

CAROLYN'S PLACE 23rd ANNUAL DINNER TO HONOR CONNECTICUT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS

"God has His plans." "God works in mysterious ways."



These are common phrases we hear, that apply when we think about the formation of Carolyn's Place. Twenty four years ago, when Fr. Robert Rousseau, the pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church in Watertown, discovered a three-hour-old infant girl left in a box in the doorway of the church, he could scarcely believe it. Father was thankful that the mother chose life for her baby and left her in a safe place to be found, but determined that "no woman should face pregnancy alone." Now, over two decades later, Fr. Rousseau has seen God's plans unfold through the ministry of Carolyn's Place; the pregnancy care center that was formed as the result of the baby. Father has seen God's graces guiding the hands of the many people who assist at Carolyn's Place, to save the lives of over 1300 babies since our inception in 1992. It is an awesome story, which gives us much to be thankful for and much to celebrate.

We invite you to share in our annual celebration by joining us on Sunday, November 1st 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 the **Connecticut Knights of Columbus Councils**. Accepting the award will be the **State Deputy, Thomas Vita**. We will honor the Councils for the unceasing and outstanding work they have performed in support of life for many pregnancy care centers and other organizations throughout the state.



The recipient of the Ministry Award is **Deacon Dave Reynolds**, Founder and Chairman of Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington, who also serves as the liaison for the Connecticut Catholic Conference. Following eleven years as a deacon in the Torrington Cluster, Dave has recently been assigned to serve as Deacon at the linked parishes of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Harwinton) and Immaculate Conception Parish (New Hartford).



The Walter J. Williams Volunteer Service Award will be presented to **Stan Sypek** from Wallingford. Stan has taken on the responsibility of our technology issues serving as our IT person since 2006.

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, with soft, jazz music entertainment by Gomez & Sadlon. We are delighted to bring back our very successful and well-received silent auction. Be prepared to win exciting prizes such as a foursome of golf, Yankee tickets, theater tickets, wine baskets, a furnished log cabin doll house, and much more. Come ready to bid and take home some amazing gifts! (cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard accepted)

We are extremely grateful to this year's sponsors (to-date) including: Knights of Columbus Msgr. William J. Collins Council #5066 from Southbury, Kennedy Wealth Management, Main Street Financial Group, LLC, United Auto Sales and Services, Inc., Waterbury Swiss Automatic, Prospect Veterinary Hospital, Prospect Boarding & Grooming, J. Peck Construction Services, Inc., and Maureen Williams in memory of Walter J. Willimas.

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-third Anniversary

Annual Dinner Celebration

Sunday, November 1, 2015 Four Thirty in the Evening

\$50.00 per person Reservations are necessary

La Bella Vista at Pontelandolfo Club

380 Farmwood Road Waterbury, CT

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE & HONOR

The Connecticut

Knights of Columbus Councils

Accepting award - CT State Deputy, Thomas Vita

Deacon Dave Reynolds

Founder and Chairman of Two Hearts PCC

Stan Sypek

Carolyn's Place Volunteer- Wallingford, 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, 2015

Use enclosed response card (203) 597-9080 staff@carolynsplace.net



Help do the work of Guardian Angels!

Become a member today.

At some point in our lives we have all been faced with difficult decisions or frightening situations and have asked our guardian angel to protect us and guide us. Today you can assist the angels that watch over young people, especially those young women who are faced with the prospect of an unplanned pregnancy and who are desperately seeking help and guidance.

Carolyn's Place is committed to bringing a message of **faith, hope, love and life** to teenagers and young adults, so that they can learn to love and respect themselves as God does, and give the gift of life to others. The world has become a very confusing place for young people who are constantly bombarded with unhealthy messages on digital media such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Carolyn's Place helps young people hear and heed the voices of their angels.

DO THE WORK OF ANGELS! We have counted on your help in the past, and we ask you now to please renew your membership or become a new member this year in the Carolyn's Place Family.



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Cornerstone Circle	Pillar	Protector	Patron	Guardian
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STEP 2: Provide donor information.

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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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 web site 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.

