

## “God’s Only Asking Us To Do the Little We Can ...”

Written by Joy Savulak

Dear Friends,

I’ll never forget answering the door that brisk fall day to find a timid teenage couple standing on the stairs, clinging nervously to each other.

Could they get a pregnancy test, they asked? Of course, I said, and welcomed them inside. Only kids themselves, Chris\* and Angela\* discovered within minutes of their arrival that they soon would be expecting a child of their very own.

As the news sank in, the two began to open up about their lives.

“From the very beginning,” Chris divulged, “it was us against the world.”

At first, Chris’ statement struck me as quite dramatic, but as I grew to know him and Angela better, I realized how strikingly true those words actually rang.

Chris and Angela first met growing up in the foster care system and became sweethearts in their teenage years. Both of their mothers remained incarcerated for the majority of their youth, serving long sentences for drugs. Chris never knew his father, while Angela’s own dad had died from an overdose. To make a difficult situation even worse, Angela successfully fought a long and grueling battle with leukemia several years earlier.

Despite the cards stacked against them, Chris and Angela insisted that abortion was not an option for them. The two were determined to raise their baby, as Chris described, to have a better childhood than they did.

As I followed them through their pregnancy and beyond, the couple’s dedication to each other was touchingly evident. Chris worked tirelessly to support Angela and his soon-to-be-born daughter. Every day through rain, snow, and freezing temperatures, Chris left his Waterbury apartment at 2:00 a.m. to walk miles to his job at a Watertown fast-food restaurant. At the end of his shift, Chris hurried back to walk Angela to high school and would faithfully return to walk her home at the end of the day. Keeping her safe on the streets, this special young man told me, was very important to him.

The two actively participated in our “Earn While You Learn” program and eagerly devoured every bit of infant development and care information that was presented. Whereas most everyone else in the class had some semblance of family support – whether it be an aunt, a cousin, or a grandparent – these two had absolutely no one ... except each other.

But that soon changed. Nearly every day after school, Chris and Angela would stop by Carolyn’s Place for a visit and a hug. One day as we embraced, Angela whispered in my ear, “We have family now ... because we have family here.”

I’m not ashamed to say that the sentiment made me cry. Because that’s exactly what we here at Carolyn’s Place do. We step in and become family to these young women and men.

### *Mission Statement*

**“Love one another”  
(John 13:34)**

*Carolyn’s Place Pregnancy Care Center is a ministry committed to empowering individuals, through education, comfort, and assistance, to make life choices related to their sexuality and child-bearing consistent with the sanctity of human life.*

Throughout my 22 years here, I've witnessed some mothers-to-be living in situations so dire and desperate that it's made me stand in awe of the tremendous courage they undoubtedly mustered to say "yes" to life. With inadequate housing, education, family support, and financial resources, choosing life is certainly not the easiest route to take.

But each of them knows that they can count on me (and our staff) to fill that often-vacant gap with the support, the knowledge and the love that they long for. For as long as they want us to be, we'll be right there by their side throughout their journey. It's an immense privilege of which I never grow tired.

You see, God writes these parents' stories much better than we ever could. He's not asking us to change their lives, but only to do the little bit that we can. It's amazing to witness how He works to transform their lives in ways that they could not even imagine before.

I'm proud to say that Chris and Angela are now the proud, doting parents of Ava\*, a beautiful little girl who will undoubtedly grow up enveloped by the enormous love of her parents and the Lord.

Thank you for helping Carolyn's Place, through your contributions and your support, to continue to do the "little bit" that we can for the hundreds of young women, men and babies that we care for every year.

God Bless,

Ellen Cavallo  
Director, Carolyn's Place

*\*names changed to protect identity*

## **ANNUAL MEETING YOU ARE INVITED...**

Each year Carolyn's Place provides the opportunity for our supporters to learn more about our ministry by inviting you to join us at our ANNUAL MEETING. This year our meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Waterbury (785 Highland Ave.) beginning at 6PM with a Mass celebrated by our founder, Fr. Robert Rousseau. The meeting will be held in the church hall (located behind the church - off the parking lot on America St.). During this session the Carolyn's Place Board of Directors and staff will update you on the year's activities and statistics, our plans for the future and our financial status. We also look forward to answering any questions and hearing your comments.

