

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.

Executive Director's Message



Arlene Rutuelo



Who will care for the young pregnant girl or woman who is terrified and believes she has no option but abortion?

A 15-year-old girl called the PCCofNY while sitting in a church bathroom. She was overwhelmed and scared. Her mom was threatening to remove her from the house if she didn't get an abortion, so she was planning to comply. But this young girl was given a kind ear and was told of the goodness of the God of life.

Not long after, the mother of this young girl called, not knowing her daughter had called. She was looking for a place for her pregnant daughter to stay. This mom was given a kind ear and was prayed with.

The PCC staff reached out to partners and lined up help with a church and another organization.

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PREGNANCY CARE CENTER CHARITY GOLF OUTING



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL PCC CHARITY GOLF OUTING. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PCC. INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORTHWHILE ACTIVITY.

WHEN
-SATURDAY
-OCTOBER 5, 2024
-BREAKFAST AT 8:30AM
-LUNCH AT THE TURN
-TEE TIME STARTS AT 9AM

WHERE
SILVER LAKE G.C.
915 VICTORY BLVD.
S.L., N.Y. 10301

COST
\$150 PER GOLFER
INCLUDES GOLF, B-FAST, AND LUNCH
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

CONTACT
MARION ANDES
917-280-0913 OR
MARIONANDES@YAHOO.COM

THIS TOURNAMENT IS TO HELP RAISE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER TO CONTINUE OFFERING ALL OF THEIR SERVICES FREELY AND CONFIDENTIALLY. THE PCC IS A NON PROFIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION FOUNDED TO OFFER COMPASSION, HOPE, AND HELP TO ANYONE FACED WITH PREGNANCY DECISIONS BY PRESENTING THEM WITH REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES AND SUPPORT. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT EVERY HUMAN LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION AND IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION.

TO REGISTER FOR GOLF OR TO HELP SPONSOR THIS OUTING CALL OR EMAIL MARION ANDES (SEE INFO AT LEFT)

GOLFERS:
CONTACT PERSON: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
GOLFER #2 _____
GOLFER #3 _____
GOLFER #4 _____

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:
HOLE SPONSOR: \$200
YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME WILL BE LISTED ON ALL MARKETING MATERIAL ON THE DAY OF THE OUTING, INCLUDING TEE BOX SIGNAGE, HANDOUT PACKAGES, AND RECOGNITION AT THE AWARDS RECEPTION DINNER.





Board of Directors' Message

In the midst of all the chaos that surrounds us today, I was reminded of the gift Jesus left the disciples with before ascending to the Father, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you..." John 14:27. Upon meeting and departing, it was a common practice for men to say to one another, "Shalom!, Shalom!" (Peace! Peace!). Jesus repeats it twice because it is His to give. He gives His peace He gives Himself. His peace is inseparable from His presence. Therefore, I pray we open our hearts with lowly faith, love, and aspiration so that He may enter and that we too may be at rest. There is only one way to get that peace, by cleaving to Jesus Christ and making Him our Lord, our all.

Sonia Justiniano

Outreach Coordinator- Jessica Bocaya

The month of August has come and gone way too fast. We had such a beautiful summer spent with our volunteers at outreaches like the Annual Breastfeeding Celebration event, and we hosted fundraisers including our very first bake sale! It has been a productive month and overall, a blessing to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the community. Usually, I take the time to share the amazing encounters we experience while out on the field but this month, I'd like to reflect on the goodness of God and His perfect timing. Although we have not opened our center as of yet, we've learned that the Planned Parenthood of Staten Island is closing its doors this month. We've prayed for these abortion hubs to close and receiving the news of their doors closing has sparked tremendous hope on the pro-life community. We know that the war on abortion isn't over but we have to pause and say thank you to our Heavenly Father because He has heard our cries for these mothers, He's heard our prayers to save these babies and He has come to our rescue right here in our own backyard. Let faith arise!

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 14:14

The PCC was ready to help. But the mom made her daughter cut ties. Now what?

Months later the same young girl called, not for herself, but for a friend who was in the same situation. Her own care from the PCC was so great that she referred her friend.

But there's more: The young girl was still pregnant, and she was still living at home! So...

In July, a little boy named after a prophet was born into the world. And thanks to the care his mom received she is able to write these words: "And my relationship with God is great actually and I do feel loved and forgiven, I feel blessed."

Who will care for the young pregnant girl or woman who is terrified and believes she has no option but abortion?

The Pregnancy Care Center of New York will, but we cannot do this without your help; your giving. We are in great need. We made significant investments to prepare a center to reach these women, and our funds are quickly depleting. Will you consider setting up monthly giving to help us?

