



EXPECTANT IN HOPE, EXULTANT IN THANKSGIVING

Dear pro-life family, what you enable us to facilitate for sons and daughters of God is nothing short of miraculous!

We begin every day with a "Set the path, Lord" prayer, knowing very well that we are not the captains of our ship. We submit ourselves to the Holy Spirit for discernment and guidance because He has called us to serve.



With a tremendous increase in foot traffic bringing new clients, each with uniquely difficult circumstances, the challenges might seem insurmountable; yet, if we can't do it, He can. "You can, Lord, and you promised." God is faithful, especially to those faithful to Him.

Called upon with Scalabrini Dukcevic Center and the Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family Ministry to care for a couple whose baby would soon be stillborn, the Lord navigated us through the steps of the passage of their child, even as they were being pressured by a medical establishment to extinguish their baby's light in the womb. We must be patient with others who, in their human sinfulness, sometimes can't see the reality of love in every stage and condition of life.

The Lord is present in every situation. Moved by your generous gifts, helpful presence and faithful prayers, He strengthens us to serve the precious clients for whom we all care so very much. Thank you for your steadfast participation and support!

Gail Faray-Musler
Executive Director

OF GALAS & ROSES

Three major fundraisers each year largely determine the operational capacities of the Center: our Spring and Autumn Rose Sales, and our Rose Gala.

When we dared to host a two-night gala, our broad base of engaged benefactors was our assurance of success. Indeed, entrusting the endeavor to donors like you proved to be wise and fruitful.

"The people who attended were passionate about the cause, truly and happily committed to being present. There was such a lovely ambiance and camaraderie," said Nancy Forte,



who with her husband Jim, gave heartily. Nancy helped with event assembly, and The JForte Company donated two handsome glass sculptures for our raffle.

In addition to the magnanimous hundreds of guests, many others gave donations in lieu of attendance, purchased tickets for friends and priests, donated raffle items, bought sponsorships, and mounted matching challenges that were enthusiastically met.

Rose Gala '22 was a prodigious fundraiser, for which we are grateful to Heaven and all of you.

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THE NYGHTSTORM AND THE BABY BORN

The power of our precious pro-life community knows no bounds. Across time and space, people with ardent faith who are motivated by the spirit of life can become an amazing nexus of hope.

In March, a gentle sidewalk prayer warrior, Bob M., drew away from the abortion clinic a pregnant woman named Dyanara who was already the mother of two children. She followed Bob to our Center where she received the great care she deserves.

During mid-June, David Mitchell, president of The Little Flower Home (littleflowerhome.org) which is a member of our statewide pro-life coalition, suggested to Gail that for our 2023 Rose Gala she bring in Catholic, passionately

pro-life public speaker and 4th Degree Knight Yahanseh George (YG) Nyghtstorm, resident of Atlanta, Georgia.

Two days later, and only seven weeks prior to our 2022 Gala, our originally-scheduled keynote speaker John Lillis, founder of Lifeboat Coffee, had to withdraw his commitment due to suddenly arising family needs.



Not expecting him to be available on such short notice to our petite ministry, Gail nevertheless reached out YG,

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As you know, the benefits are not entirely financial. Amazing little things take place that make awe-inspiring differences in the lives of others. For example, we were told about the two women who met at the Gala, one imparting information and encouragement to the other, then and now, regarding common health concerns.

"The ripple effect of our mission is astounding," exclaimed Center director Gail Faraj-Musleh. "It doesn't end at 400 Atwells Avenue. It goes far and wide!"

The same can be said of our Rose Sales. In Ecuador and Columbia there are field workers who, please God,

have benefitted from your purchase of 10,000 roses in May and 5,700 in October.

Ernest Lapre (right) and son, Tom, pick up roses for Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn, CT.



We truly appreciate the scores of volunteers who assist with our events, as well as the thousands of donors who make our fundraisers bountifully beneficial!