Please join us.

Bring a friend.

Enjoy a dessert buffet.

**It's been 22 YEARS and we have much to be proud of  
and much to share!!**

## **JOB POSTING**

Director of Education  
for Pro-life Ministry

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center, providing services in the Waterbury, CT and surrounding communities, has a full time leadership opportunity.

This important position is responsible for education programs fostering respect-for-life and awareness of Carolyn's Place services. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication skills, strong knowledge of Catholic teachings, have education & program development experience and a BA/BS degree in education, social or medical services, is preferred. Experience in respect-life programs is desirable. Some evening & weekend availability required. Salary range: \$30,000 to \$40,000. Medical benefits available.

To be considered, please email your resume to [staff@carolynsplace.net](mailto:staff@carolynsplace.net) or mail your resume to:

**Attention - Board of Directors**  
Carolyn's Place  
137 Grandview Avenue  
Waterbury, CT 06708.

## From Nicole's Desk

I would like to invite you for a moment, to think back to the days in which you were a teenager, as well as a young adult in college. You had rules to follow, and you didn't always like them. Maybe you rebelled against them, or you at least really, really wanted to. Maybe your own kids rebelled, or they are currently doing so. Of course, we don't want our young people living rule-less, lawless lives. However, I would like to argue that sometimes, encouraging a rebellious spirit in our young people can be a good thing. Let me explain.

I recently attended the March for Life in Washington, DC, where once again, hundreds of thousands of teenagers and young adults gathered to protest abortion. I realized during the pre-March rally, that all of these young people weren't just there to simply protest the act of abortion or the fact that 1/3 of their potential friends and family members have been stolen from them. No, this was, and is, something more than that. It's a revolution of young people; a peaceful revolt... against the unjust Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, against the politically correct mainstream media, politicians, and rich celebrities, who ignore the truth about abortion and it's harmful effects on mothers, fathers, and society in general. Yes, it is an uprising that daily gains strength thanks to science, social media, and famous, young, pro-life advocates (two of whom I met at the Rose Dinner, following the March!)

Obviously, the next time your teenager gives you a hard time about a curfew, or the drinking age, or anything else, help him to see that these are good rules and laws, meant to protect him and sometimes even to promote the well-being of human life. Then, if you haven't already, introduce him to the many ways he can become involved in the youth-dominated pro-life movement. Encourage him to use his rebellious energy in a positive way by adding his voice. If he takes you up on your challenge, he'll find that he's in great (both in quantity and quality) company.

## From Ellen's Desk

I guess you'd have to be living like a hermit not to have heard about the book, "Fifty Shades of Grey". It is rumored to have sold over a million copies. The media hype concerning the movie's debut on Valentine's Day was over the top.

But to dismiss them as trash would be a mistake. The message in both the book and the movie is much darker. We owe it to our young people to have a conversation about the subject matter. Navigating the current culture can be very confusing. The culture would have our young people believe that, "if it feels right for you, it is right." This kind of thinking breeds selfishness and heartache.

Dr. Miriam Grossman, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, has an excellent five part series online called, "Parent Survival Guide to Fifty Shades of Grey". It can be found at [miriamgrossmanmd.com](http://miriamgrossmanmd.com).

Another beacon of light is a movie that also debuted on Valentine's Day. The movie is "Old Fashioned". It promotes "chivalry and respectful love".

In his apostolic letter, "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women", St. John Paul wrote, "...man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of self." And therein lies the answer, "love is patient, love is kind." There are no shades of grey here! Each one of us is unique and unrepeatable. Each one of us is made in God's image and should be treated as priceless gifts.



OUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING WITH 11 MOMS AND BABIES

## SPRING 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](mailto:staff@carolynsplace.net)

**ITEMS NEEDED:** A wooden coffee table (new or used in excellent condition), annual flowers for spring plantings, projector (for PowerPoint presentations), a new roof (see Adopt-A-Shingle, page 7)

**HELP NEEDED:** An electrician for minor electrical problems. Help with weekly light housekeeping.

**WISH LIST THANK YOU:** We are sincerely grateful to: Catherine Capuano for the Staples gift card and Wayne Hogrefe and Robert Hurlbut from Max-Bar Tool Co. for the case of printer paper and roll of Forever stamps.

# Thank

## GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS GALORE!

Each year during the Advent and Christmas Seasons we are abundantly blessed with donations from numerous parishes, organizations, and individuals. This year we received baby items such as diapers, wipes, snowsuits, all types of baby clothes, blankets, toys and cribs. Thanks to these generous contributions we were able to provide at least 82 moms in need with items to go under their Christmas tree for their babies and toddlers. We were also able to restock our shelves so we can continue to distribute items to those who complete our parenting program, or come to us in need. Our ministry could not function without the love and generosity we receive from so many supporters. We are truly grateful for all those who donate to us and wish to give a special thanks to the organizations and parishes below. We apologize if we inadvertently omitted someone from this list. Please know we are truly grateful for every item, dollar, and prayer we receive.

Alpha Delta Kappa Epsilon Chapter  
Bantam Quilters  
Beacon Falls Senior Center  
Blessed Sacrament Pre-K Class, Waterbury  
Church of the Epiphany, Cheshire  
IBM Employees, Southbury  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Harwinton  
North Congregational Church, Woodbury  
Sorooptimist of Greater Waterbury  
St. Ann Parish, Bristol  
St. Anthony Parish, Prospect  
St. Francis Xavier Parish, New Milford  
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Waterbury  
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Watertown  
St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Oakville  
St. Matthew Parish, Forestville  
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Waterbury  
St. Stanislaus Parish, Bristol  
St. Teresa Parish & Men's Club, Woodbury  
St. Thomas Parish, Southington  
St. Thomas Becket Parish, Cheshire  
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Naugatuck

### *Angels Watching Over Us*

There are three separate individuals, who over the past couple of years, in their own quiet ways, faithfully donate and support our ministry. We have recognized and thanked them in previous newsletters, but due to their selfless support their names bear repeating. **Mary Frances**, lovingly known as our "Coupon Queen" provides us every couple of weeks with countless toiletry items for us to share with our moms. **Mary Spataro**, who saves her extra weekly grocery money to purchase food items for us to give to our moms in need. **Dan Whitman**, who uses his limited income to buy out sale aisles in the store and donate the items to Carolyn's Place and other non-profit organizations. We are truly grateful for the sacrifices you all make for our ministry and may God bless you for all of your blessings that you share with others.



PHOTO LEFT: Deacon Roland Miller and his wife, Mary make their delivery of gifts from St. Francis Xavier Parish in New Milford.

- ◇ We are grateful to **Maureen Grossman** for the handmade blankets and bibs she sent us all the way from sunny Florida.
- ◇ Thank you to **Annette Marcucio** for blessing us with eighteen Christmas bags; each with a handmade blanket and stretchie.
- ◇ Many thanks to the women at the **Watertown/Oakville Senior Center** for the beautiful handmade blankets and hats they crafted and donated to our moms as Christmas gifts.
- ◇ **Lucy** participates in the Crafts Plus group at Abbot Terrace in Waterbury. She uses this time to make us warm fleece blankets for our babies. Thank you so much.
- ◇ We extend our warmest thanks to the **Ladies Society at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish in Waterbury** who took up a collection and purchased us several cases of larger diapers which we greatly needed. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and to Phyllis Tarsi for coordinating this effort.
- ◇ Thank you **Linda Wendling**, for the lovely handmade quilt. It was a very special gift for one of our moms.
- ◇ Our heartfelt thanks goes out to **Pam Juliano and her friends** who pooled together to donate \$500 in gift cards. We were able to present these cards to some of our families to help with their Christmas gifts. We are so grateful to you all.