We are looking for a "1,000 Reasons for Life" meaning 1,000 people to sign up to give at least \$15 a month toward the work of the PCC. That is a big number of people, but if people are willing to give more it quickly drops. \$30 a month, \$45 a month or whatever the Lord leads.

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Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer Requests:

- One of our moms is asking for prayer for reconciliation in her relationship with the father. They had been together for several years, but he left when he found out she was pregnant and since then, has not returned. Our client is asking us to join her in prayer as she prays for him to encounter Jesus, come to his senses and come back home. She is also asking for her own heart that she will be able to forgive and receive him. Let's ask the Lord to bring unity to this family.
- Continue to pray for the opening of our center. With delays, contracts, finances, etc. We ask that you pray that the Lord will put everything in place so that we can finally move forward with opening.
- We need financial support. Please pray that the Lord would move in the hearts of the people to stand with life and get involved with the mission of saving innocent babies and supporting mothers/fathers in crisis situations.

Praise Reports:

- Two of our clients have been regularly attending church services for several weeks now and have been connected with mentors. They are both scheduled to attend a women's retreat in November! Please keep them in prayer.
- We hosted our very first bake sale and it was a success! Thank you to the churches that provided volunteers and gave a helping hand!
- We are happy to announce that Chick-fil-A will be sponsoring food for our next fundraiser which is our mozzarella making experience! Help us spread the word!

Please consider this monthly partnership to help us. We are prepared to help fearful pregnant women with love and resources, but we do need financial help. Please join with us.

Use this QR code and join us!





Hands-On Mozzarella Class

**Make Your Own with
Chef Joe Murdocca**

Sunday, October 20, 2024

5pm- 8pm

Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church

233 Westcott Blvd.

Staten Island, NY 10314

***\$80 per person
(Group rate of 5 or more people,
\$75 per person)****

Included in the Price:

- * Presentation: History about the Product**
- * Mozz Sampling**
- * Make Your Own to Take Home**
- * Great Night; Impress Your Friends & Family**
- * Chick-fil-A & Refreshments will be Served**

Limited Space, Register Now



**** Payment in advance required.
No payment at the door. Class
size limited to 50 people.***

<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=28375>



Highlights





NY Pregnancy Centers Win Round One Against AG Letitia James

On August 22, 2024, two New York pro-life pregnancy centers and a national pro-life organization won a significant victory over New York Attorney General Letitia James in federal court. Judge John L. Sinatra, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York issued a preliminary injunction against AG James that temporarily forbids her from pursuing legal action against the plaintiffs for promoting abortion pill reversals.

Sadly, in recent years, pill abortions have become increasingly common in the United States. Abortion pills are used to abort a baby during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. Typically, a two-pill regimen is used. The first pill, mifepristone, deprives a developing unborn baby of the blood and nutrients necessary for survival. The second pill, misoprostol, causes a pregnant mother to experience contractions that expel her unborn baby from her womb. Contrary to the self-serving claims made by the abortion industry and its allies (including the aggressively pro-abortion Biden-Harris administration), abortion pills aren't just lethal for babies; they are also dangerous for women.

Some pregnant moms begin the process of undergoing pill abortions and then have second thoughts. Those pregnant moms have a life-affirming option available to them. That option is known as abortion pill reversal. Abortion pill reversal involves the use of the hormone progesterone to counteract the effects of the first abortion pill (mifepristone). When taken promptly and with appropriate medical guidance, progesterone can save a pregnancy that has been endangered through the use of mifepristone. A 2018 study of 754 women who underwent abortion pill reversal found that more than 60% of those women's babies were saved; the study found no evidence to indicate that abortion pill reversal led to birth defects.

As one might expect, abortion pill reversal is not popular with abortion advocates. New York Attorney General Letitia James is one such advocate. AG James—who has received campaign contributions from Planned Parenthood and from leftist financier George Soros—has used her position of authority to promote abortion in a variety of ways. After the Supreme Court overturned the notorious *Roe v. Wade* decision, AG James sent a memo to New York law enforcement officials to remind them that abortion is still legal here. The Attorney General's taxpayer-funded website advertises an abortion-access hotline and warns readers to "beware" of pro-life pregnancy centers.

Earlier this year, AG James visited the Supreme Court of the United States to show her support for abortion pill availability; at that time, the Attorney General commented, "Hands off our bodies. We cannot allow anti-choice forces to make political decisions and ignore the facts, ignore the science, ignore the judgment of

medical professionals. H-I no.” At a 2022 pro-abortion rally, AG James informed the crowd that during the early portion of her political career, she herself had obtained an abortion. The Attorney General said, “I walked proudly into Planned Parenthood, and I make no apologies to anyone.”

