

A Celebration of Life November 6th Annual Dinner TO HONOR ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL



Twenty five years ago, a scared mother who had given birth only hours earlier made an incredibly difficult and courageous decision.

Exceptional care. Every patient. Every day. She left her infant girl, wrapped in a blanket, in a box in the doorway of St. John the Evangelist Church in Watertown, where she would be safe and undoubtedly discovered. Fr. Robert Rousseau, the pastor at the time who discovered the baby, was inspired to make sure that "no woman should face pregnancy alone."

Now, more than two decades later, Fr. Rousseau has seen God's plans unfold through the ministry of Carolyn's Place; the pregnancy care center that was inspired by baby Carolyn's discovery. Since our inception in 1992, God's grace has guided our not-for-profit organization as we have helped more than 1,300 mothers choose life.

We invite you to share in our annual celebration by joining us on Sunday, November 6th at La Bella Vista at the Pontelandolfo Club in Waterbury. *All* funds raised will help Carolyn's Place continue our mission of empowering individuals to make life choices related to their sexuality and child-bearing that are consistent with the sanctity of human life.

The dinner will pay special tribute to several individuals for their pro-life advocacy and volunteer work. We are excited to announce that the prestigious Maureen Anne Donohoe Life Award will be presented to **Saint Mary's Hospital**. Accepting the award will be **Saint Mary's President and CEO Chad Wable, FACHE**. We are grateful for the hospital's continued faithfulness to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

The recipient of the Ministry Award is **Father Jose A. Mercado**. As chaplain of St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, Fr. Mercado organized presentations with pro-life speakers for faculty and students and organized the first student pro-life pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Now as the current pastor of St. Augustine Church in Hartford, Fr. Mercado and his parishioners actively support the St. Gerard Center for Life.



The Walter J. Williams Volunteer Service Award will be presented to **Phyllis and Dean Tarsi** of Waterbury. The couple has diligently worked on our mailings together. Dean has also been of great assistance with outdoor maintenance while Phyllis often assists with "Earn While You Learn" classes and meets with clients when our director is away from the office.

Bill Dunn, author of "The Merry Catholic", will emcee the event. A recipient of the 2011 Carolyn's Place Life Award, Dunn pens the weekly "A Matter of Laugh or Death" column in the Republican-American and is a three-time winner of the AMY Foundation Writing Award, for communicating biblical truth in a secular publication.

The event will include a sumptuous five-course meal served with wine, while being entertained by the soft, jazz music of Gomez & Sadlon. We are delighted to bring back our very successful and well-received silent auction. Be prepared to win exciting prizes such as Yankees tickets, theater tickets and gift certificates to fabulous restaurants and jewelers, and much, much more! (Cash, Checks, Visa or MasterCard accepted)

We are extremely grateful to this year's sponsors (to-date) including: Prospect Veterinary Hospital and Prospect Boarding and Grooming - in memory of Medella Breiner, Waterbury Swiss Automatics, Maureen Williams - in memory of Walter J. Williams, J. Peck Construction, M.J. Fahy & Sons, and United Auto Sales and Services.

Join us as we raise our glasses in unity to CELEBRATE LIFE!

Turn to page two for an invitation, enclosed response card and return envelope!



*We would be honored by your presence
Carolyn's Place*

*Twenty-fourth Anniversary
Annual Dinner Celebration*

*Sunday, November 6, 2016 Four-Thirty in the Evening
\$55.00 per person Reservations are necessary*

*La Bella Vista at Pontelandolfo Club
380 Farmwood Road Waterbury, CT*

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE & HONOR

St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, CT
Accepting award - President and CEO Chad Wable

Rev. Jose Mercado

*Pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Hartford and
Chaplain of St. Paul High School, Bristol*

Phyllis and Dean Tarsi

Carolyn's Place Volunteers- Waterbury, CT

Silent Auction

Cash, Checks, Visa or MasterCard

Emcee Bill Dunn (writer of "The Merry Catholic")

Live Soft Jazz Music by Gomez & Sadlon

*If you cannot join us, you can still be part of this celebration;
contribute the cost of a ticket and your name will be added to our event recognition list.*

*Kindly respond by October 20, 2016
Use enclosed response card 203-597-9080 staff@carolynsplace.net*

*Extend Mercy Toward Others.
Become a Member Today.*



“Extend your mercy towards others, so that there is no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His mercy from us?”

