

# 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*

*"... all things work together for the good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.*

Most mornings I wake up looking forward to a good cup of coffee. This requires filling the reservoir with filtered water, measuring the exact amount of coffee, and placing the espresso maker on a lit stove burner. The milk is then heated and frothed to creamy perfection in my favorite mug. The freshly brewed coffee is ready, and I pour it into the mug finishing it off with a dash of cinnamon. The smell is awesome and the taste wonderful. Now I am ready to start my day.

It takes a lot of steps before I can enjoy a cup of coffee. If any one of those steps are skipped, I would not be able to enjoy that cup of coffee to the degree that I do. Much like our life in Christ Jesus, there are many steps needed to complete His purpose. The Apostle Paul wrote "all things" including persecution and suffering, which are numerous and yet they are the means that are appointed for our welfare; "work together" which means contribute or cooperate towards His purpose, taking off our affections from this world; and finally "to them who love God" or obey the call given to them in the preaching of the gospel producing peace, submission, patience and love. This is the experience of all saints.

Like Paul, we can rest assured that although we deserve destruction, our Heavenly Father determined to recover us. We can delight knowing we have gone from sin and vanity to grace and holiness through Christ Jesus. Nothing can separate us from His love. While God is for us and we remain in His love, with holy boldness we can defy all the powers of darkness. I pray this encourages your faith and hope for His way, His work, is perfect.

## *Executive Director's Message*



*Arlene Rutuelo*

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On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a Presidential Proclamation designating the third Sunday of January as National Sanctity of Life Sunday. Pastors, churches and life organizations across the United States use this day to bring awareness to the attacks that are daily waged against human life through abortion.

One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by bringing into the light the darkness of abortion, and by supporting us, the Pregnancy Care Center of NY, as we reach women and families with the message of hope and life.

This year the Pregnancy Care Center visited 18 churches in celebration of Sanctity of Life.

I want to say a huge thank you to all our supporting churches for inviting us this year!

Please continue to pray for us, as we continue to step boldly forward by loving our

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## *Outreach Coordinator — Jessica Bocaya*

I am excited to continue reporting updates on our client Stacey and her baby Jason! On February 10th, we received a phone call through the PCC Hotline from a new client named Grace, she is pregnant and was requesting assistance to find employment. After exploring in detail what she needed, we concluded that we would provide her with just about everything she had been asking for. We agreed that she would be going to a local church within her zip code for a church service and following the service, we would introduce her to the church family and bless her with all the items she requested, such as diapers, wipes, baby tub, etc.

In terms of employment, we were shocked and filled with joy when she shared her experience and background with us! If you recall, based on our previous updates on our client Stacey (mother of Jason at Mount Sinai Hospital NICU), she is being faced with the difficult decision to bring Jason home with a g-tube and a tracheotomy. Having no experience in this and no further education on this decision, she was terrified and unsure if she would bring Jason home under these conditions.

Grace came along to the PCC at the perfect time: Grace share that her work experience consists of the following: she is a traveling nurse, with experience working in pediatrics, in the NICU, specifically with babies that have g-tubes and a tracheotomy!! Wow! We praise God that HE has shown up once again in a time of desperation for Stacey's family! Stacey and Grace shared the same zip code, so I invited both Stacey and Grace to ICC church so that they can meet and Grace can help educate her, address her fears and concerns and support her in the decision making for baby Jason.

On Wednesday evening, Grace attended the ICC prayer service. She said "Thank you for this, I really needed to be here in the church." Following service, as promised, we blessed her and showered her with beautiful items she needed for her baby girl expected to arrive in May!

On Thursday, ICC church graciously opened up their boardroom and gave us a private meeting space. Stacey and Grace came to ICC and met for the first time. In a nearly two-hour meeting, we prayed together, Grace answered tons of questions and addressed every concern Stacey had. Grace shared videos of previous babies she had worked with and articles on other children with similar situations to put Stacy at ease.



At the end of the meeting, they exchanged phone numbers and Grace had a list of questions that she encouraged Stacey to ask at her next family meeting with the doctors. Stacey left feeling confident and very optimistic, having faith in the next steps of her journey with Jason! Stacey arrived feeling defeated and discouraged by the reports of the doctors but when she left our meeting, I asked her if she'd like to come join us for the

community, loving life, and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Together for Life,  
Arlene





Sunday service and she responded "When I come back here, I'm coming back with my baby!" How amazing was that response? That's the faith that can move mountains!

Once Stacey reached the hospital and Jason the following morning, she sent me and Grace a group text with an update: "Hi, good morning. I have great news. I'm just afraid about being so confident. Jason is at 21% and we schedule the doctors meeting for next week."



We praise the Lord that baby Jason is in stable condition and is making progress! Please continue to join us in prayer for this family. God is surely up to something!

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



Pastor Moise Colvert  
New Dorp Baptist Church

*"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." Jer. 1:5*

As a pastor, I am always reminded of the preciousness of life, and this is particularly true regarding the topic of unplanned pregnancies. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed and unsure about the future when faced with unexpected news, but as the above verse reminds us, every person is known and loved by God, even before they are born.

This is a message that is at the heart of the Pregnancy Care Center's mission, which is to support and care for women who are facing unexpected pregnancies. The Pregnancy Care Center offers various services, including counseling, medical care, parenting classes, and material assistance, designed to help women make informed decisions and receive the care they need during and after their pregnancy.

At the same time, the Pregnancy Care Center recognizes that every person is unique and valued in the eyes of God. Each person has a purpose and a calling, which is true for every child who is formed in the womb, even when the circumstances of their conception may be unexpected or challenging.

As the verse from Jeremiah reminds us, God knew us and set us apart even before we were born. This means that every child, regardless of their circumstances of conception, is loved and has a purpose in God's plan. The Pregnancy Care Center recognizes this truth and works to support and care for women and families as they navigate the challenges and opportunities of an unexpected pregnancy.

As a pastor, I am grateful for the work that the Pregnancy Care Center is doing in our community. They are providing essential care and support to women and families who are facing difficult circumstances, and they are doing so with a deep commitment to the value of every human life.

If you or someone you know is facing an unplanned pregnancy, I encourage you to contact the Pregnancy Care Center to learn more about their services and how they can help. Through their work, they are demonstrating the love and compassion of Christ to those who need it most, and they are doing so with a deep understanding of the value and purpose of every human life.



## Volunteers taking the lead!



Our volunteer this month is Glenn Gibbons. The Pregnancy Care Center is thankful for the servants that the Lord sends us. The PCC had a huge job to begin to clean out and reorganize our storage unit. The storage unit was jam packed with everything from the Amboy Road Center. Every inch of space was used, when you opened the door, you would hold your breath, hoping nothing would fall out!

Glenn volunteered to help with this task and we recently spent hours working one Saturday morning: moving, lifting, pushing, organizing and sweating but the job was complete! We even have dancing room in the middle of the storage unit! And yes, believe it or not, Glenn can tell you, there was everything including the kitchen sink!

*"...not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord." Ephesians 6:6-8a*







### Food for thought:

*"The law of the Lord is perfect,  
restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple."  
Psalm 19:7*

Revival starts when we allow the word of God  
to dwell richly in us!  
Lord, give us a love for your word,  
so that revival can start with us!

## 2023 Donations are Welcome

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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