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The Pregnancy Care Center of New York

NEWSLETTER

Mission

Empowering women and families to choose life.

Values

- Providing compassionate care
- Fostering community partnerships
- Offering hope for a brighter future



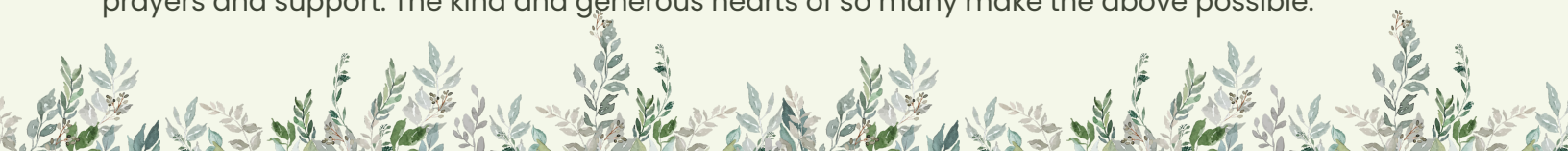
Message from the Board of Directors

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:3

Through the first few months of this year, we have been processing and discussing what we believe is the focus of the work of the PCC. We are grateful to Dr. Reverend Michael Luciano for leading us through a session on strategic planning to get us started. We have articulated our mission this way: empowering women and families to choose life. Whether it be a young woman coming to us for guidance or a family member, we are about building them up to see the value of life and the goodness in protecting it. We have three ways in which we see this working out. The first is to provide compassionate care. That begins with our phone counselors being well trained in how to listen and respond to a woman in crisis. It includes walking her through next steps of getting an ultrasound and connecting her to other resources available. We want her to know she is not alone. Secondly, we want to be well connected with our community so that when needs arrive we know where to refer expectant moms. This includes our churches on the island as well as programs that can help with insurance, housing, and supplies. We are grateful for the many churches and community partnerships that we have fostered over the years. Thirdly, we want to offer hope for a brighter future. When fear takes root in a person's heart, the future becomes dark and hidden. We want to provide for these women a vision of something that is beautiful. We want them to see what can be with the help of many others.

It is exciting to have our Center open and part of this plan. Even to the extent of having a community partner share the space: CompassCare.

God has blessed us greatly with His leadership and direction. We pray that many women and families will be blessed by the work of the PCC in the coming months. And that we will have eyes to see, and ears to hear, and hearts that trust what the Lord is doing around us and in us. Thank you for your prayers and support. The kind and generous hearts of so many make the above possible.



Executive Director, Arlene Rutuelo's, greeting at the Annual Gala, May 8, 2025

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5)

These sacred words reflect the heartbeat of PCC of NY. We believe every life—seen or unseen—is known, loved, and created by God with purpose. Welcome to an evening of hope, courage, and vision. Whether you're a long-time supporter or here for the first time—your presence matters. Let me share just a few powerful stats with you.

In the past 3 years, PCC of NY has helped save 51 babies—51 lives that are here today because someone chose to stand with them. But the battle for life in our city is intensifying. According to New York Vital Statistics, abortions increased by 25% in New York City in the most recently reported year, 2022. That same year saw a surge in chemical abortions (up 71% overall increase NYC and 73% NYS statewide) and abortion tourism, even with only half the year lived under a post-Roe reality. There are currently 56 active abortionists in the combined NYC region—and only 4 pro-life pregnancy centers. That's why your support tonight matters more than ever. This past year has been a year of transition. Some transitions have been hard—but they've drawn our team into deeper prayer and reliance on God. And through it all—we've seen His approval, His provision, and His unmistakable favor on this ministry.

To our event sponsors—thank you. Your generosity fuels this work. To our honorees—thank you for your servant-hearted leadership. Maria Lima, Susan Emanuele, Pastor John Carlo and Sandy Carlo, and my dear good friends, Mike and Beth Connors. Let me introduce our Board Chair—Paul Coach. Paul, would you please stand? And our PCC of NY Board Members— Your leadership and prayers are invaluable. Would you please stand and be recognized? To our volunteers— Your compassion and faithfulness truly make the difference. You are the heart of our center. My daughter Danielle also. Please stand.