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inviting him to be John's replacement. Although he had prior commitments, YG felt the Lord directing him to come to Mother of Life Pregnancy Center instead.

Dyanara, was 8.5-months pregnant when she presented her testimony at the Gala on August 18.

At the end of his rousing speech YG invited Gala guests to step forward and embrace Dyanara in prayer, to celebrate her courageous commitment to life. Twelve days later, her baby girl, Kiana, was born, but with a life-threatening respiratory condition.

As he is so often, Bob M. was again present on the sidewalk on September 2 when another vulnerable woman approached the abortion clinic for her scheduled appointment. He listened kindly as she spoke of her fears and distress.

When he showed her YG's new video, featuring the Rose

Gala prayer-surround for Dyanara and our gift to her of a wagonload of baby goods, she sobbed, "I had no idea that there were people who don't know me who would love me!" She followed Bob to the Center where she received the great care she deserves.



In late-October, a warmhearted surgical pediatrician known by Bob M., performed an operation that saved Kiana's life.

Just a couple of days later, Dyanara visited the Center with healthy Kiana, her first return since March. It happened that YG was also in the building. Cradling Kiana, he sang to her about the beauty of her precious life. Mere hours later he produced a touching short video of that encounter, which you can watch at youtube.com/shorts/rnKyb_dsy4E

Thank you for your prayers and all your support that comes in so many forms, all of which are essential to our clients! Thank you for loving them! God bless you.

WHEN ASKED WHAT SHE LIKED BEST ABOUT OUR SERVICES, D.T. SAID...

"I love the overwhelmingly positive energy that envelopes all the staff!

It's so comforting."



WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE ULTRASOUND INFLUENCED HER DECISION ABOUT HER PREGNANCY, M.S. ANSWERED...

"It made me happy and sure."

YEAR-END TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Center has a remarkably responsive base of donors whose constancy undergirds our work and inspires our confidence.

Since 2017, we have expanded the scale of our ministry well beyond its former confines because the need for our services was increasing and we anticipated further growth. Indeed, each year has substantiated our expectations, and 2022 is foreshadowing greater needs ahead. We must be ready.

Accompany us, please, as we serve the anxious moms, vulnerable babies, and needy families who will come to us. Use the enclosed donation form; or, give via credit card or PayPal at motheroflife.org/donate or by phone at 401-421-0821.

Every day we give thanks for you and we petition Heaven to bestow special blessings upon you and your loved ones. "May grace and peace be yours in abundance." — 1Peter1:2

"WE BATTLED FOR THIS BABY"

Not every story involving a visit to the Center by expectant parents is the tale of a crisis, but each chronicle is nonetheless momentous.

A sweet, exuberant married couple, Adam and Maria, came to the Center because until then only she had seen their baby's ultrasound and not clearly, and they earnestly desired to see with each other the image of their first baby because pregnancy was never a sure-thing.

Maria had suffered from undiagnosed, severely symptomatic endometriosis since age nine. Until her 30s, she was simply told that she had "unexplained infertility."

Finally, a perceptive doctor determined that she had a Stage 3 condition. He told her that without laparoscopic surgery to remove the obstructive tissue, pregnancy would be impossible, and that if she did by chance become pregnant, then the probability of miscarriage and other complications would be terribly significant.

He was so concerned for Maria's health that he recommended surgery the next day at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH. Maria's hope began to glimmer when the doctor said a beautiful prayer when he brought her into the operating room.

Five months later, she became pregnant. "I never thought that it would happen," she admitted. "We battled for this baby," Adam declared.

The fight wasn't over. They had a bit of scare at 8 weeks when there was some bleeding. During an ultrasound examination by her obstetrician, for which Adam was not permitted to be present, the image was not clear enough for Maria's inexperienced eyes to discern, but the doctor confirmed a healthy baby and determined the child's sex.



