions in the United States are now Chemical (Medical) Abortions and include the Morning After Pill – Plan B (levonorgestrel). This substantial rise is driven by the increased availability of abortion pills via telehealth and online, and mail order skyrocketing since Covid. Plan B is sold via retailers like Amazon, CVS, Walgreens, or Target with options for overnight shipping.

If that wasn't enough, many universities now have "emergency contraception – Plan B" VENDING MACHINES on campus, and University "Student Health Centers" that offer the Chemical Abortion combination, which will abort a baby up to 12 weeks gestation 98% of the time.

In May 2023, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul signed Senate Bill S1213B requiring that all 89 campuses in the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) systems provide student access to medication abortion, by either contracting directly with authorized individuals who can prescribe medication abortion pills or refer students to providers authorized to prescribe abortion medication drugs such as Planned Parenthood. All of this for money – not healthcare.

President Trump administration's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" passed in 2025 blocks Planned Parenthood from Medicaid reimbursements, representing over 50% of a Planned Parenthood clinic's revenue. To date, this financial strain closed more than 50 of their centers.

New Offerings plan to offset defunding of the massive \$100 million revenue gap by 30 Planned Parenthood affiliate locations introducing a new "med spa" style platform by Fall 2026. New services will be offered to include aesthetic treatments such as Botox and Wellness IV Hydration Drips and non-aesthetic/wellness services intended to fill other medical gaps such as laughing gas (no joke!) for IUD insertion and removal. The aesthetic treatment is part of a "new business model" as the organization seeks financial stability. **Future Plan Offerings** include adding dermal fillers, laser hair removal, and sclerotherapy. **Enhanced Care** will include \$250 perimenopause telehealth care appointments and the use of nitrous oxide for pain management during procedures like IUD insertions.

Most people who visit Planned Parenthood are low-income, and Botox typically isn't cheap. Their plan is to price Botox competitively (at \$9 a unit, compared to \$12–15 per unit in nearby areas), where the cost for a typical session of 30-40 units would still be \$270–\$360. Planned Parenthood estimates that 75% of their clientele have incomes at 150% of the federal poverty line (\$23,940 for a single person in 2026).

The cosmetic dermatology market is extremely competitive with high client expectations. While this poses a gap between the typical Planned Parenthood patient and the type of patient who can pay for aesthetic treatments like Botox, their plan is to attract clients with more disposable income who want Botox specifically provided at a Planned Parenthood clinic, in support of its overarching mission. Unlike Medicaid, cosmetic procedures are typically paid for in cash, providing immediate funding without insurance or government billing hurdles. Planned Parenthood has long offered their "sexual and reproductive health care". These new cosmetic services are designed to expand its business model to generate cash revenue, offset federal funding cuts, and subsidize core healthcare services.

Time will tell.

The Lord continues to bless our work at the Life Center as we now celebrate our 40th Anniversary being God's instruments in saving babies lives and serving Moms and Dads. Your support and donations help guide women and men to us so critical conversations can take place. This is why the Life Center exists. Not for money, headlines, or statistics. Just to be ready for the exact moment when a caring and compassionate conversation can change everything. A moment in time that saves a life.

Blessings,

Gloria

*Easter reminds us that love triumphs over all.
Happy Easter!*



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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

The Life Center of Long Island now has a Spiritual Adoption Program available for anyone that would like to host a program at their local parish or ministry.

For those interested, please contact Regina Lawler (516) 798-8746



INTERNAL PRAYER MINISTRY

The Life Center of Long Island sponsors a "Prayer Group" encouraging our members to bring any personal intentions that need to be prayed for including deceased, sick, or suffering, or just needed personal intentions.

These requests will be prayed for in Eucharistic Adoration, mass, and the holy rosary. Please list the person's name or any information that you want to share.

Prayer:

Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

We bring to you these personal intentions knowing that you will hear our prayers for mercy and healing.

Not our will be done but yours.

To share your prayer request, please contact Lauren at (516) 798-8746.

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, 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

OUR VISIT TO ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

We wish to thank 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. We greatly appreciated the warm welcome and the effort your team put into organizing the event. We hope the presentation was valuable and meaningful for the students. It was truly a pleasure to spend time with such an engaged and thoughtful group. Throughout the school day, the student body heard about the Life Center of Long Island. Students were shown the "Meet Baby Oliver" DVD which "provides a 5-minute long medically accurate, animated glimpse of human life from the moment of fertilization. The story details his growth as he progresses from one developmental stage to the next, in preparation for his 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!

For any inquiries in regard to scheduling representatives from the Life Center to visit their School or Religious Education Program, please contact Lauren at (516) 798-8746.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

WELCOME TO ALBA GALEANO



My journey at the Women First Center started when I had gone to a Life Center information table at a local town event. I saw that their pamphlet had more information on volunteering. I started volunteering at the Women First Center where I saw the wonderful work that was being done to help women choose life. I was offered the opportunity of a lifetime to work and fulfill a desire in my heart to help the Pro-life movement.

Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

The Life Center of Long Island is extremely grateful to **Maria Regina, Holy Name Society, Seaford**, for organizing a food drive and donating the generous outpouring of baby formula, food and oatmeal. Your overwhelming generosity and kindness is very much appreciated.

We are grateful to the members of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry, at St. Barnabas Parish, Bellmore**, for donating beautifully hand knitted blankets for moms and their babies. Your overwhelming generosity is truly a blessing!

The Life Center would like to thank **Ruth Nelson, a parishioner st St. Mary's, East Islip**, for the beautiful handmade baby outfits. Your time, care, and thoughtfulness mean so much to us, and we truly appreciate the love you put into every detail. An additional thanks to **Rocky Nevillino, Director of the Food Pantry, St. Mary's, East Islip**, for the abundance of donated diapers and formula. We are so grateful for your support!

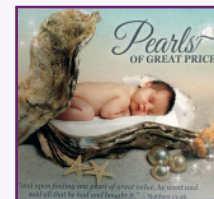


IN LOVING MEMORY



~ Raymond J. Thumser ~
 ~ Peter Carlisie ~ Nelson and Aneldo ~ Claire Ackerina ~
 ~ Anthony Contorno ~ Kathy Moore ~ Mary DiGlio ~
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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.



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Desperate Need!

All Of Our Locations Are In Need of Clothing

Boys & Girls

Sizes 18M-4T

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