BOSCOV'S GALA PREVIEW FOR A GREAT CAUSE

For \$5.00 you can support Carolyn's Place and get a pass to a gala preview of a new department store. On Thursday, October 8, Boscov's will be having a preview opening at the Westfield Meriden Mall. Boscov's is a family run department store established in the Pennsylvania area decades ago, that supports charitable organizations. As part of their introduction to Connecticut, you can purchase a \$5.00 entrance pass from Carolyn's Place to be used on Preview Day. 100% of the proceeds from the tickets we sell stays with Carolyn's Place and you will receive a free gift upon entering the store with the ticket. It will be a "win-win" situation. You will have the opportunity to preview a new and exciting store, receive a free gift, have a chance for many door prizes and support Carolyn's Place.

If you are interested in purchasing a \$5 entrance pass, please contact Ginny at 203-597-9080 or staff@carolynsplace.net, or come to our Center at 137 Grandview Ave., Waterbury.

From Ellen's Desk

A Legacy of Hope...

On October 1st of this year, Carolyn's Place will celebrate its 23rd year! God has led us on this amazing journey. He has blessed us through our volunteers and donors. But the biggest blessings are the courageous young women and young men who have become our story.

Being a Catholic Pregnancy Care Center, we stand with the Church on all life issues. And being Catholic, we serve all who need our services with unconditional love. We are part of the "field hospital" that Pope Francis speaks of.

Our services have expanded over the years and remain free. We still do pregnancy testing and our crisis line is still answered by trained consultants 24/7. But there is so much more. Not accepting any state or federal funds allows us to serve those who come to our Center in very unique and personal ways. There can be weekly meetings with someone who has no support. Going through labor and delivery with someone who is alone is a beautiful privilege! Meals are made for these Moms after delivery and home visits assure that Mom and her new born have what they need.

The Earn While You Learn program (childbirth prep and parenting classes) has brought referrals from OB offices and many other agencies, including school nurses and social workers. These classes bring first time parents together in an interactive, fun atmosphere. These parents have the satisfaction of learning how to care for their babies and earn baby items at the same time.

We assist clients in finding jobs and appropriate day care, filling out school forms, and we are present at weddings, baptisms and birthday parties. On Thursday afternoons, a group of volunteers who are our prayer warriors, gather at our Center. We pray the rosary and the St. Gianna Novena for life. They are also available when an abortion vulnerable client comes into the Center. Prayer and daily Mass are crucial to our mission. They are the most effective weapons in this battle for life.

As we celebrate 23 years of life affirming ministry, we can't help but wonder what lies ahead. With God at the helm, the adventure continues. We will go on bringing the "hope that does not disappoint" to all those we serve. Thank you to all of you for being part of that hope.

From Emily's Desk

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter! I am Emily Carling, the new education director at Carolyn's Place. For the last two months, I have been working on strategies to promote a culture of life and love. Please feel free to e-mail me at educationatcp@gmail.com if you have any comments or questions.

"It is my prayer that whoever takes over this position will have great success, because in a world of spiritual, moral, and ethical confusion, as well as a growing epidemic of false love and broken hearts, the role of the Director of Education is now more essential than ever before."

What I would like to point out about the previous Director's ending prayer, which is one of importance, is that the spiritual, moral and ethical confusion created the epidemic of false love and broken hearts. No doubt, the plight of common culture today is a harsh reality. Evident in our media and collective choices are a lack of respect for truth, love and life. One need not look far to see the fruits of a self-imploding society. Those entrusted with caring for the gift of life, choose to destroy it from the earliest stages of conception, to the vulnerable, at the end of life. Not to mention, this self-destructive mentality has become the socialistic norm. Nevertheless, just because society distorts truth, goodness, and beauty does not mean they go away!

What is important to remember, when humanity faces the violence of a culture addicted to death, is that there is hope. We must try, at all costs, to stir up a culture of Life and Love. That is my hope for this position, now and always. Everyone longs for happiness, and happiness is secured by sacrificial, meaning 'self-donating' love. What needs to be addressed, from the position of Director of Education, is this 'epidemic of false love.' When humans, including the teens or tweens I educate, do not understand what real love is, they suffer exponentially. I feel a moral responsibility to dedicate my time here to share the good news: the truth about love. The truth is that real love frees a person and makes them more human, and likewise at peace with themselves. It is this 'peace,' that can only exist in a person who is practicing self-donating love. May we all realize and witness to others that this love is never too far from us!

