

# The Pregnancy Care Center of New York

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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*

Dear friends,

Last night we went to the movies! "LIFEMARK" tells the true story of a pregnant, confused, but extremely brave teenage girl who gets up from the abortion table just as the doctor is about to kill her baby. And what gave her the courage to do this? It was remembering the words of a woman outside the clinic who yelled to her as she was being whisked inside ... "You know your baby has ten fingers and ten toes!" That was enough to change her mind ... and that changed EVERYTHING! The rest of the movie shows again the bravery she had in placing her baby up for adoption and into the hands of a loving couple. It shows the reunion of mother and son eighteen years later and him thanking her for giving him LIFE!

And that is the mission of the Pregnancy Care Center! To be that woman who was not afraid to speak TRUTH to a deceived world! The baby inside is human, he/she has ten fingers and ten toes!! It is my prayer that we stay true to this course, no matter the obstacles before us! LIFE is worth it! It is also why I ask all those who are reading this newsletter to come behind us in our mission, with your prayers, time and monetary support.

*Correction/clarification: the August issue Board of Directors' message was from the whole Board and not from the Chair.*

## *Executive Director's Message*



*Arlene Rutuelo*

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Summer is ending soon, and fall will be soon upon us!



I love the changing of the seasons; it reminds me of the cycle of life.

Spring can represent birth and childhood. Summer can represent the transition from adolescence to adulthood. Fall is the older, mature years, and Winter refers to the declining years leading to death.

At the heart of The Pregnancy Care Center is birth and childhood! So, for us as an organization, the PCC reflects "Spring" all year long!

These past 10 months we have been able to operate fully and effectively using a Mobile, or "Pop Up" Model. I have identified six of our

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## Outreach Coordinator — Jessica Bocaya

I am so excited to reconnect with you through our newsletter! This month has picked up momentum rather quickly. We have been invited to be the guest speakers at the South Shore Rotary Club, we've also been invited to Life Ministries of Yeshua to speak to the congregation and share what the Lord is doing through the PCCofNY. As we continue to help our clients, we are working simultaneously with our Community Partners to ensure our services are well known throughout Staten Island. In addition, we are continuing to increase our knowledge on community resources made available to us so that we can better position ourselves to assist our clients.



This month we have partnered with two Early Head Start programs that assist expecting mothers and provide them with childcare services free of charge for children as early as 6 weeks old. We have been able to connect two clients to these programs so far. We

have also connected with an agency that assists with finding public housing on Staten Island. So far, we have had success with one mother that needed to find an apartment by October 1. She is currently viewing apartments due to our efforts in making these connections. Praise the Lord for opening doors for the PCC!



supporting churches to operate as "Pop Up" counseling locations.

Our counselors have been and continue to be trained. We have moved slowly and deliberately to rebuild post-Covid, and I can say, we are ready for more of His harvest!

Our strategic plan is to continue to strengthen this "Pop Up" model going forward, and also begin searching for a location for a PCC on Staten Island. Generous donations arrive every week and we need a centralized Center location to collect and disperse supplies.

If anyone has any property leads, please reach out to me @ 718-614-4724.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek and serve the Lord together.

Proverbs 3:5 ~  
*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*

Together for Life,  
Arlene

This month, I would like to highlight one of my favorite testimonies. At the very first outreach I had the opportunity to do, I met with a young mother. We prayed together and I mentioned that it is no coincidence we had met that day and I introduced the gospel message to her. With tears in her eyes, she said "Yes, it's not a coincidence because I just WALKED OUT of the abortion clinic." To God be the glory! I was filled with excitement as I embraced her and spoke to her much more and took the conversation even deeper explaining how special she was to the Lord. After giving her a



hand-stitched receiving blanket, I explained that the blanket had been in the hands of a woman who had been praying over every stitch for the mother that would receive it. Fast forward, the PCC was at the International Christian Center tabling at their Back to School event. We invited all of our clients to this event in hopes that we will have another opportunity to engage them and minister to them. This mom showed up! She showed up with a HUGE belly and a face full of joy!! She said, "I came to see you" as she hugged and introduced her entire family to me. She was glowing, overjoyed and looking forward to having her baby!!! She chose LIFE!



### *Featured Pastor's Corner (We will be highlighting a different pastor every month)*

"... for His mercies never end. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness!" Lamentations 3:22-23



Michael Luciano  
Senior Pastor  
Gateway Church

God is up to something fresh and inspiring through the reimagined efforts of the Pregnancy Care Center under the leadership of Arlene Rutuelo and its' Board. He has been faithful to this ministry for decades on our Island, and I believe He will continue to show His mercy and faithfulness for years to come. As the PCC seeks to care for those who feel alone, desperate, and without a voice of their own, may we continue to offer our prayer and sacrificial support as the body of Christ. What a challenge. What a responsibility. What a privilege. Praise God! His mercies never end!

### *Volunteers taking the lead!*

Have you ever had a volunteer that goes above and beyond?

The Pregnancy Care Center has been blessed by God for all the volunteers He has sent us these past 37 years!

This month we would like to highlight Sabrina Valentine.

Sabrina has helped at our rummage sales, outreaches, and the Walk for Life event! Sabrina is reliable, trustworthy, is a problem solver, teachable and has great interpersonal skills. Her heart and love for the Lord is contagious.

We love you, Sabrina. Thank you!





### Food for thought:

*"For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though there are many, are one body, so also is Christ." 1 Cor. 12:12*

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the unity of the church. May the Lord continue to unite us as we work together to snatch many from the fire.

*"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success." — author unknown*

## 2022 Donations are Welcome

An easy way to help the PCC raise money is by logging into Amazon Smile when placing orders. Choose: **The Crisis Pregnancy Center of NY DBA the Pregnancy Care Center of New York** on Amazon Smile.



Another easy way to increase your donation is by asking if your employer offers matching contributions to charities. Your donation of \$100 can become \$200 at no cost to you.



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