



WAYS TO DEFEND LIFE PART I*



1. Pray daily for an end to abortion, for women tempted to have abortions, for doctors and nurses, for legislators, for clergy, for those who work in the pro-life movement, and for those who do not realize how wrong abortion is. Form pro-life prayer teams or prayer groups in homes or parishes. Visit The Great Prayer Project – End Abortion to join in a continuous prayer to end abortion.
2. Read! Be more informed about abortion from such books as *Abortion: Question and Answers*, by Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Willke.
3. Wear pink and blue ribbons as a sign of support for pre-born boys and girls. Put the ribbons on cars, trees, etc.
4. Wear the “Precious Feet” pin that shows the baby’s feet at 10 weeks after conception. (Available from Heritage House 1-800-858-3040)
5. Use pro-life pins, decals, envelopes, bumper stickers, T-shirts, posters, etc. (Order from Victory Won, 1-800-767-7258 or Heritage House 1-800-858-3040). Place posters and literature on public bulletin boards in supermarkets and other facilities.
6. Take part in First Amendment activities such as Life Chains (National Life Chain (CA), 530-671-5500), prayer vigils (Helpers of God’s Precious Infants (NY), 718-853-2789), literature distribution, pickets, and sidewalk counseling. Attend the Annual January 22 March for Life in Washington DC (202-Life-377). Place pro-life yard signs on your property.
7. Use checks which carry a pro-life message. Contact Promise Checks, 1-800-977-6647.
8. Send letters or articles to newspapers, to your elected officials, and other persons, institutions, and publications regarding respect for life. Have a group of people willing to sign letters that others write. For samples, visit www.priestsforlife.org/letters.
9. Speak up with courage and charity in defense of pre-born babies.
10. Encourage your priest, minister, or rabbi, to speak out against abortion. Priests for Life has resources (1-888-PFL-3448, ext. 237).
11. Book announced Masses for the intention of an end to abortion, and write such intentions on the prayer intention cards that various organizations may mail to you.
12. Take part in local projects and pro-life activities. For information, contact your parish or local pro-life group. Join in pro-life Scripture or rosary services or prayer groups.
13. Leave pro-life literature wherever you can: in public places, at restaurants, as inserts in the mail you send, on cars, etc. Give literature to friends. Send it also in prepaid business reply envelopes that come in the mail. Include it in cards you send for Christmas, birthdays, and other occasions.
14. Get on the mailing list of pro-life organizations. Donate to them. Volunteer for them. A catalog of organizations is available from International Life Services (CA), 213-382-2156.
15. Find out whether candidates running for public office support abortion, and tell others. Send pro-abortion politicians the US Bishops’ document “Living the Gospel of Life.” Help with voter registration and distribution of voter guides. Become involved, as citizens, in political campaigns. Vote in such a way that will advance the protection of life.

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.

GET TO KNOW THE CAROLYN'S PLACE BOARD AND STAFF

Father Robert Rousseau, the *Founder of Carolyn's Place* has been a key leader since Carolyn's Place began in 1992. He has been the Pastor of Holy Family Church in Enfield since the fall of 2013. Previously, he was Pastor at St. Augustine Parish- North Branford from 2006-2013, Pastor at Saint Ann Church in Bristol, and Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Watertown where baby Carolyn was found and from where Carolyn's Place was established. Father Rousseau holds a Masters of Divinity degree and a Masters in Pastoral Counseling. He is the Director of Pro-Life for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

M. Jane Teta joined the board in September of 2008 and has been an active supporter of Carolyn's Place since 2003. She is currently *Chairperson* of the Board. Jane is a health scientist with over 30 years' experience in research and consulting and also has extensive management and communication experience. She holds a doctorate in public health and masters in biostatistics from Yale University. Her first career was as a high school mathematics teacher. She has served on the boards of the Union Carbide Foundation and the Environmental Literacy Council. She is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish. Jane raised four children and now has 11 grandchildren.