**Congratulations to the
Knights of Columbus...
Thank You**

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. Named in honor of Christopher Columbus, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Its founding mission was to provide a means by which Catholic men could support their Catholic Church, provide financial protection for their families and engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate. Throughout the world there are nearly 15,000 Councils with over 1.8 million members.

In the state of Connecticut there are 190 active Councils. The members have supported families and protected life throughout the state for decades. They have provided countless financial support and ultrasound machines to pregnancy care centers to protect the unborn.

Many Councils have generously assisted Carolyn's Place spiritually, financially, and physically. Men from various councils have helped us relocate, provided invaluable construction skills, home repair and Center upkeep, made significant financial and in-kind donations, showed us their appreciation with picnics, assisted with snow shoveling, and many more awesome signs of support.

It is for this reason, the tireless support to promote life from conception until natural death, that Carolyn's Place will be honoring the Knights Councils throughout the state. We are truly grateful for all you do for so many people.

**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)
- ♣ 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: gift certificates, theme baskets, get-away vacation, paintings, gift cards, electronic or hi-tech items, business service, sports tickets, or any of your own creative ideas.
- ♣ Get your friends, family, parish or office to create a basket for the auction. Choose a theme and have each person donate an item connected with the theme to put in the basket.
- ♣ Buy a full table (seats 10) to join us at the dinner.

**WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL FOR
ALL YOU CAN DO TO HELP MAKE
THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!**



*The disciples approached Jesus and said,
"Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?"
He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,
"Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,
you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.
Whoever becomes humble like this child is
the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.
And whoever receives one child such as this in My name receives Me.*



*"See that you do not despise one of these little ones,
for I say to you that their angels in heaven
always look upon the face of My heavenly Father."
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*



Thank

BOOMING BOOMERANGS

Thank you so much to the linked parishes of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washington Depot** and **St. Patrick Parish in Roxbury** for holding another successful boomerang. Under the leadership of Deacon George Streib, these two small parishes raised an awesome \$1,375.52. We are truly grateful for the selfless giving of these parishioners.

The **Church of the Epiphany in Cheshire** held another BBB for us this summer. It was thanks to the event coordinator, Christine Kasinskas, and the generous parishioners that they raised \$2,443.71. Thank you for this outstanding total!

We are sincerely grateful to the parishioners of **St. Teresa Parish in Woodbury** for the fabulous Baby Bottle Boomerang they held for us in June. This supportive community raised \$5,452.18. Thank you for the terrific generosity of so many parishioners and for all of the work of Wes Wensek in organizing this event.

This summer we were blessed with a successful boomerang held by **St. Anthony Parish in Prospect**. Many thanks to the generous contributions from the parishioners, raising \$1,386.75. And a special thank you to Lisa White for overseeing this greatly appreciated fundraiser.

Once again, the employees at **Waterbury Hospital** held a Baby Bottle Boomerang for us. This year they did a magnificent job, raising a total of \$2,231.76. Thanks to the organization of the event coordinator, Colleen D'Amico, the hospital had a 100% return of the bottles distributed. We are truly grateful for your outstanding support.

Recently, **St. Joseph Parish in Bristol** held a BBB for our ministry. Coordinated by Tom Dwyer, this year the parishioners outdid themselves, raising \$3,126.93. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of generosity from this parish.

In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day, **St. Francis Xavier Parish in New Milford** held a Boomerang. Due to their unselfish donations they raised a fabulous \$4,218.38. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the parishioners for their years of faithful support and to Deacon Roland Miller for coordinating this tremendous event.

St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown held a Boomerang to support two Pregnancy Care Centers. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the parishioners, they raised enough funds that our portion of the proceeds was \$2,450.00. Thank you so much for your support and kindness, and a special thanks to Helga Roegele and the Respect Life Committee for assisting with this fundraiser.