St. Vincent de Paul

How Carolyn`s Place practices Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy:

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| *Feed the hungry | 2015 Statistics |
| *Give drink to the thirsty | 47 Babies Born |
| *Clothe the naked | 499 Personal needs items |
| *Counsel the doubtful | 129 Parenting class Grads |
| *Comfort the troubled | 329 Phone/in-person counseling |

Pope Francis challenges us to be a part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Please assist Carolyn`s Place as we carry out spiritual and corporal works of mercy, by joining our 2016-2017 Membership Appeal.

“Lord give me the wisdom, courage and faith to show mercy to all those I meet.”



Carolyn`s Place Pregnancy Care Center

24 Years of making a difference for life!

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Carolyn`s Place, I want to help you continue to show mercy!

Please return this slip in envelope provided

STEP 1: Please choose a membership level (circle).

Cornerstone Circle (\$2,000+)	Pillar (\$1,000+)	Protector (\$500+)	Patron (\$100+)	Guardian (\$25+)
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STEP 2: Provide donor information.

Please Circle: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Rev. Other _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check if wish to remain anonymous _____

STEP 3: Please indicate donation amount & select a payment method.

Amount \$ _____; Please circle: **Enclosing check** or **Donating online** (read online directions below).

To donate online: Go to website www.carolynsplace.net; click on “Volunteer/Donate”; select “Donate Funds”; click “make a secure donation”; click “Quick Give here”; click “continue Quick Give”; click on “Membership” in the drop-down next to the word “Fund”; Complete information fields including \$ amount, credit card or bank acct; click “add” next to payment choice & enter information; enter code provided at bottom; click “next”; click “submit”.

If you need further assistance with online giving, please call us at 203-597-9080 or email staff@carolynsplace.net. Thank you.

From Ellen's Desk

The call came during the night. In a barely discernable voice, a young woman explained that she was two months pregnant and had to leave her apartment. She began to cry softly and said, "I can't go back there."

We agreed to meet at an all-night diner. I saw a young, slight blonde woman walking toward me. She had freckles and blue eyes. And under those eyes were nasty bruises. Both arms had bruises as well. I knew why she couldn't go back to her apartment.

That was the beginning of a three year relationship with Maggie. It's still ongoing. As her story unfolded, it was obvious that there were layers of difficulties. The first was her safety and the safety of her unborn child.

Maggie stayed at the Safe Haven Shelter for a short time. One of our volunteers took her into her home. That gave her a safe, loving place while things were sorted out. There were family problems...unhealthy living conditions, a mother who had worn away Maggie's belief in herself, and no faith connection at all.

Through many counseling sessions and lots of hard work, Maggie slowly made her "life plan." She began going to church, got a job and enrolled in community college. The impetus for this was the baby girl she was carrying.

Today, family relationships have been healed, she continues school and has a full time job. But Maggie will tell you that the best part of her life is Beth...her sweet, busy, playful daughter! Maggie is proof that if we work hard, love unselfishly, and let God write our story, life will not only be good, but joyful!

From Katie Rose's Desk

Jer: 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you... to give you a hope and future."

Hi! I am encouraged and excited to join Carolyn's Place as the Education Coordinator. I received my graduate degrees (M.S., Ph.D) in the biological sciences from MIT in 1999 and 2004, respectively. I have teaching experience at the middle school, high school, and university levels. I have participated in various activities within our Church that have helped to prepare me for this position, which include teaching religion classes and mission work with teenage mothers. I am impressed that our Church teachings on human sexuality integrate the truths of science with an understanding of our entire person; physical, emotional, and spiritual. I am thankful for this opportunity to share these truths and ask for your prayer that our education ministry will bring hope to all those we encounter, as "... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

