



Carolyn's Voice

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAROLYN'S PLACE, PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

30th Anniversary Dinner Catalyzes The Mission of Carolyn's Place For Coming Year

For the first time in 3 years, supporters of Carolyn's Place had the honor of gathering to celebrate the 31st birthday of the baby girl that triggered that start of this ministry. Nearly 400 individuals came out to enjoy a delicious five-course meal, hosted by La Bella Vista.

The program was emceed by the popular television journalist, Al Terzi, and included the timeless story of the finding of Carolyn Marie, by Father Rousseau.

Among many generous sponsors and advertisers were the evening's Presenting Sponsors, Dr. Richard & Carol Gruszka, who offered a toast at the start of the dinner.

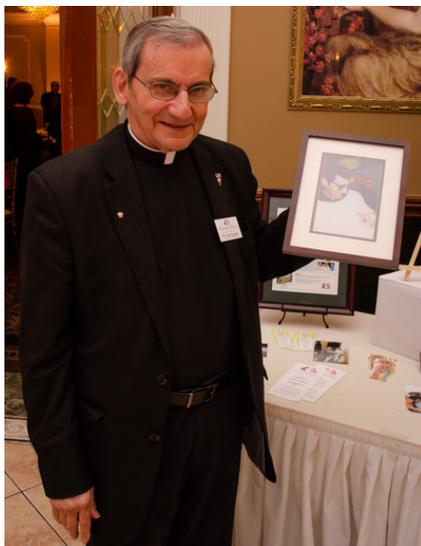
The silent auction was host to nearly 100 enticing gifts, all donated by local businesses and organizations. A team of dedicated volunteers spent countless hours soliciting and preparing the items for bidding.



2022 Honorees, left to right, Mario & Sue Nizzardo, Rev. Robert Landback, and Ronald Painchaud.

The generosity of those assembled was reflected in the \$8,000 raised to purchase cribs for graduates of our parenting education program, as part of the Matching Gift Challenge. In all, Carolyn's Place raised nearly \$45,000 to fund its full-time mission in the Greater Waterbury Area.

The dinner program annually presents three awards to outstanding individuals. Rev. Robert Landback was presented with the Carolyn's Place Ministry Award. The Walter J. Williams Service Award was presented to Sue and Mario Nizzardo. The final presentation, the Maureen A. Donohoe Life Award, was given to former Board Chair, Ron Painchaud. We were glad to honor these individuals on behalf of the pro-life community.



Fr. Robert Rousseau, founder, holds the 31-year-old photo of him and Carolyn Marie on Nov. 4, 1991.

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Anniversary Celebration Continued...

Carolyn's Place is grateful for all of those that attended, and those that supported but not able to attend. The ministry would like to thank both the sponsors and the additional 65 businesses, parishes, and organizations that advertised in the program book. Gratitude extends towards all that contributed or supported the silent auction. Most importantly, Carolyn's Place extends a heartfelt thank you to all those who volunteered to make the event a success. Mark your calendar for the 31st Anniversary Dinner on Sunday November 5th, 2023.



Presenting Sponsors, Dr. Richard and Carol Gruszka, offer a toast to begin the 30th Anniversary Dinner

Thank You To All That Made
The 30th Anniversary Dinner
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On Your 30th Anniversary
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SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
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The above ad was accidentally omitted from the Program Book - We appreciate all of our supporters!

Executive Director's Update

The past quarter has been a busy one! Although all eyes were on the Annual Dinner, much continues to develop here at the center. We took time to meet with each specific team of volunteers - phone consultants, volunteer receptionists, and personal needs room aides. Quite a bit of work has been done to manage the considerable amount of personal needs donations - we are glad to share that our formula inventory is beginning to bounce back. Google Advertising launches this month. This new advertising approach will better bridge the services of Carolyn's Place to those that could use it most. Several projects including the personal needs room renovation and computer / network improvements will come first quarter 2023.

Several staff members have rejoined us this Fall on a part time basis. Donna Fazzino has been assisting in business office and Jessica Mulligan has been serving as an additional Staff Client Consultant. We are glad to welcome Kim Halmose as the new Business and Project Manager. As I enter into my second year of leadership, we will continue to fortify our ministry with sufficient volunteers and staff to fulfill our mission.

