

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. Referrals for abortion will not be offered.

Board of Directors' Message

A Call to Pray

Every year the Pregnancy Care Center reaches out to the churches in our community to bring awareness about the Sanctity of Life Sunday. We are so grateful for the many church families who join us in acknowledging that life begins at conception and is worthy of protection. Over the last six months, we felt with great convictions, a calling to start a prayer group that would meet weekly with one thing in mind — to pray for the unborn. This conviction to pray synchronizes with our Mission that every life is “worthy of protection.” Gratefully, God has given us this conviction for such a time as this, when we are seeing firsthand, the war that wages against our unborn children. Now more than ever before, we need to pray for our elected leaders, especially in the State of New York, whose policies may lead one to conclude that the unborn are less than human and not worthy of life. NYS is implementing an agenda to change the laws and establish financial support to abortion minded women and abortionist to gain access to financial benefits as referenced in the National Network of Abortion Funds to support abortion.^{1,2} These benefits will be a burden on the NYS taxpayers.

But one thing within our power is to pray. For those Pregnancy Care Center of New York faithful families, who have financially supported us over the years, we thank you! Now we are calling upon you to join us in declaring life for the unborn. Jeremiah 1:5 states, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I sanctified you; and I ordained you.” Yes, you were on God’s mind before your conception (Psalm 139:1-16) and because your parents

Executive Director's Message



Arlene Rutuelo



The screams that are heard around the world. Is anyone really listening?

Human trafficking is a real horror around the world, the United States, New York, and on Staten Island. Yes, I said, Staten Island.

The Live Action News recently wrote, “As *Sound of Freedom* exposes child sex trafficking, we must expose horrors of child killing. Like most evil behavior, child sex trafficking happens in secret places behind closed doors, using dirty money. This secrecy paired with the general unthinkableness of sexual abuse of children has caused many to remain blissfully ignorant of harrowing facts.”

They further wrote, “One thing is clear: Child sex trafficking and abortion are linked. No child is safe from being killed or trafficked unless we stand up courageously and protect them.”

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made a positive decision to choose life, you are here to participate in life changing moments as we witness new births, new life, and beautiful babies growing every day in strength, accomplishing things beyond our imagination. Yes, we thank God for the men and women we have become.

This month, we are asking for your commitment to pray as we rely on the Word of God to “declare life” for all generations (Psalm 102:18). We are a chosen generation (1 Peter 2:9) that God has chosen to declare and pray for the unborn in our city, nationally, and globally. Pray with us! Let us continue to trust the creator who never changes, never disappoints, and never makes a mistake (Numbers 23:19). He is a God who knows all things and reveals all things when we trust in Him and pray for the unborn.

Our praying community meets on Monday mornings (9 am) and evenings (7:30 pm) via Zoom. We covet your prayers and support to dedicate and unite our hearts to saving our generations, one pregnancy at a time. We are asking people to pray every day, everywhere and anywhere, declaring the Word of God for the unborn.

Here are some scriptures that our prayer team has been using to declare God’s promises for the unborn. Please add to this list and share with us, your friends, and family.

Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:15-16; Numbers 23:19; Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 145: 4; Psalm 22:30-31; Psalm 102:18; Psalm 78:4

In Christian Love and Gratitude,
Marilyn J. Ajose
Board Member

References:

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Outreach Coordinator – Jessica Bocaya

It is always a joy to share what is going on in the field as we continue outreach efforts through our mobile services. We are so blessed to meet with our clients anywhere on Staten Island! I especially love to report when we have opportunities to integrate our churches into

Sound of Freedom is a must see movie for all Christians.

The Pregnancy Care Center of NY has encountered and has helped very young pregnant women who we strongly suspect are victims of human trafficking. Do we know for sure? No, but we know the signs and behaviors. At community events where free baby items are provided, some women come to seek supplies for their soon-to-arrive baby, we have seen instances where clients arrive under the “protective eye” of someone who does not appear to have their best interests at heart. Spiritual discernment speaks volumes to our spirits during these encounters, where we silently pray to the Lord about these women. They quickly disappear into the deep corners of our communities again. But God knows each by name and He has heard our prayers. But that’s not enough, at least for me.

For the past nine years, I have volunteered for a Norwegian humanitarian Christian organization called Evidence of Faith World Evangelism (EOF), where I administer donations from the USA.

One of the missions of EOF is to stop human trafficking at the root, in Nepal and Africa. To read more, visit their website and Facebook page: <https://evidenceoffaith.org> & <https://www.facebook.com/eofmission>. If you want more information on this organization, please reach out to me at: arlene@pccofny.org.