Our Mission Statement: **Empowering women and families to choose life.** We do that through compassionate care, community partnerships, and a message of hope.

This year, we took a big step forward. We've partnered with CompassCare—New York State's largest non-profit, Pro-life-medical pregnancy services. Through this partnership, CompassCare will have a satellite medical office, where they will provide: Pregnancy Tests, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, and abortion pill reversal—right here in our center on Staten Island, also serving Southern Brooklyn, including Coney Island. All for FREE!

I am happy to announce.....the Compasscare Medical office OPENED TODAY at our Center. Please join me in recognizing Kathy Mauer, VP of Patient Services at CompassCare. Kathy, would you please stand? I also ask for our 2 nurses to also stand with Kathy. Dr. Joyceann Fileccia and Dr. Ruth McAuley.

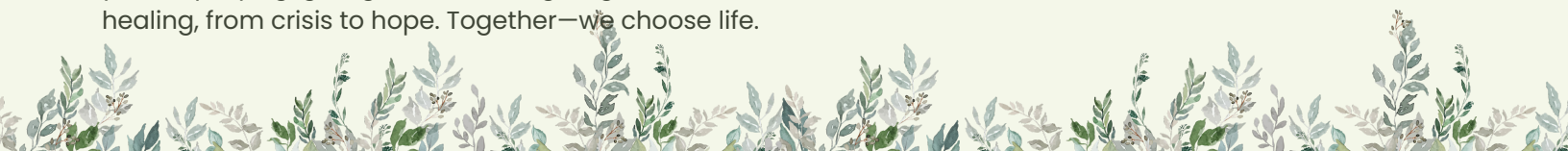
Looking ahead, our strategy is clear:

- Train and equip staff to offer emotional and spiritual care.
- Expand our care model through CompassCare.
- Collect and offer community resources that give hope.

These aren't just ideas—they are sacred assignments. And as we walk them out, we hold onto the words from Joshua 1:9:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Tonight, we celebrate what God has done—and we look ahead with bold faith. Thank you for being here. Thank you for praying, giving, and believing. Together—we move women from fear to confidence, from brokenness to healing, from crisis to hope. Together—we choose life.



The Pregnancy Care Center of New York 40th Anniversary Annual Fundraising Gala



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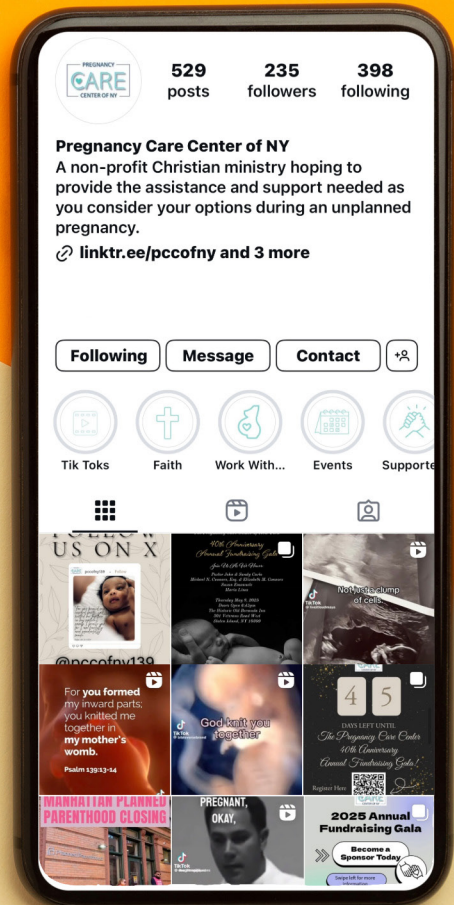
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