Virginia (Ginny) Baudinet, our *Vice Chairman* of the Board has been active with Carolyn's Place since its beginning in 1992. During this time her volunteer work included phone consultant, fundraising and development, serving as a representative at community events, three years as Chairman of the Board, and other activities. Ginny holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY Geneseo and a Masters Degree in Special Education from the University of Virginia. She taught special education in New York, Arizona and Wisconsin until leaving to raise five children. She and her husband are members of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Watertown.

Christine Kasinskas joined the Board of Directors of Carolyn's Place in October of 2008, and is currently the *Secretary*. She is an assistant professor of physical therapy at Quinnipiac University and has a strong interest in public health. She holds a doctoral degree in physical therapy from Simmons College in Boston. Chris has experience serving in the past on various Boards including acting as Chairman of the State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapy and as a member of the Chapter Services Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. She is active at her parish, the Church of the Epiphany, in Cheshire as a Eucharistic Minister. Chris and her husband John have one daughter, Kaitlyn.

John Ryng joined the Board in April of 2008 and is the current *Treasurer* of Carolyn's Place. John is instrumental in the statistical analysis and financial reporting for our ministry. He is an ardent supporter of the pro-life cause. John is a supervising accountant with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and is on the governing board of his union local. John earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut. He and his wife are active members of Saint Ann Parish in Bristol. They have four children.

Jerome (Jerry) Brennan, a pro-life coordinator at his parish for over eight years, joined Carolyn's Place Board in June of 2006 and is a past Chairman. He currently directs finance, administration and operations at a regional nonprofit organization providing occupational services for people with disabilities. Previously, Jerry held leadership positions at AT&T and The Hartford Financial Services Group and served as an adjunct professor of Economics at Quinnipiac University. He earned a B.S. degree in Economics from Southern Connecticut State University, a Master of Business Administration degree from the New York University Stern School of Business, and a Master of Science Degree in Business Planning from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Jerry and his wife are currently members of St. Bridget Parish in Cheshire.

Sister Catherine Mary Clarke is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist of Meriden and joined the Board of Carolyn's Place in March of 2014. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is the Director of Social Services for Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care since 2006. She works full time as the Social Worker, Pastoral Care Counselor and Bereavement Counselor. She works part time for the Franciscan Family Care Center Adoption Agency and is the Directress of Postulants for the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Sister Catherine Mary earned her Bachelors Degree in Natural Science from Shorter University in Rome, Georgia and worked as a Naturalist prior to entering the Franciscan Sisters in 1986. She earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Connecticut. Her focus is working with those in the dying process and elderly with mental health needs. She has worked with pregnant women in crisis, women with post-abortive grief, and couples preparing to adopt. She is on the Board of the Meriden Chapter of Birthright. New to the relationship with Carolyn's Place, Sister Catherine Mary shares the commitment of Carolyn's Place to protect the life of the unborn child and to support the well-being and advancement of the pregnant woman in crisis.

Ron Painchaud joined the Carolyn's Place board in March of 2014. He and his wife, Rita, have been lifelong pro-life advocates. For the past 15 years, Ron has been a business analyst in the Health Care industry involved in Client/Provider relations. As the Grand Knight of the Cheshire Council of the Knights of Columbus, Ron has been involved in many pro-life projects. He is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University with a BS degree. Ron and his wife are members of the Church of the Epiphany in Cheshire. They have one son, Philip.

Noreen Pearsall joined the board in March 2013. She and her husband, Ron have been pro-life representatives at St. Thomas Becket Parish in Cheshire since 2007. Her first visit to Carolyn's Place with her three daughters was one of the most inspiring moments as she began the pro-life movement. Noreen completed her nursing education as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Georgetown in 1989 and Primary Care Nurse Practitioner of Older Adults in 1994 at the University of Rochester. Noreen's career in nursing has been on hold as they moved from their families and raised their three daughters in NY, AL, and CT.

Anne Slattery joined the Carolyn's Place board in January 2014. She has been a lifelong supporter of nonprofit initiatives that focus on the health and wellbeing of children and currently serves on the boards of "Gift of Adoption" and "The Cove Center for Grieving Children." Anne has spent most of her career in the financial services industry and is a retired Executive Vice President of Webster Bank. Anne was also the President of Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York and owned and operated two manufacturing companies in Connecticut. She is a member of St. Teresa's Church in Woodbury, CT.