I have begun to set up workshops and presentations for this fall, including our Tweens Program, which will begin on September 20. If you are interested in learning more about any of our programs or receiving an Education brochure, please contact me at 203-695-3999 or educationatcp@gmail.com. With my prayer and thanks for your support,
Katie Rose Boissonneault

WE ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY

Since our beginning in 1992, Carolyn's Place has grown in many ways. We began in a small, two room office in Watertown and now with God's blessings and the generosity of our donors, we have our Center in a beautiful, two story house in the medical section of Waterbury. But it is not just our physical size that has grown. We expanded our mission from originally providing limited pregnancy testing, counseling and distributing baby items to those in need, to our current mission which includes on-going parenting programs, personal one-on-one post-abortive counseling, educational programs in schools and religious education classes on respect, responsibility and relationships (respecting the sanctity of all human life), and our special in-house program for tweens to empower young girls to make healthy life decisions.

We not only provide our services and programs throughout the Greater Waterbury Area but we are as far reaching as Newtown, Hamden, Torrington, and Hartford, and God has sent some women to us over the years from the New York area. Also, through the help of technology we even receive emails from both women and men around the country with questions or concerns.

However, our connection with the community does not stop within our four walls. We are a member of the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce; sit on the Health and Wellness Council for Waterbury Schools; attend the Waterbury Regional Chamber Health Care Council; attend the Hispanic Coalition/Department of Children and Families meetings; have participated in a fact finding discussion by Latino/Puerto Rican Affairs Commission in Hartford; participated in fairs at Naugatuck Valley Community College, Stone Academy, IBM, and DEMAS; spoke to nurses at Northwest Community College, and St. Mary's Hospital; attended Cradle to Career Community Forum - Waterbury City Hall; presented off-site parenting classes at St. Vincent de Paul Shelter, and at CT Counseling Center; worked on programs in conjunction with PAL; served as resource for Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program, and Positive Parenting program, talked at Soroptimist group, spoke on radio and television such as WNPR and WATR; and our list goes on and on.

It is our privilege to be a part of so many communities and a blessing to be respected among our peers.



JOIN US

TWEENS TAKE CHARGE

GIRLS GRADES 6, 7, & 8

8 WEEK SESSION
TUESDAYS
SEPT. 20 - NOV. 8

6:15 - 7:45 PM

FOR INFO

Call or Text

203-695-3999

Or Email:

Educationatcp@gmail.com

Supported by Waterbury PAL

What to expect from a Tweens Session?

Energizing, empowering discussions on the following topics:

- Dreams & Goals
- Choices & Consequences
- Self-Control & Self-Discipline
- Dating Do's & Don'ts
- Healthy Relationships
- Bullying
- Peer Pressure
- Self Respect



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

Contact Ginny at 203-597-9080 or staff@carolynsplace.net

- ♣ Attend our dinner and celebrate with us. (Invitation page 2, RSVP enclosed) or purchase a ticket for someone else to attend who is unable to afford it.
 - ♣ Purchase an ad as an individual, parish, or business to show your support and send congratulations to our honorees. (Ads are \$50, \$80 and \$150.)
 - ♣ Become a sponsor and receive special recognition and benefits. (Levels: \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000)
 - ♣ Donate an item for our Silent Auction. We are looking for: sports tickets, electronic or hi-tech items, get-away vacation, gift cards/certificates, business service, theme basket, or any of your own creative ideas.
 - ♣ Get your friends, family, parish or co-workers to create a basket for the auction. Choose a theme and have each person donate one item connected with the theme to put in the basket.
 - ♣ Buy a full table (seats 10) to join us at the dinner.
- Please pray for the success of the evening.*

We are sincerely grateful for all you can do to help make this event a success!



Babies Don't Keep by Ruth Hulburt Hamilton

Mother, oh mother, come shake out your cloth!
Empty the dustpan, poison the moth,
Hang out the washing and butter the bread,
Sew on a button and make up a bed.
Where is the mother whose house is so shocking?
She's up in the nursery, blissfully rocking!



