

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

"For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ." Philippians 2:20-21.

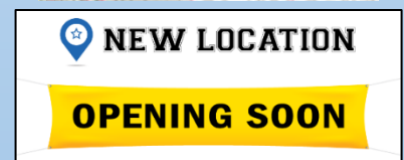
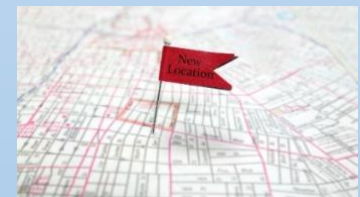
The Pregnancy Care Center cares. This sounds too obvious, too simple. But it is the bedrock of this ministry. The people who are serving in this ministry and supporting it, care about people. We care about women who are pregnant and overwhelmed.

The care of the PCC jumps out at me this month after having the honor of listening to our staff talk about what they are excited about and are experiencing. The above verse, which is ultimately declaring the identity of the followers of Christ, come to mind as I think about Arlene, Jessica, and Annabelle. I am so grateful for their genuine concern for the ministry and their willingness to keep an eye on the details of the ministry that ultimately give us opportunity and resources to help women in a crisis pregnancy. There is no substitute for care. And these three women care.

And not just these three women, but the board and all the churches and individuals supporting this ministry.

Though the world may continue to think organizations like ours are a problem, like the attorney generals of 16 states who signed a letter saying that organizations like this hinder pregnant women, we know the truth and the admonition of our Lord. He told us to "[k]eep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation". 1 Peter 2:12.

Executive Director's Message



Arlene Rutuelo



As we head into November, and Thanksgiving is almost upon us, I would like to begin my message with an exciting announcement and praise to the Lord!

The PCC of NY has found a new space for our Center!

Our last Center was located in Great Kills on Amboy Road. Two years ago, as our lease was ending, the Board prayerfully decided that we could not extend our lease at this location and felt we should pack up by faith and move ALL our things into storage. Which we did. We moved everything – including the kitchen sink!

We felt the Lord was directing us to a different location, more centrally located on Staten Island. For the past two years, we have been praying, pruning, rebuilding, unifying, and transitioning the PCC for the future.

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So, we will care. We will care for these women even if we are told that we are a problem. We will care for these women even if we are called evil. Because that is what those who are of Jesus Christ do. BECAUSE that is what Christ did and continues to do. Thanks be to God!

Outreach Coordinator – Jessica Bocaya

In just a blink of an eye November is here! And similarly, that's how fast we received a call regarding an unplanned pregnancy one early afternoon. Not just any call, but "the call."

The one we work tirelessly to obtain and anticipate daily. We are always so thankful someone has chosen to reach out to the PCC in their time of need.

A young man, 21 years old, called the hotline in a panic. He, and his 21-year-old girlfriend, called the number they "saw" at the same time our billboard was on display for all to see traveling through the boroughs and stopping at landmarks all over the city!

This couple was terrified as the young mom was heard shouting, "Cancel it, cancel this pregnancy, I can't have this baby, just cancel it."

Thankfully, after asking just enough questions, they began calming down. As soon as the Holy Spirit brought peace to the conversation, we offered support, introduced who we are and what we do.

We referred them to our community partner, Beacon Christian Community Health Center, to confirm their pregnancy, as their first step. From there, we asked them to take the time to really think about this decision: reminding them that they will have to live with whichever decision they choose forever.

I asked if they had a faith background, and the man hesitated, and responded, "I'm a Christian, but she is not." You could hear the shame in his voice. I asked if we could pry together. The mom said, "Yes" as she began sobbing. Together we prayed.

And I began comforting and encouraging her through the word of God, reminding them that children are meant to be a blessing and not

a curse, that we can do all things through Christ, and how HE will never leave us or forsake us. I prayed for peace and comfort and strength, and finally, the courage to make a decision that they could be proud of.

God is so good!