In the near future I would like to propose that the evangelical churches on Staten Island host a “Trafficking 101” Training for everyone who is interested.

Restore NYC is a non-profit Christian organization located in New York City, making freedom real for survivors of trafficking in the



these efforts, and meet emergency needs, while sharing the gospel at the same time. This month we have had several examples of these efforts, but here is one specifically that I would like to share with you.

We had a client that reached out to us on-line in need of help. She thought she might be pregnant; she had not taken a pregnancy test and was asking for pregnancy support. After reaching out to her and trying to establish a relationship with her, we hadn't heard from her for several months. As we are in prayer for all of our clients, our hope is that these clients would come back to us in the future so that we can have another opportunity to reach them. That is exactly what happened!

Our client is now seven months pregnant and she reached out to us to let us know that she is excitedly anticipating the birth of her baby girl in September. This client was in need as she has three daughters

and was unable to afford the essentials for her new arrival. We partnered with Rescue Church as the client lives several blocks from that location. The pastor is currently on a mission trip in Mexico, but already had left a plan in place: another point of contact had already been assigned to receive mothers referred by the Pregnancy Care Center in the pastor's absence. This contact connected me to the church so that we could arrange a visit for our client. Our client was scheduled to attend service on a Sunday morning and there was a wonderful woman waiting with arms wide open for our client! From the platform, our client was greeted with a warm welcome and following the service, all the beautiful items we had prepared, such as a stroller, clothing, car seat, blanket, etc., were given to the client. She was thrilled and overwhelmed with gratitude! When I texted her to thank her for visiting, she immediately shared that she couldn't wait to return to the church for the following Sunday service with her family.

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



Chris Gardner, Lead Pastor
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Brooklyn

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The difficulty with which Scripture balances the mercy of God and His just wrath against the wicked provides a conundrum for Christian workers and leaders. How are we to address sin while seeking to restore the sinner? How can we faith-fully preach the righteousness of God and His hatred of sin, while upholding the wonder of God's mercy and grace? The tendency in churches that seek to work in the arena of abortion is to condemn the abortionists or ignore the sin and simply love on those caught in "unwanted pregnancies."

Yet, what we find in the Word of God is the paradox of God's just wrath and His just love, His judgement and His forgiveness, or His condemnation and His

United States. They will provide this training for all who have ears to hear. If you are interested in this training, please reach out to me at: arlene@pccofny.org

As the Body of Christ, let's unite and fight together for Life. All of Life.

I have spent years on my knees in prayer over this evil. It breaks my heart over and over again.

Can you imagine what it does to the Father's heart?

In Christ,
Arlene

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

1 John 4:4



acceptance. The two sides of God's nature do not make Him a Jekyll and Hyde or Twoface in Batman. God is perfect in all His attributes and wears them all in perfect balance bringing justice to His creation.

In Psalm 36:1-6, we read of this just balance.

*"Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart;
there is no fear of God before his eyes.
For he flatters himself in his own eyes
that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
The words of his mouth and trouble and deceit;
he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
He plots trouble while on his bed;
he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.*

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgements are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord."*

The Psalmist identifies two groups of sinners in this passage: those whose hardened hearts seek wickedness and those to whom the mercy of God is extended in salvation. Jesus warned us not to give dogs what is holy or cast pearls before swine. Like Pharaoh in Egypt, some people have so hardened their hearts that no matter what you say or do, they refuse to hear and respond with repentance. Any attempt to engage them in discussion about life and its value will only end in arguments. Peter warned that they are empty clouds blown about by the wind.

On the other hand, even Saul of Tarsus repented when confronted with the truth about Jesus Christ. Just because a man or woman seems hellbent on having an abortion does not indicate the hardness or softness of their hearts. The counselors at the PCC have the unenviable position of determining which type of person they are dealing with before the Lord. It is the responsibility of all believers to pray for these committed believers who want to see men and women not only spare the life of a child, but seek the salvation of a lost soul.

God's steadfast love reaches the deepest and darkest hearts to bring salvation. While the Psalmist only understood the general salvation given in the Old Covenant, as Christians, we know the power of the redeeming work of our Lord Jesus Himself. No mountain of sin is too high to break through with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. No sinful sea of wickedness is a match for the judgements of God. He is able to save to the uttermost.