◇PHOTO RIGHT: Members from the Walnut Hill Church Women's Ministry in Waterbury working on a fleece blanket. The women created and donated several snuggly fleece blankets to keep our babies warm this cold winter. THANKS!



◇PHOTO LEFT: Ken Dubaskus donates several bags full of baby items from St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Oakville as part of their Advent Giving Tree.

◇PHOTO RIGHT: Jim Benjamin delivers a truckload of baby items from Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Waterbury.



◇PHOTO LEFT: Parishioners from St. Thomas Becket Parish in Cheshire play "Santa Claus" as they open many sacks full of gifts for our baby girls and boys.

## CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

In December, we received a visit from Olivia (8yrs.), Luke (6 yrs.) and Gianna (4 yrs.) Pasquali. They came bringing us baby toys, clothes and diapers which Luke and Gianna asked their friends to bring as gifts for their birthdays. These two young generous individuals decided to share their birthday with moms and babies in need. Thank you for your kind and loving actions.



## Our Cries for Cribs

The **Men's Club at St. Teresa Parish in Woodbury**, once again this Christmas, heard our cries for cribs and jumped right on the request. In addition to collecting countless items for us to give to our moms for their babies, they collected enough funds to purchase 14 portable cribs and mattresses. These cribs will be distributed to the moms as they complete our parenting classes. We are extremely grateful to everyone who so generously



contributed and especially to Nick Volkringer for coordinating the successful event. PHOTO: Three members of St. Teresa Men's Club- Bob Ratzenberger, Peter Perkinson, and Nick Volkringer.

## FRUITFUL FACEBOOK FRIENDS

This winter one of our faithful volunteers showed how social media could be used for helping others. Kathy Arnauckas went on her facebook page and sent out the word that Carolyn's Place was in need of size 4, 5 and 6 diapers. This "call for help" was very fruitful. This simple posting led to many contributions of packages and cases of much needed diapers from several of her facebook friends. We are truly grateful to Kathy for thinking of this clever way to reach many people and to her many "friends" who responded so generously to the posting.

## IBM

IBM employee Marie DePalma, displays some of the MANY items, including handmade blankets, donated by IBM employees and members from the Beacon Falls Senior Center.



## "Invest in the Future"

Three seventh grade girls at St. John the Evangelist School in Watertown donated to us as part of a contest. **Kasey Ingerson, Sarah Woerner and Kaylee Dubroski** participated in the Daughters of the American Revolution contest this winter. The theme was "Invest in the Future." They chose Carolyn's Place because children are our future. For the community service portion of the contest, they made a dozen fleece baby blankets and purchased baby items such as diapers, bottles and rattles. The trio stopped by to drop off the items and view our Center. Thank you for selecting us and good luck with the contest.



## Carpentry Skills

We wish to thank Jean Luc Fortin for once again coming to our aid with his carpentry skills, and building us specialty shelves in the office closet to help organize our many different sizes and colors of paper. It is so nice and neat.

## CRAZY SOCKS

In January, as part of Catholic Schools Week, the students at St. John the Evangelist School in Watertown had a crazy sock day. The students were all permitted to wear crazy looking socks to school with their uniforms. In conjunction with this fun activity, they all brought in a pair of baby socks to share with our moms for their babies. Thank you for remembering our babies and for your awesome generosity!

## BBB'S

Under the leadership of Elizabeth Fox, the **Sacred Heart Parish Women's Club in Southbury** hosted a Baby Bottle Boomerang. This small group of women filled their bottles over a period of a few weeks and raised \$153.30. We are truly grateful.

The parish of **St. Mary Magdalen in Oakville** sponsored another very successful Boomerang for us. The generous parishioners raised an amazing \$ 2,251.30! We are sincerely grateful to all those who participated and especially to Joan Gugliotti for organizing the event and their pastor Fr. James Gregory.