Client Director

Ellen Cavallo has been involved in pro-life work for over 35 years. She was on the Founding Committee of Carolyn's Place and has been the Director of the pregnancy care center since 1996. She is certified by Heartbeat International as an Options Counselor. Ellen is also certified by the National Council for Adoption as an Adoption Specialist. She worked as a group home nurse for the physically and developmentally challenged before becoming involved with Carolyn's Place. Ellen has three daughters and six grandchildren. She belongs to the Secular Franciscan Order.



Education Director

Nicole Macioci is a 2011 graduate of Assumption College in Worcester, MA, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with minors in Theology, Peace and Conflict Studies, and Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies. Although Nicole has only been the Education Director for the past year, Carolyn's Place has been a part of her life since she was a very young girl. Her beloved grandparents, Pete and Mary Arduino, were on the founding committee, and her mother, Jo Anne Macioci, is a phone consultant. Aside from working at Carolyn's Place, Nicole is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Theology. She also loves to sing, act, shop, watch the New York Mets and travel.

SAVE THE DATE

November 2, 2014

Carolyn's Place 22nd Annual Dinner/Silent Auction plans are already underway. We are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Our Life Award recipient is Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan, the Chief Academic Officer of the Waterbury Department of Education. Our Ministry Award honoree is Sr. Suzanne Gross (Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist) and our Volunteer Service Award honoree is Mr. Wesley Wensek from Woodbury.

Please plan on joining us as we share in this celebration of life! More details to follow or contact Ginny at staff@carolynsplace.net or 203 597-9080.

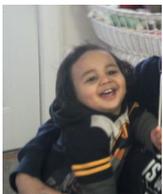
Tweens Take Charge

The spring session of *Tweens Take Charge* was a big success! There was plenty of laughter to go around as seven new friends made crafts, shared stories, and snacked on goodies; all while learning about choices, consequences, self-respect and self-control. We are currently planning for our FREE summer and fall 8-week sessions (in conjunction with PAL). If you are interested in joining the fun, please register by contacting Nicole at 203 695-3999 or by email nicole.carolynsplace@gmail.com

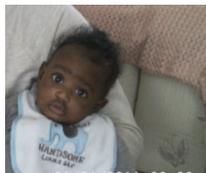


Spring Tweens group celebrating together

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Happy Father's Day



Father's Day Prayer

God, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models,
and loving to all their children.

Help them to be a father like You are.

Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen



THE BIG EVENT

For the second year, Carolyn's Place was a recipient of Quinnipiac University's "Big Event." This program occurs



in April, and sends participating students to help with spring cleaning. We had eight students from the Women Looking for Sisterhood Sorority. These young women did a terrific job cleaning

windows, vacuuming and doing spring yard work. They were an enthusiastic and cheerful group and worked diligently to get everything completed. Thank you for letting us be a part of this community program and thanks for the super job!

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

On April 9, Carolyn's Place held its Annual Meeting to update interested supporters on our accomplishments in 2013, as well as our financial status. The evening began with a pro-life Mass celebrated in the Maronite Rite by Fr. Dany Abi-Akir, the pastor at Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Waterbury. Mass was con-celebrated by Carolyn's Place founder, Fr. Robert Rousseau. Mass was followed by the meeting in the parish center. Our Board of Directors displayed a PowerPoint presentation with information about the ministry. We are grateful to those who attended and showed their support. A special thanks goes to Fr. Dany for allowing us to host our meeting at the parish and to Phyllis and Dean Tarsi for all of their assistance with the evening. If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting but would like to review the Powerpoint, please contact Ginny at staff@carolynsplace.net or call 203 597-9080.



GIVE LOCAL

Carolyn's Place participated in the Connecticut Community Foundation (CCF) "Give Local" program. On May 6 and 7, donors could donate online to participating non-profit organizations. This served not only as a way to raise funds, but also an opportunity to raise awareness for organizations in the area. The event was a big success for CCF. We received gifts from several donors and also we were the recipient of a cash prize sponsored by CCF. Thank you to all those who contributed to us through the Give Local program and a special thanks to CCF for sponsoring such a successful event for so many non-profits.