The new location is in the Dongan Hills section of Staten Island close to the corner of Hylan Blvd. We are near the train and bus lines, and we are more centralized at this location.

The Lord is opening many doors to us right now as we are also embarking on increasing our presence on social media with Geofencing, and paid Google Ads. Our goal is to be able to boldly bring love, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion, to present them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support. Data shows that our potential clients are looking for help when they are in crisis by simply doing a google search; the way most of us get our information today. The PCC is prayerfully taking this step to increase our cyber presence with the intention of making our services more readily available and widely known.

Planned Parenthood has occupied cyber space for far too long, promoting death and calling it "health care." Lord have mercy!

Please, please cover us in prayer as all these goals and plans are a monumental undertaking! As we continue to take steps forward, we will keep you all posted on the progress and where you can assist us.

But we know, "Our God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think." Ephesians 3:20.

In Christ,
Arlene



I could hear weeping while I was praying. After prayer, they kept saying, "Thank you, thank you so much." I have asked this couple to join me in a church service and they have agreed to meet me as soon as they are both able and not working. They texted me later in the day saying, "thank you for caring for us." To God be the glory! We pray that this couple will choose life. And that what the enemy meant for evil, may our good Lord turn it around for His glory."

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



The Psalmist writes *"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, my soul knows it very well."* Psalm 139:13-14

For years, as Pastor and as a layman, I have listened to the arguments defending abortion.

First, we all began with the idea that abortion was not a good thing, but some felt that it was a necessary thing. Then by the time I was in high school in the 1980s, abortion, while still having a stigma attached, was generally considered "no big deal," appearing in popular culture as the only real option for a young girl who found herself suddenly pregnant.

Later came the argument that a child in the womb is "just a clump of cells," attempting to dehumanize the infant growing in its mother's womb. But technology eventually proved what God had revealed in Psalm 139 above, that life begins at conception. That the so-called "clump of cells" had eyes and a heartbeat and fingers and toes. And still the defenders of abortion sought to dehumanize the unborn child by calling it an unwelcome parasite using the body of the reluctant mother against her will. And while each of these arguments fails miserable on its own merits, or lack thereof, nevertheless there are those who claim as a right a mother's desire to kill their child.

The more they are proven wrong, the louder and angrier they become, even using violence and intimidation to stop the voices of reason. And so, I am truly honored to partner with and support the Pregnancy Care Center of New York. Because life is a precious gift from God, from conception each child is a unique creation known and loved by God, fearfully and wonderfully made. In a world where there are those who seek to defend the indefensible, PCC stands strong for innocent souls whose lives are in danger. Not only through advocacy and offering alternatives to abortion to young women who find themselves pregnant and afraid, and in many cases alone, but also, in supporting them during and after the pregnancy. And finally, by offering help and counseling to those who suffer from guilt or depression having made the choice to abort their child. This is truly what God has called us to be, not vicious nor violent, not angry, but bold in our defense of the defenseless and loving to all those who wounded by the violence of abortion. I thank God for the PCC of NY and pray continually for their success and good work. May God guide us all to use the gifts He has given us to stand up for life from conception to natural death. Because all life is a precious gift from God, fearfully and wonderfully made. God's peace be with you all.

Volunteer of the Month

Leo is the “behind the scenes” type of volunteer. He is always ready and available to help whenever he is needed. He has partnered with the PCC in various ways, such as, set up when we table at outreach events, giving a hand with building furniture for clients, and traveling with his wife (our very own Outreach Coordinator, Jessica Bocaya!) to and from events, and visiting hospitals to deliver car seats. Leo’s hard work does not go unnoticed. Please join us as we honor him for his service to the PCC, and more importantly, unto the Lord!



Prayer Corner

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ A young couple seeking an abortion – pray that the Lord would bring conviction to the father. May they Choose life for their baby. Praise God that they reached out to the PCC!
- ◆ Clients – We have several pregnant moms each struggling from one or more of the following: Depression, shame, mental health challenges, post abortion depression, and regret. Please pray that they will each have an encounter with Jesus!