On May 6, 2024, AG James sued 11 of New York’s pro-life pregnancy centers in state court for promoting abortion pill reversal. The Attorney General claimed that in so doing, the defendants had engaged in false advertising, fraud, and deceptive business practices. In response, the National Institute for Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) and two of its New York centers—Gianna’s House in Brewster and Options Care Center in Jamestown—filed a federal lawsuit against AG James; the lawsuit accused the Attorney General of engaging in unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination by attempting to chill the free speech of pro-life organizations regarding abortion pill reversal.

Judge Sinatra ruled that under the First Amendment, the plaintiffs have the right to speak about abortion pill reversal. The judge added that a preliminary injunction against AG James “serves the public interest by allowing women to access and receive information that may lead to saving the lives of their unborn children.” Judge Sinatra’s ruling is a preliminary one that will remain in effect as the plaintiffs’ lawsuit proceeds.

The plaintiffs are represented by Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). Caleb Dalton, senior counsel at ADF, commented, “Women in New York have literally saved their babies from an in-progress chemical drug abortion because they had access to information through their local pregnancy centers about using safe and effective progesterone for abortion pill reversal. But the attorney general tried to deny women the opportunity to even hear about this life-saving option.”

New York Families Foundation thanks ADF, NIFLA, Gianna’s House, and Options Care Center for bravely standing for life, for truth, and for free speech.



Planned Parenthood Closing Some New York Clinics

In recent weeks, Christian New Yorkers and other pro-life allies received welcome news: Planned Parenthood of Greater New York has announced that its Manhattan clinic will temporarily stop performing abortions on women who are more than 20 weeks pregnant, and that it intends to close four of its 23 New York clinics across the state.

According to *The New York Times*, Planned Parenthood's decision to stop performing abortions after 20 weeks' gestation at its Manhattan clinic will take effect on September 3, 2024. Planned Parenthood has stated that it made this decision due to the cost involved in providing the requisite anesthesia. The Times reports that Planned Parenthood's Manhattan clinic has been the only Planned Parenthood clinic in the state that provides abortions after 20 weeks' gestation. The cessation of these late-term abortions is cause for thanksgiving. Unfortunately, however, The Times reports that Planned Parenthood is "fully committed" to performing late-term abortions again in the future, and The City adds that Planned Parenthood hopes to resume committing such abortions within the next six to 12 months.

The four Planned Parenthood clinics to be closed are located in Amsterdam, Cobleskill, Goshen, and Staten Island. Planned Parenthood claims that "compounding financial and political challenges" led to the proposed closures. While it appears that these four clinics do not perform surgical abortions, they do provide pill abortions and so-called "gender-affirming care." The Albany Times Union reports that the state of New York must approve the closing of any New York abortion clinics. It is hoped that the state will not stand in the way of the proposed clinic closings.

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York has pointed to financial and political challenges as the reasons for its impending cutbacks. More specifically, the organization has indicated that its current financial difficulties result from the New York State Legislature's decision not to increase the reimbursement rate for Medicaid-funded abortions in the 2025 state budget.

These explanations are, to say the least, perplexing. On the national level, Planned Parenthood's 2021-2022 annual report showed that it received \$670.4 million in government funding, enjoyed net assets worth \$2.3 billion, and—despite its nonprofit status—netted \$204.7 million in excess revenue. On the state level, the abortion industry—of which Planned Parenthood is a substantial part—has been showered with tax dollars throughout the tenure of stridently pro-abortion Gov. Kathy Hochul.

The abortion behemoth's claim that political obstacles have necessitated its cutbacks in services is not credible. New York legalized abortion years before the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* and expanded late-term abortion access in 2019 by passing the Reproductive Health Act. Since Gov. Hochul took office, New York has codified an abortion insurance coverage mandate and an abortion pill insurance coverage mandate, imposed onerous reporting requirements on pro-life pregnancy centers, taken steps to facilitate out-of-staters' access to abortion in New York, and required public universities to promote abortion pill access. Pro-abortion devotees like Gov. Hochul and Attorney General Letitia James hold the highest seats of government power in New York, and pro-abortion Democrats enjoy complete control of the New York State Legislature. Given all this, it is difficult to imagine a more pro-abortion state government than New York's.

Both the [New York State Catholic Conference](#) and [Live Action](#) have raised the appropriate question: How can Planned Parenthood be experiencing financial difficulties? Where is all the money going?



Food for thought:

Philippians 4:1-3 NKJV

Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.

Quote:

“Christians at war with each other cannot be at peace with their Heavenly Father.”

2024 Donations are Welcome



An 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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