**St. Bridget Parish in Cheshire** held a BBB for us this winter raising an awesome \$4,933.26! Spearheaded by Gail and Joe Marinaccio, this parish did an outstanding job and we are truly grateful to all who participated.

**St. Thomas Parish in Southington** held their first Boomerang for us. Under the leadership of Roberta Vendetti the parish raised \$3,392.05! We are truly grateful to all those who participated and we extend a special thank you to Roberta for a job well done.

## 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 call our BBB coordinator

Wes Wensek at 203 266-4282

wwensek@att.net

## “THANK YOU 2014 / 2015 Membership Drive (as of February 3, 2015)”

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**CAROLYN'S PLACE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL "GIVE LOCAL"  
COMMUNITY GIVING EVENT  
A WONDERFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR US!  
May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 A.M. To May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**

**Mark your calendars!**

Once again Carolyn's Place will participate in Give Local of Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills, which is an online community giving event especially for not-for-profit organizations like ours. It is sponsored by the Connecticut Community Foundation and is part of Give Local America, a nationwide online giving event in which donors can join together to support causes in their hometowns and local regions.

Donors will be able to search for organizations, read profiles and make online contributions throughout the 36 hour challenge period. .. all from the convenience of home or office, online, using a credit card. As an incentive, every gift made during Give Local will be enhanced with bonus funds contributed by the Connecticut Community Foundation and Give Local Sponsors. And we can win bonus cash prizes as well!

This is an easy, convenient and well-advertised giving opportunity and we hope you will participate and give generously to Carolyn's Place.

***In Loving Memory...***



Raymond M. Donohoe Sr. died peacefully at his home on Dec. 10, 2014, in the arms of his loving family. Ray was one of the original ten founding members of Carolyn's Place. Ray and his wife Jessie hosted countless meetings at their home during our formation years. They

were substantial financial and spiritual supporters and our ministry was founded in memory of their daughter Maureen Anne Donohoe.

Born in Lansdowne, PA, Ray and his wife Jessie moved to Watertown in 1964. He served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean Conflict, worked for many years in banking, and Ray retired as executive vice president of American Bank in 1998.

Ray was a pillar of the Watertown community sharing his knowledge, spiritual strength and love with all he encountered. In addition to the tireless support the couple gave to our ministry in defense of life, Ray was a former president of the Lion's Club and he and Jessie were actively involved at St. John the Evangelist School for many years.

As one of our donors so eloquently phrased it, "Ray is one of the last of the true gentlemen.:"

Ray has joined his loving wife, Jessie, and their beloved daughter, Mo, in their eternal place with God, where together they will be true "warriors" for life.

*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair.  
We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."  
Pope John Paul II, (1920-2005)*

**JOIN US UP ON THE ROOF!!**

**ADOPT-A-SHINGLE**



Our Center needs a new roof. In December we began having rain leak into our house that serves as our Carolyn's Place Center. It was determined that the existing roof has two layers and due to its age, it is now disintegrating.

Therefore, this spring it is mandatory that we replace the roof. In an attempt to try and defray the cost, **we are asking for 100 people to donate \$100** which would help pay for the bulk of the expenses. We are reaching out to our supportive and generous donors to be a part of our Adopt-A-Shingle event.

Please be a part of putting a roof over our heads by donating to our fund. Harriet (DelDonno) Jassil and her husband Joseph, currently reside in Florida. However, Harriet has a special love for our Center here on Grandview Avenue. Harriet and her sister and two brothers grew up in this house. When she learned of our need for a new roof, she was the first person to contribute towards the fund. The DelDonnos had many years as a loving family in this home and still continue to bless us with their generosity and love for their childhood home.

Thank you so much for being such a special part of our ministry. To donate please mark your check: Adopt-A-Shingle Roof Fund, or online through our website [www.carolynsplace.net](http://www.carolynsplace.net)

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