ADOPT-A-WINDOW BLIND

Our windows are in desperate need of mini-blinds for 21 windows in our Center. We are looking for supporters who will donate a blind at \$35 a piece. THANK YOU!

Thank

Feed the Hungry

The parishioners at **St. Matthew Parish in Forestville**, decided to “feed the hungry” this Lent by collecting baby formula and food for our moms to use for their babies. The parish was extremely generous donating a van full of all types of baby formula. We are very grateful and will be able to share this with many moms in need.

Blessing Each Stitch

We received several knitted and crocheted hats, sweaters, blankets and quilts, each with the following tag: “This gift was handmade by the **Knitting and Crocheting Outreach Ministry of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Harwinton, CT**, and blessed during Mass by Rev. Timothy A. O’Brien to welcome your beautiful baby into the world.” We are sincerely grateful for this wonderful and spiritual gift.

A Matching Gift

Thank you to the **Catholic Financial Life Council #304** for selecting Carolyn’s Place to be the recipient of a \$500 matching donation. A special thanks to Gus LeBlanc for spearheading this gift.

Fetal Models

Many thanks to **Fr. Francis Karvelis** for his donation of 100 fetal models of a baby at 10 weeks in a mother’s womb. These are used for educating our clients on the fetal development of their baby during their pregnancy. Thank you Father for your years of faithful support.

SHARING MOTHER’S DAY

Mrs. Diane Hibbard, from the **Methodist Church in Watertown**, decided to share her Mother’s Day with the moms who pass through Carolyn’s Place. She held a parish baby shower and collected many baby items such as diapers, wipes and summer baby clothes. We are very grateful.

Almsgiving



In an effort to help with the Lenten tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, **St. Thomas Becket Parish in Cheshire**, collected infant onesies and sweaters for Carolyn’s Place babies. Under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Hague, they

collected 232 items. Thank you for sharing your Lenten giving with our ministry. They will be distributed throughout the summer months.

OLMC -Meriden

During the month of April, under the leadership of principal, Mrs. Norine McDermott, the Student Council at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Meriden**, organized their own classroom Baby Bottle Boomerang for Carolyn’s Place. Baby bottles were placed in each of the classrooms and offices, and students, faculty and staff filled them with their spare change. They raised an awesome \$341.93! Thank you so much for your generosity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KATE

March 31st was a very special day for **Kate Gilchrist**. She celebrated her ninth birthday. But instead of giving a list of toys and clothes she might want for herself, this thoughtful young girl asked her friends attending her birthday party to bring gifts for Carolyn’s Place. Kate, along with the help from her siblings Aidan, Sara and Anna, proudly delivered many boxes of diapers, wipes and other baby items. Thank you so much Kate for celebrating your birthday with so many others. You are a VERY special young lady.



TIME AND TALENTS...

- Once again, we want to thank **Eleanor Sharp** for sharing her talents with us by donating beautiful handmade bibs and quilts.
- Thank you to the **Falls Avenue Senior Center in Watertown/Oakville** for the wonderfully handmade blankets and hats they donated for our babies. It is so nice to give personally made items to each newborn.
- We are extremely grateful to the **Soroptimists** who, in keeping with their mission to help women, continue to support our ministry. They donated 22 beautiful quilts. Thank you so very much.
- Thank you to the **Women’s Ministry from the Walnut Hill Community Church in Waterbury**, who donated several handmade fleece blankets with cute baby prints.
- Many thanks to **Irene Davis** for sharing her talents and donating beautiful baby blankets. We are very appreciative.
- Thank you to the **Knitters Plus** group who not only made 13 baby hats and a small blanket but sent it to us from Florida. We are so grateful to be remembered by a group from such a long distance.

GOD’S SPECIAL GIFTS

Mrs. Michelle Crowley’s **second grade class at St. Matthew School in Forestville**, had our director, Ellen come and speak with the students about how each of them is a special gift from God. Ellen read the *Angel in the Water* book and they shared stories. The children brought in baby items for Ellen to bring back for our moms in need. Ellen truly enjoyed her time with this special class and is grateful for the generous gifts. Thank you!



