



THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

OUR MISSION

We provide informative, honest and compassionate counseling to empower pregnant women to choose life while serving our families with support, guidance and material assistance in order for them to raise their children in a loving and secure environment.

SUPPORTING WOMEN, SUPPORTING LIFE THROUGH BRIDGE WOMEN'S SUPPORT CENTER

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PROTECTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE

“WE MUST DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE.”

- BISHOP OF THE BROOKLYN/QUEENS DIOCESE

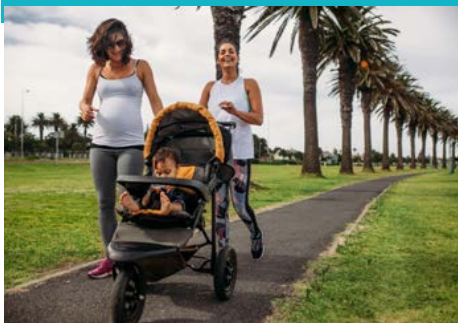


Those were the words of our Bishop DiMarzio as he spoke about us, The Bridge to Life, in The Tablet most recently. He addressed his followers as he reflected on Respect Life month and the dignity of human life. With October being dedicated to the sanctity of life, It was very fitting to meditate on the words in the Encyclical of St John Paul II, “Evangelium Vitae”. The message clearly stating the preciousness and gift of each life, and the importance and duty of its preservation in our world. Life is a gift from God. One that must be cherished, respected and protected from conception to natural death.

One thing that the Coronavirus has shown us, is just how fragile and short life can really be. As the COVID-19 Pandemic hit us by storm, we were taken back by its vengeance. It was shocking how an unforeseen, microscopic virus could cause so much heartache and suffering. It has been frightening and horrific to see the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual pain so many have endured these past few months. Something undetectable to the naked eye could have so much power as to close down businesses, stores, schools and even churches. Yet, this trying time has also shown our resilience, fortitude and strength. It has shown our love, commitment and faith, as we came together, and never ceased in helping those around us.



Walking With Moms in Need



Just as our Bishop asked us to “Walk With Moms In Need”, the theme for this years Respect Life Message, we continued on the journey we set out to do 28 years ago. As an essential service, we never closed our doors. We continued serving our moms, babies and families during these especially difficult times. Mothers who lacked the funds or ability to purchase formula, diapers, baby clothes, cribs and other essentials for their children were able to come to us for these much needed items.



Here I am, send me...

We are all called to help the most vulnerable. The Bridge to Life makes it our mission to help pregnant women and mothers in difficult situations. Serving over 5000 women and children each year not only shows the need, but the magnitude of what we can accomplish together. It is through your generosity and support that this is all made possible. It is through the commitment and care of our volunteers and donors that we remained opened. And it is through the love, dedication and support of our very own Bishop DiMarzio that we remain grounded in faith and dedicated in continuing to serve our most needy and vulnerable. His advocacy and belief in us is not taken lightly. It is treasured and appreciated. As we prepare to move to our new facility, we are encouraged by the sentiments of Bishop DiMarzio as he affectionately calls us “his own”. These words not only express his care and commitment to us, but shows us that we are not alone in this mission to serve moms, their babies and families in need. His direction and belief in us has given us stability. It has given us a strong foundation to build upon.



EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE HELP SOMETIMES

Everyone needs a little help sometimes



As we continue to work through the 2020 pandemic with all its uncertainties, we humbly ask for your continued support. As our conventional means of fundraising have been temporarily put on hold, we have faith that we will find continued support from those who have walked with us all along. Yes, we were saddened to have had to cancel our Annual Dinner Dance. Yet, we look forward with great anticipation to getting together next October for our Gala. As unfortunate as it's been to have our places of worship closed, we know that once our faithful are able to return, our Baby Bottle Campaigns will once again resume as well. For to us these gatherings are times to share with people whom we consider friends and extended family members.



Life is a gift from God



He calls us to help our brothers and sisters, families and neighbors in need.

In the meanwhile, we ask for your continued support- financially, physically and spiritually, as we ask you to share your time, talents and treasure with us. All donations, as well as time volunteered in service, and prayers for our organization and the families we serve, are greatly appreciated. Each carry inherent value and allow us to continue in our mission.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support. It is our prayer that you and your family remain safe and healthy. With heartfelt anticipation we look forward to sharing special gatherings with family and friends in the upcoming year, as we pray for a healthy and prosperous 2021



"A burden shared is halved, and a joy shared is doubled".



*Wishing You a Happy & Healthy New Year!
Blessings Always,
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