The Lord Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost, and anyone contemplating an abortion is lost in the maze of human reasoning. Only the Gospel can penetrate the hearts of any sinner, whether it is the sin-sick soul, the proud Pharisee, the busiest business person, or the most confused clinician in an abortion clinic. The Bible says that a bruised reed He will not break. Instead, He heals the brokenhearted and sets the captive free.



Some say that you should never give up on anyone. The Scripture indicates that Paul walked away from several synagogues when the leadership refused to believe the preaching of the gospel. Moses turned away from Pharaoh while interceding for Israel after they made the golden calf. Being wise in knowing when to back away and when to press forward so that you do not break a bruised reed.

May the Spirit of our Lord Jesus continue to bless the workers and counselors of the Pregnancy Care Center and may we who receive this newsletter faithfully pray for wisdom and discernment for them.

Volunteers taking the lead!

At the Pregnancy Care Center, we value our volunteers and are so grateful for their helping hands and hearts at each of our events. Ashlie Boni is our newest volunteer and she shares her volunteer experience with us in her own voice:

I work as a nurse's assistant in a nursing home and I love my job very much. I am also married, and we have four children and three grandchildren by the grace of God. We are all saved in Christ and it was God who gave me a nudge or feeling that He wanted me to do other things for Him. Fortunately, through Tottenville Evangelical Free Church where I worship, I was introduced to the opportunity to volunteer for the Pregnancy Care Center. I attended two community events during the month of July, one at the International Christian Center, and one called "Harmony Day" at Clove Lakes Park. I was able to work, serving God with other beautiful Christian volunteers, giving supplies and literature to the mothers, fathers, and children, who attended these events. Seeing God work through this program touched my heart. I am so thankful to God for this experience that I never want to stop doing for others, and giving back all the love and blessings God has given to me and my family. I am forever thankful to Him.



Prayer Corner

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Pray for clients that have reached out to the PCC at one point and with whom we have since lost contact. Like out client this month, pray that the Lord will bring them back to us.
- ◆ Pray for fruit from our July outreaches – Harmony Day at Clove Park, and Jesus Week at ICC Church.
- ◆ Pray for our Board members and staff – May the Lord continue to provide a fresh vision for the PCC and protection for each family represented. Pray for support in upcoming fundraising events and outreaches.



- ☑ PCC will host a Golf/Walk/Run in September. More information to follow in the next newsletter.
- ☑ Informational meeting and Volunteer Training will be Saturday, October 7th, 1-4pm, at Gateway Church. Email Arlene@pccofny.org if you are interested in attending. More information pending.
- ☑ Save the Date: 23rd Annual Spring Gala, April 18, 2024



Food for thought:

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1

We are no longer slaves to sin because of the finished work on the cross!
Christ set us free from the power and penalty of sin. Let us walk in that freedom!

DONATIONS NEEDED

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- ° Baby Formula
- ° Diapers- Newborn to size 2

Please call us at 718-667-4357 to schedule a pick-up/drop-off.
We thank you so much for your support!

DONATIONS NEEDED

One of our clients, who has a baby with severe allergies, is supplied with limited hypoallergenic formula per month and is in need of more.

Please ensure that baby formula is not expired.

We are also in need of more car seats, one specifically for a baby at Staten Island University Hospital who is in the NICU.

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We thank you so much for your support.

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"Precious in His Sight"
2023 Special Appeal

I am committed to making the Pregnancy Care Center of NY unavoidable in every space women in crisis pregnancies are present.

Let's save 52 babies in the coming year! Here is my pledge for:

\$20 per week _____
\$80 per month _____
\$1000 for the year _____
One time gift of _____

Please make checks payable to:
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Or
Please scan the QR code for credit card payments

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As a part of our 2023 Fundraising campaign, we are working towards creating a geofencing marketing platform — a virtual perimeter for a real-world geographic area. Imagine a pregnant woman walks into an abortion clinic and an immediately triggered advertisement for the Pregnancy Care Center pops up on her phone. This can help our reach immensely, giving us the ability to meet women we otherwise wouldn't have, and possibly saving a life.

It's not too late to contribute to this campaign and the important work of the Pregnancy Care Center for this coming year. For those who were not able to attend our gala, and still would like to make a donation, you can do so by scanning the QR code. Make sure to choose 'Gala' under 'Fund.'

Let us be committed to making the Pregnancy Care Center of NY **unavoidable** in every space women in crisis pregnancies are present.

Thank you for your continuous support in saving unborn lives.

Donation Link: <https://pushpay.com/g/pccofny>

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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