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Bunny Baskets

This year the students at **St. John the Evangelist School in Waterbury**, held an Easter raffle for Carolyn's Place. With the leadership of Mrs. Susan Charbonneau and Mrs. Cindy Rahmlow, they created two large baskets full of Easter goodies. The seventh grade students helped to sell the tickets over the course of three weeks. A few students also took an empty baby bottle and filled it with change like a Baby Bottle Boomerang. The result of the fundraisers brought a total of \$436.22. Thank you so much to all who participated and for your extremely generous gift.



Tania Zabot & Liz Paszek

Keeping Babies Safe

Many thanks to Bob Ashley and the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterbury**, who recently donated a dozen safety kits for us to distribute to our new moms as they complete our parenting program. We sincerely appreciate your thinking of us and helping us to promote good parenting skills.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP DONOR:

Cornerstone level: Anne Slattery THANK YOU!

LIFT

This May, our director, Ellen Cavallo, was invited to speak at the meeting of **LIFT - Ladies In Faith Together, from Sacred Heart Parish in Southbury**. Ellen spoke about the Carolyn's Place story and our mission while enjoying good company, learning about their organization, and enjoying many homemade treats. The women also showered Ellen with many baby items and 25 handmade cards with words of encouragement for us to give to our moms. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.



Barbara Retires After 13 Years

It is a bitter-sweet farewell that the Carolyn's Place Board of Directors bids to **Mrs. Barbara Theriault**. Barbara joined our Board in 2001 and held the position of Treasurer from 2005 until her recent retirement in March of 2014. During these thirteen years, Barbara provided countless hours of financial work and advice, and expertise in many areas. Barbara was the 2010 recipient of the Volunteer Service Award. Barbara's commitment to life and our ministry was truly an inspiration to all of us. She will be greatly missed.

Barbara and her husband, Brian, are retiring and relocating to their roots in Maine. We are sincerely happy for Barbara and Brian now having the opportunity to relax and enjoy their retirement, but we will miss Barbara's smiling face at our monthly meetings. May God bless them with many years of happiness and good health. Thank you Barbara...we love you!

BLESSED BY BOOMERANGS

The tiny parish of **Our Lady of Lebanon in Waterbury**, once again held a BBB in support of Carolyn's Place. Thanks to coordinators Phyllis and Dean Tarsi, and the generosity of the parishioners, they collected an amazing \$781.23. Thank you so much for your support and to the pastor Fr. Dany Abi-Akar for hosting the Boomerang at his parish. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

During the month of April, **St. Margaret Church in Waterbury** held a Baby Bottle Boomerang. This small parish raised an outstanding \$1,081.67. Thank you to their pastor, Fr. Robert Villa, for allowing the Boomerang and also to the event coordinator, Leslie Wolfgang. Thank you also to parishioner, Jarag Cabbagestalk who took two bottles to work at Bunker Hill School and got his co-workers to contribute to the Boomerang. You all were extremely generous. THANKS!

Thanks to the leadership of Colleen D'Amico, this Spring **Waterbury Hospital** held their first Baby Bottle Boomerang. Many of the employees of the hospital took home bottles and raised an awesome \$2,114! We are extremely grateful for the generous response and for the amazing job Colleen did in coordinating this company-wide event. THANK YOU!

St. Thomas Parish in Thomaston sponsored a Boomerang in February and March and raised a phenomenal \$5,046.93! We are extremely grateful to Fr. Robert Grant for allowing his parish to host this boomerang and also to the event coordinator Marian Drillon, for all the time and effort she put towards the fundraiser. We are especially thankful to all of the parishioners who participated. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

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

Blue Goose

We extend our sincere thanks to **John Mastroianni and Blue Goose Insurance** for the donations of many baby items including diapers, wipes and bottles. Thank you!

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Carolyn's Place Annual Dinner

Save the Date: Sun., Nov. 2

Guest Speaker: Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

Life Award Honoree: Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan

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