Oh, I've grown as shiftless as Little Boy Blue
(Lullaby, rockaby, lullaby, loo).
Dishes are waiting and bills are past due
(Pat-a-cake, darling, and peek, peekaboo).
The shopping's not done and there's nothing for stew
And out in the yard there's a hullabaloo
But I'm playing Kanga and this is my Roo.
Look! Aren't her eyes the most wonderful hue?
(Lullaby, rockaby, lullaby loo.)



Oh, cleaning and scrubbing will wait till tomorrow,
But children grow up, as I've learned to my sorrow.
So quiet down, cobwebs. Dust, go to sleep.
I'm rocking my baby. Babies don't keep.



Thank

BOOMERANGS BLOOM

This Spring and Summer the flowers were in full bloom and the boomerangs were also "busting out all over." We are so grateful for the many BBB events that were held to support our ministry. We rely on the success of these events for one-fourth of our income.

The small parishes of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washington Depot** and **St. Patrick's in Roxbury** once again sponsored a Baby Bottle Boomerang raising the fabulous amount of \$1,343.63. We extend our sincere thanks to the parishioners and to Deacon George Streib for coordinating this event.

For another year, Nancy Betkowski organized a Boomerang at **St. Michael Parish in Beacon Falls**. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the parishioners, they raised an incredible \$2,088.41! Thank you so much for your years of support.

Our founding parish, **St. John the Evangelist in Watertown**, hosted a Boomerang which raised an awesome \$6,078.22. We are thankful for the generosity of all those who participated, Fr. Anthony for allowing us to hold the event, and Maria Mancini for all the time and effort she put into tallying the funds.

For the seventh year, under the direction of Deacon Roland Miller, **St. Francis Xavier, New Milford**, held a successful BBB. This year they raised an outstanding \$5,909.76. Thank you to their pastor Fr. Dennis, to the generous parishioners, and especially to Deacon Miller. This parish has donated significantly to our ministry.

Employees from **Waterbury Hospital** held their third BBB for us this summer. Spearheaded by Colleen D'Amico, they collected an amazing \$1,877.30. Thank you to all those who gave such unselfish gifts and especially to Colleen for all the effort she spent organizing this fundraiser.

Many thanks to the parishioners of **The Church of the Epiphany in Cheshire** for another year of a successful BBB. As the result of the charitable parishioners, they raised the fabulous amount of \$2,233.63! We extend a special thank you to coordinator Christine Kasinskas and to the pastor, Fr. John Williams.

This summer the **Women's Club of Oxford Greens** held their first Boomerang. Under the leadership of Karen Gardner, they raised a generous \$5,25.00. This was a fun and very successful event held by the women's group and we are extremely grateful.

St. Anthony Parish in Prospect collected the awesome amount of \$1,190.31 in their recent BBB. Thank you to all, and a special thanks to coordinator Lisa White, and the pastor, Fr. Mark Suslenko.

Our friends at **St. Joseph Parish in Bristol** continue to host Boomerangs for us. This time they raised a selfless \$2,812.56. We are truly thankful to Tom Dwyer for organizing the event, to the many parishioners who participated, and to Fr. Joseph DiSciaccia.

The small parish of **St. Thomas Becket in Cheshire** generously donated \$1,157.69. We are extremely grateful to all of the great-hearted parishioners who participated, Noreen Pearsall for coordinating the event, and to their pastor, Fr. Romans. This parish supports us in many ways throughout the year.

For over ten years, **St. Ann Parish in Bristol** has supported us with a BBB. This year they benevolently raised \$1,367.94. We offer our gratitude to all of the parishioners, event leader, Maryann Brayne, and their pastor, Fr. LeBlanc.

Once again, under the leadership of Wes Wensek, the parish of **St. Teresa in Woodbury** sponsored a Boomerang raising an extraordinary \$3,787.09. We are so thankful for your years of support with this successful fundraiser and thank the parishioners, Fr. Gregory, and Wes for a marvelous job.

Spearheaded by Marion Drillon and her family, the parish of **St. Thomas in Thomaston** held an extremely successful Boomerang which collected \$ 4,284.49. We truly appreciate the generosity of the parishioners, the hard work of the Drillon family, and Fr. Helwig for allowing his parish to sponsor it.

