

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 week I saw an amazing interview with Kanye West on Tucker Carlson. Hanging on his neck was a baby's ultrasound, worn as a badge, and he opened with "More black babies are killed — aborted — in NYC than born!" We praise God for the brave celebrities and influencers who are standing up for life!

The board has been busy planning future fundraisers, our "Toasty Inside" flea market will be held February 18 at Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church, so as you start your fall cleaning, put those household items and clothes aside! A "thank you" to Bethany for hosting this, it has become an event in the yard sale community, and a great opportunity to spread the word about our center and life!

Our annual banquet (yes, we are already planning!) is set for May 11, 2023. This year we will be at the Staaten — we promise you will want to be there, and that the food will be delicious!

We also have been actively looking for a brick and mortar location for our center — North Shore / near public transportation — with room to grow the Pregnancy Care Center's ministry. If you hear or know of anything suitable, please contact us! More than anything, we covet your prayers that we find the location that God has for us, and we can develop the programs that not only save the babies, but establish the relationships to bring these women and families to Christ!

Executive Director's Message



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October is *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. My heart is heavy even writing these words, but the reality is we live in a broken world and many innocent families are really hurting. The Richmond County District Attorney's office handles roughly 2,000 domestic violence cases per year. Often these families are moved to safety in the middle of the night with nothing.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to step in the gap and assist where we can. This month the Pregnancy Care Center is partnering with the Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon and collecting much needed emergency survival kits for victims of domestic violence and their families. If anyone is interested in donating any items, please reach out to me for more information.

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Outreach Coordinator – Jessica Bocaya

Hello everyone, it's exciting to reconnect with you all through our newsletter! I want to get straight to the good news! This month we've had some amazing testimonies unfold and I would like to share one of my favorites.

A young lady reached out to us through a web inquiry requesting pregnancy support. She said it was her first time pregnant and she was only 21 years old, expecting to give birth December 6th. She was desperate, with only a pack of diapers given to her by her nurse and nothing more. She felt unprepared, alone and defeated. I contacted her and she said she received a business card from someone who likely attended one of our outreaches.

After speaking with her, I discovered that she was not connected to a church and had no religious background. She knew of God as a child because her mom attended a Catholic church. I asked her if she would like to be connected to a church family who would love and support her, and I asked if she would like to raise her child in the faith. She said yes! We prayed together on the phone and she began to weep.

I checked her zip code and she was in close proximity to ICC. We made arrangements for her to attend a Friday evening service and she showed up! We had tons of supplies to offer her including baby wipes, diapers, clothing, blankets, diaper bags, stroller and more! She was overwhelmed with joy! At the end of the service, she came to the alter and asked Pastor Ron if he would pray for the "future of her baby." The ladies of the church were so accommodating, sitting next to her throughout the service, embracing her when she wept and helping her to the car with all the items — including a Bible with beautiful hand written notes and the phone numbers from our ladies that loved on her throughout the service.



The following morning, I received a beautiful message from her via text and it stated "Good morning, I wanted to thank you. I don't really know how to thank you for everything you did for me. Last night was something new to me, accepting and praying to God like I used to do before, and asking for strength and motivation for my baby and me. May God bless you multiple times for you and your family."

We thank God for the opportunity to win another soul for the kingdom! Praise the Lord!!

Can you believe that next month I will celebrate my one year anniversary as the Director of the PCC? Wow! Time goes by fast.

It's humbling to serve and see God's hand moving in Staten Island. I have a front row seat to see honest to goodness heart transformation and hope. We continue to build trust in the community and now we are receiving phone calls from Social Workers in the local hospitals, looking for our help for women on the maternity floors. These women have escaped dangerous situations and need assistance in all areas. This month we have assisted six women and provided four car seats to new moms, so they are able to leave the hospital. Care seats and clothing that are prayed over for the child's protection moving forward.

We are thankful to you, our donors, who are supporting all our efforts here on Staten Island. Please continue to pray for me and for the Pregnancy Care Center.

Together for Life,
Arlene





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



Pastor Couch with son, Josiah, daughter, Eliana, and wife, Catie

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20

People of God, soak in richly the above words. Consider what they say about who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Jesus is God in the flesh. The Lord of the universe saw us in our desperate and helpless state and came to us as one of us. This mystery is beyond comprehension but fills us with joy. God with us!

Yet, His dwelling among us was not just to hang out with us. It was for the purpose of restoring us who had broken our relationship with God back to the Father. This news is too marvelous to stay only with us.

I am grateful that the PCC is committed to sharing this message with young men and women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy and are searching for direction. What better news to bring to them than the fact that Jesus has restored them to the Father. Life comes from this. The strength to uphold life comes through this selfless act of Jesus for us! May the world this from our lips to the glory of Jesus Christ, Amen!

Volunteers taking the lead!

The definition of a volunteer is *“a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.”*

This month the Pregnancy Care Center volunteer spotlight is **Linda Hobbesland**.

We are thankful for Linda's heart to serve the Lord. This past year, Linda has volunteered at numerous events, the Annual Gala, the Rummage Sale and the Golf / Walk / Run for Life event.



Linda Hobbesland with granddaughter, Olivia

One phone call to Linda and she never skips a beat, she is there to help in any way she can. Thank you, Linda, for your gifts and for your heart to serve the PCC.



Food for thought:

“Walk in the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16

Later in this chapter Paul lets us know what it looks like to walk in the Spirit,
“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; ...” Galatians 5:22-23

God help us to walk in the Spirit and exercise all these fruits!

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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