"Being a dad is a life-long goal for me," said Adam. "My dad died when I was 9 and so I missed all the fatherly attention and that kind of relationship; and so, I wanted to have children of my own. When Maria came home and told me, 'It's a boy!' I levitated off the couch!"

Eagerly wanting to see their baby together and praying for a way, they came to Mother of Life Pregnancy Center because Maria heard from a mutual friend that the Center has a new ultrasound machine rendering great images, and that Adam would be welcomed into the room.

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NOTES ON RECEIVING & GIVING

The Center has enjoyed a superb seven months of high energy and helpful activity since our Spring newsletter.

Throughout the summer a beautiful couple meticulously labored inside and out, installing protective security measures while also re-planting and maintaining gorgeous garden beds. Thank you, dear friends, for essentially enhancing our welcoming atmosphere!



A mom and her two children have applied their hearts and hands to a variety of projects, including our Rose Sale, our inventory of baby goods, and more. Meanwhile, three key volunteers made vital Rose Sale phone calls to parishes and helped prepare sales packets. They, too, frequently assist with our myriad duties, as do numerous other precious supporters.

The Knights of Columbus hosted a cookout at the Center while our staff conducted an open house. Four councils — Fr. Donnelly, Msgr. Blessing, Ss. John and James, and St. Augustine — collaborated to serve a delicious lunch with fraternal hospitality.



They and brother Knights, plus guests, also brought very substantial donations of baby goods.



Dozens of visitors enjoyed the fellowship and the Center. More than one tour attendee commented, "I had no idea that you do so much here!"

We are deeply and perpetually grateful for everyone's industriousness, for we cannot function without volunteer charity! If you would like to participate in our mission, we'll welcome you with thankful hearts and a light list. Please phone Colleen at 401-421-0820.

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YOUR PRESENCE UNDER THEIR TREES

If you would like us to pass along gift cards to needy families, please mail them to the Center by November 30, Attn: Colleen.

SAVE THE DATES...

SPRING ROSE SALE: MAY 13 & 14 • ROSE GALA: SEPT. 15 • AUTUMN ROSE SALE: OCT. 14 & 15

"WE BATTLED..."

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Exclamations of delight emanating from the ultrasound room were audible throughout our two-story building.

Maria explained, "I couldn't stop laughing. The more I tried to stop, the more I laughed. I looked at Adam to steady myself, but his reactions made me continue laughing. We were in a state of ecstasy—high on joy! Again I couldn't believe that I was pregnant."



"The quality of this ultrasound machine is incredible. When I saw our son I was so happy!" she said crying joyfully. "The whole experience was so amazing... to see his body moving! We saw his head, limbs and hands!"

Adam summarized their feelings: "Love. Overjoyed. Pure emotion. Very grateful." At last, on July 5, a very healthy Adam Jr. was placed in his parents' earnest arms.

Employees of the Center have the privilege of experiencing deeply moving personal encounters every time an expectant woman or couple enters the building. You are with us in spirit as we receive them. On behalf of Maria & Adam and all our clients, thank you!

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Robustly complementing volunteer energy, daily donations, and fundraising event contributions are special gifts of material and financial support.

Christian Brothers Hardwood Floors magnified a generous grant from Holy Apostles Church Charitable Fund by providing free labor for the job of recoating our first floor offices, restoring elegance after many years of scuffing and scratching. Thank you, Christian Brothers and Holy Apostles Church!

Biking for Babies is young team of pro-life pedalers that leverages the energy of scores of cycling missionaries for the benefit of pregnancy centers nationwide. Soon, our Center will receive a \$4,000 grant from its partnership with BFB and your support of cyclist Robert Newport of Indianapolis.

All this goodwill becomes tangible in the lives of those whom we serve. For Christmas, we are already scheduled to help 20 families with 55 children among them. Please pray that they and all who come seeking your support and ours will feel the peace and love of Christ, experience holy help, and be inspired to put their trust in God. Thank you!