Praise Report:

- ◆ New site – Praise God we have been approved as tenants and have found a new center to call home! We are in the process of working on the floor plan and designing the interior of the space.
- ◆ Marketing – We are excited to announce our launch of the Google campaign to support the vision, “Making the pregnancy center unavoidable in every space where abortions are being considered.”



- ◆ Billboard – We are blessed to have a billboard traveling to Planned Parenthood on Staten Island as well as all the hospitals. The billboard also traveled to Manhattan and stopped at landmarks such as the United Nations, Times Square, Grand Central Station to name a few. See photos included in this newsletter!
- ◆ Stacey and Jason – Thank you to Andrea Curry (volunteer) and ICC for helping Stacey secure two job interviews. Stacey was offered a position! She was also offered to work from home after completing ninety days in the field. She will be able to work from home three days out of the week. We continue praise God for all the miracles that continue to unfold in this family’s life!



Continued Praise to the Lord!



Jason’s mom, Stacey, wanted to share more miracles with us. After 90 days of employment, she will be able to work three days from home which will provide more time for her to be with Jason!

She has also been working closely with the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), and has become very knowledgeable about relative caretakers. Stacey’s sister-in-law will be taking the program to become Jason’s caretaker.

Please continue to pray for Baby Jason’s health as well as provision for the entire family. We thank God for what He has done in this little boy’s life.

News Alert from Albany Update

New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms www.albanyupdate.com

“Mickie’s Law” Requires Fetal Demise Protocols From Hospitals

October 25, 2023, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed Bill S.4981-B-Brouk/A.1297-B-Bichotte Hermelyn into law.

This legislation, known as Mickie’s Law, requires hospitals to create protocols on how to treat fetal demise. Under Mickie’s Law, hospitals must ascertain whether a pregnant patient is facing a medical emergency due to a fetal demise. If she is, that hospital must either admit the patient or provide her with emergency room services involving “close observation, continuous monitoring and stabilizing treatment” until it is safe for her to be transferred to another facility or discharged.

Jonah’s Law, a similar law pertaining to the hospital treatment of pregnant moms experiencing preterm labor, was enacted in 2020.

It is normal for an unborn baby who has died in the womb to remain in the womb for a period of time. However, if a deceased unborn baby remains in the womb for too long, the baby’s mother may experience medical complications. Mickie’s Law will help ensure that women whose unborn babies have died receive the medical care that they need and are not turned away from hospitals.



New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, and the PCC, appreciate efforts to provide appropriate, life-affirming care for mothers and fathers who experience fetal demise or stillbirth.

The 2023 Golf for Life Event!

Under the leadership of Event Chair, Marion Andes, the Golf for Life event was a welcome addition to our fundraising efforts and a fun way for golfers to contribute to the work of the PCC.

Thank you to everyone who came out to play some golf and to support the PCC!

We appreciate you all very much! Thank you to Marion for his enthusiasm and organizational efforts in making this event happen!

Congratulations to the winners, shown on the right:
Carlo Velario, Paolo Valerio, Warren Apo, and Nobuhiko Arai



2023 Run/Walk for Life

We had beautiful weather and a wonderful time of sharing our mission to save unborn lives.
Thank you to all those who organized and to those who came out
to support the PCC by Running and Walking for Life!





EXCITING NEWS

We have a mobile Billboard driving around Staten Island!
Let us know if you see it!!

A Special Thank You to Nick Tortora for this blessing



For those interested in Volunteer Training,
Part 2, will be held on:
Saturday, December 2, 2023
from 1 to 4 pm.

Training will take place at Gateway Church.
If interested in attending, email Arlene
at: arlene@pccofny.org





Food for thought:

Job 42: 2 ESV

"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted."

John 1:1-3 ESV

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Quote: "All things (but lying, dying, and denying Himself) are possible to God."
~ Christopher Neese

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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