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IF YOUR PARISH OR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:

- Purchase, or borrow from us, a sufficient number of baby bottles for your parish or organization.
- Distribute a baby bottle to anyone interested in participating.
- Ask them to fill the bottle with spare change.
- Have everyone return the filled bottle at the end of a specified time period. (Usually about 3 to 4 weeks.)
- Total the donations, and send one check to Carolyn's Place, Inc.
- Return borrowed bottles to Carolyn's Place, or save your purchased bottles and reuse for a future boomerang.

For more information contact our BBB coordinator
Wes Wensek • 203-266-4282 • wwensek@att.net

YOU

BBOMERANGS BLOOM cont.

The **Naugatuck Parish of St. Francis of Assisi** held a BBB which collected the generous amount of \$2,115.83. We are so grateful to event coordinator Joanne Dowling, their pastor Fr. Mathai Vellappallil, and the kind-hearted parishioners for their untiring support.

Thank you so much to the parishioners at **St. Rose of Lima in Newtown** for sponsoring a Boomerang which is split between Carolyn's Place and a Pregnancy Care Center in Danbury. This year we received the extremely generous amount of \$1,925.00. We are thankful to their pastor, Msgr. Weiss, the BBB coordinator, Helga Roegele, and the many thoughtful parishioners.



Mustard Seed Grant

We are sincerely grateful to **Sacred Heart Parish in Southbury** for awarding us \$1,500 from their Mustard Seed Grant. We extend a special thank you to Lisa Fox and Bernadette McGarry for submitting our ministry. This money will be used for our education program to help our youth learn about the sanctity of human life and how to make responsible choices. (PHOTO: Lisa Fox awards check to Carolyn's Place Board Member Ginny Baudinet)

Showered with Gifts

In addition to hosting a BBB, **St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Naugatuck** held a baby shower for us, where they collected many baby items. Thank you so much for your loving support and all you do for our ministry.

KNITTING FOR LIFE

Thank you to the **St. Francis Xavier Knit for Life group in New Milford** for the many beautiful handmade items they made for us to distribute to our babies. Some of the items included hats with cute decals on them, matching scarves, sweaters, and blankets. Each one was made with tender, loving care and will be enjoyed by many families.

MYSTERY DIAPER DONOR

Thank you to the **Anonymous Donor** who has mailed us diapers through Amazon several times. We are grateful for your generous donation...whoever you are???

Tip-Top Shape

Thank you to **Jean Luc Fortin** for spending several hours painting some areas in our Center that needed to be touched up. We are so grateful that you are always looking out for us and keeping our Center in tip-top shape.

Talented Donors



Once again the **Yankee Quilters in Seymour** held a diaper collection for us. Additionally, they donated 17 cute children's pillowcases. Each had a whimsical pattern that young children would enjoy. Thank you so much for always thinking of our moms and babies.

CLOTHE THE NAKED

As part of the corporal works of mercy - "Clothe the naked" - the parishioners of **Sacred Heart Parish in Southbury** collected a tremendous amount of diapers. This act of kindness and mercy was a huge help for us to distribute diapers to the many moms in need. Thank you very much.

FALL 2016 WISH LIST

If you can help with any of these items, new or used, please contact us at 203-597-9080 or staff@carolynsplace.net

ITEMS NEEDED: WE ARE IN CRITICAL NEED OF BABY WIPES. We would also like: Girls Onesies-size **NEWBORN**, Boy and girl Stretchies-size **NEWBORN**, Baby Wash, Home Depot gift card, Auction Items (See page 5)

HELP NEEDED: Help with weekly light housekeeping. Someone with electrical skills who can set up circuits so our air conditioners don't trip the circuits.

WISH LIST THANK YOU: We are grateful to the following people for donating items from our Wish List. Forever stamps from Annette Miranda, money to purchase Forever stamps from Jean Cappelletti, a roll of Forever stamps from Catherine Capuano; Thanks also to the generous individuals who donated the beautiful stacking, end tables, and the 6' folding table.

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**Honorees: St. Mary's Hospital, Fr. Jose Mercado,
Phyllis & Dean Tarsi**

Your Invitation and RSVP are inside

