

# The Pregnancy Care Center of New York

Newsletter

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## *Pregnancy Care Center Mission:*

***Acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, the mission of the PCC of NY is to offer servant hearted love, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support through our life affirming network of counselors, churches, and individuals.***

## *Board of Directors' Message*

We are praising God for all of you, our faithful supporters. It was wonderful to celebrate together at the gala. Your outpouring of love for the Pregnancy Care Center is overwhelming. We are so grateful to the 307 people who attended the gala in person and the over 1000 people who viewed it online. We are still gathering the donations but to date we have received close to \$80,000. For those of you who had issues with the event donate link to give, you can go: <https://pccofny.org> to donate.



Our goal was to raise \$120,000 and we are praying we will reach it throughout the year. The generous donations so far will allow us to hire a part time Outreach Coordinator who has a pulse on the network of community organizations in Staten Island so that we can be actively involved in outreach events throughout the year. We desire to be visible and actively involved in all areas of Staten Island, meeting women and men in need of our services. We can also enhance our social media presence through ads in specific zip codes. If you know anyone who would be a great candidate for the Outreach Coordinator Position or a talented Social Media Specialist, please let us know.

After much prayer, we have decided to hold off on looking for a new location and focus on strengthening our Pop Up Ministry Model. God bless.

## *Executive Director's Message*



*Arlene Rutuelo*

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I would like to make an appeal to all Christians on Staten Island, including lay leaders, clergy, pastors and ministers of our churches.

Please do not be swayed into thinking that the mission of our PCC, or other pro-life ministries like ours, may soon be irrelevant because of the rumors about a possible reversal of *Roe v Wade* by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Many states have already adopted laws that codify the spirit of *Roe*, including New York. So, no matter what the Supreme Court does with this decision, it does not change Abortion Law in NY and it will not change the mission of the Pregnancy Care Center of NY:

*"We acknowledge that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, we offer servant-hearted*

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## Historic Highlights

The inspiration for our ministry to the unborn and their families was laid by God in the hearts of one sister and two brothers in Christ in the 1980s. The late pastor, Rev. Kevin Rhodes, of Gateway Cathedral (Gateway Church), met with Senior and founding pastor, Rev. Daniel Mercaldo about 37 years ago, to talk about his wife Wanda Rhodes' vision of a Staten Island outreach to pregnant women who are considering abortion. The late Dr. Mercaldo was an enthusiastic supporter of a "Crisis Pregnancy Center" and rallied his church and his pastoral peers to bring the vision to life on Staten Island. We are the legacy partnership of believers and churches to whom God has entrusted the ministry they began — and we are grateful to them for the generations of faithfulness that have gone before us! Our appeal to our individual and church partners is to hold fast to the vision that God gave Wanda Rhodes. Do not be afraid. The world is not for you, but I am with you and My hand is not too short to save and provide. Rise up and go and give, in Jesus' Name.



## Volunteers taking the lead!

This is Theresa Weberg's season to dedicate to the PCC. Her creativity and passion take volunteer opportunities to another level. Her Baby Bottle Boomerang kick off display enticed forty people to sign up and take the challenge. Her organizational skills helped keep our gala donor records in order. Theresa is so excited to bless others, she has reached out to so many businesses requesting and receiving gift certificates for event giveaways



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At the recent PCC Gala, the Lord brought 307 of His children together under the vision and mission of the PCC.

New York State is already attracting abortion-minded women from other states with more restrictive laws. **Do not be discouraged**, as none of this takes God by surprise. Join us as we go forward with wisdom, humility and dependence upon Him. He is strategically preparing us for a new harvest.

Together under the banner of Jesus Christ, we can love one mom, and *help save one baby at a time*. But **we really need your help** to energize the churches, motivate believers to work with us, behind the scenes, and in the streets to reach women, and to help us raise funds.

THANK YOU!!!!

*"But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would have not crucified the Lord of Glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him."*

I Corinthians 2:7-10

Together for Life,  
Arlene



and raffles. In addition to all this, she attended all three volunteer training sessions and is a new PCC counselor. Thank you, Theresa, for serving the Lord in a way that blesses so many.

## *2022 Events & Vision*

### Mother's Day to Father's Day

### Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser

Please pick up your empty baby bottle in your church lobby on Mother's Day and return filled with coins, checks and dollars on Father's Day.



What a great way to celebrate Moms and Dads who choose life for their children!!

*Thank you to all the churches who are participating in this year's event. Over 400 Baby Bottles have been distributed all over Staten Island and Brooklyn!!*



Gateway Church



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### Food for thought:

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and defiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you." 1 Peter 1:3-4*

*What a loving Father we have, what a great future awaits us!! Most importantly, we do not have to wait for heaven, He is God Emmanuel, always with us!!*

## 2022 Donations are Welcome

You can donate by going to our website: <https://www.pccofny.org> and go to DONATE. All donations are tax deductible. You can make a one-time gift or set up regular monthly support on our secure site. If you prefer send a check, please send to: PO Box 141128, SINY 10314.

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