Over the past few months, the staff at the **Village at East Farms**, a senior living community in Waterbury, has been holding their own small boomerang for Carolyn's Place. They leave bottles on their desks to be filled by passers-by with their change. This small group has raised \$63.70. Thank you for showing just how much spare change can add up, and for your selfless support.

In **Beacon Falls**, the small parish of **St. Michael's** sponsored another BBB for us. Spearheaded by Nancy Betkowski, and thanks to the tremendous charity from the parishioners, they raised \$1,861.58. We are truly grateful for your support.

This summer, the parishioners at **St. Ann Parish in Bristol** sponsored another Boomerang. This year, due to their kind support, they raised \$1,126.29. Thank you so very much to all of the parishioners for their faithful donations and a special thanks to Maryann Brayne for organizing the event.

CHILDREN CARING FOR CHILDREN

The second grade students and teachers at **St. Rose of Lima School in Newtown** all took baby bottles home and held a boomerang which raised an amazing \$750.00. Additionally, they filled a large basket with baby socks of all colors, sizes and patterns, and also spent time making colorful tie fleece blankets to keep some of our babies warm this winter. You are indeed a special group of children doing God's work of helping others, and we are extremely grateful.



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 at 203- 266-4282 wwensek@att.net

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A Special Mass

Many thanks to the **Waterbury Knights of Columbus Council #12080** for their donations. They held a pro-life Mass and members brought baby items as part of the offertory to be shared with our ministry. Thank you for both the in-kind support and the spiritual support.

Stitching With Love

We are always delighted and blessed to receive handmade items to share with our moms. Thank you to all those who contribute to us. We send a heartfelt thanks to some of our recent donors:

- * **Aurelia Woodbeck** for the beautiful crocheted blanket and quilt.
- * **Michelle and Audrey Venanzio** for the knitted sweaters, hats and booties.
- * **Rachel Tokarski**, a teenager who crocheted six lovely blankets for us.

UNICO National



This June we were the grateful recipients of a \$300 grant from the **Waterbury Chapter of UNICO National**. This Italian American Service organization performs charitable works, supports higher education, and performs patriotic deeds. As a part of this mission, they selected Carolyn's Place to support our role in the community helping needy young families.

President Frank Travisano presented the award to Carolyn's Place Chairperson, Jane Teta, at a dinner event. Thank you so much for selecting us, and for all you do to assist so many people.

A Royal Baby Shower

The **Women's Fellowship of North Congregational Church in Woodbury** held their annual "Royal Baby Shower" this June. They donated the many items collected to us. We are so thankful for the diapers, adorable baby clothes, blankets, wipes, board books and so much more. They will be greatly appreciated by our moms for their newborns.

Quilting with Love



Residents at the **Middlebury Convalescent Home** were extremely busy sharing their talents with us by quilting beautiful blankets and cute little patchwork bears. These will be a special gift for some of our moms and babies. We are so grateful for all of the time, effort, skill, and love you put into each of these items.

OUR "RAY" OF SUNSHINE

When Ray Crawford stopped by this summer to check on the status of the prayer garden he created for us two years ago, he immediately picked up on other ways to beautify our Center grounds. He sanded and stained the wood that frames our large painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe which adorns our front lawn. He also built two window boxes to decorate the railings outside our back door. Then using his master gardener skills he planted an assortment of beautiful flowers which have bloomed all summer. We are so very thankful to Ray for always sharing his gifts and talents with us.

We would like to recognize the women from the **Baby Basket Ministry at the Waterbury Church of Christ** for the wonderful baskets they provided for the moms finishing our parenting classes. These women created baskets filled with clothes from newborn to 2T, handmade blankets, diapers, books, toys and other items needed for an infant. We are sincerely grateful for the boys and girls baskets you so generously donated and your willingness to help with our needs in the future.



FALL 2015 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: Onesies-size newborn, gift card for Michael's craft store (for our education programs), 2 energy efficient window air conditioners, printer paper, Auction items (see page 5), ipad, Kindle or Nook for auction

HELP NEEDED: Help with weekly light housekeeping.

WISH LIST THANK YOU: We are grateful to the following people for donating items from our Wish List. Catherine Capuano for a \$100 Home Depot gift card

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