Carolyn's Place Volunteer Recipient of the Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Award

On November 9th, Archbishop Leonard Blair presented Trudy Higgins with the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Award, following the Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass. Trudy continues to be an instrumental part of our ministry - serving as a consultant onboard our Mobile Van, weekly - a core component of our ministry. Please join us in congratulating Trudy in her service to women and protecting the unborn!

Young Adult Ministry Takes Lead On Personal Needs Room Upgrades



The Greater Waterbury Chapter of Crossroads for Christ, Catholic Young Adult Ministry, spent a September weekend working on the personal needs space. Work included removal of the old shelving, painting the ceiling, walls, trim, and radiators, and assembly of new fixtures. The carpet and lighting were also replaced. In early 2023, we will complete the project with a work sink and worktables. Finished photos will be in our Spring Newsletter.



Service

New Volunteer Information Night

Carolyn's Place will be hosting an informational meeting for new or inactive volunteers looking to serve the mission. As we look to 2023, we intend to onboard volunteers to serve as client receptionists, phone consultants, or personal needs room aides. If you are ready to make a volunteer commitment to Carolyn's Place you should attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 6pm. Please RSVP to John Lynch at John.Lynch@Carolynsplace.org or call 203.597.9080.

Volunteer Christmas Party Planned

Individuals that have volunteered for Carolyn's Place in 2022 are invited to celebrate Christmas with each other on Friday, December 16th, from 1-3pm. Lunch provided. Please RSVP to John Lynch at John.Lynch@Carolynsplace.org or call 203.597.9080.

Thank You For Your Service

As 2022 comes to a close, we would like to acknowledge two individuals who gave Carolyn's Place three years' service to the mission. Gabriela Crespo served as the Business & Project Manager until July 2022 and Lauren Wells served initially as Education Coordinator, then as Client Director until September 2022. Both women made lasting contributions to the organization and made the ministry available during pandemic times. Thank You!



Winter Weather Reminders

As we head into Winter, we want to remind our volunteers to consider their safety before coming into the center. Severe winter weather or significant snowfall may cancel or delay the opening of our center. Please call the hotline at 203.695.1252 before coming out. We encourage our volunteers to use their own judgement before heading out if we are open. Carolyn's Place is able to maintain many of its services remotely on days of unsafe travel.

Meet Kim Halmose

Carolyn's Place is excited to announce that the position of Business & Project Manager has been filled. Kim is an experienced office administrator, with prior work in a number of organizations and businesses. Kim will be joining us after several years of managing a parish office and related business operations.

Kim is an Iowa native and has made home in Connecticut with her husband Tom and their two sons. They are active in the Church of the Assumption, Ansonia, where she is active in the Hospitality Ministry and Eucharistic Ministers. Kim will begin in mid-December.



Connecting With Us

Clarified Contact Info

As staff roles are reorganized, it is a good time to clarify emails and phone contacts headed into 2023. For best service, please use one of the following three phone numbers or listed email addresses. Except for the general email box, emails follow the *firstname.lastname@Carolynsplace.org* format. Please update your contact info and disregard former email addresses.

Crisis & Support Line 203.597.9050

Best for individuals in need of our services or have the desire to speak with one of our trained phone consultants or staff.

Client Consultant Line 203.695.1252 (Text)

Best for established clients and volunteers that need to get in touch with a Staff Client Consultant. This line accepts calls and texts from new and existing clients.

Business Line 203.597.9080

Best for individuals looking to inquire about volunteering, donating, and community relations. Inquires for other staff, such as the Executive Director, should be directed here. After hours calls may be directed to voicemail; messages will be returned.

General Inquires	Staff@Carolynsplace.net
Executive Director	John.Lynch@Carolynsplace.org
Business & Project Manager	Kim.Halmoose @Carolynsplace.org
Staff Client Consultant	Meagan.Monaco@Carolynsplace.org
Staff Client Consultant (Fridays Only)	Jessica.Mulligan@Carolynsplace.org

Adhering to the Mission

When Carolyn's Place was founded in 1992, one main objective was to have a hotline a woman could call 24/hours a day. We continue that 30 years later. We are fortunate to be able to hold regular full-time hours, 5 days a week. After hours, a small team of phone consultants, staff members, or on occasion, Heartbeat's Optionline Service, provides a live person to speak with. A new procedure is in place to assure our staff follow up with urgent matters

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Sorry, but we are not presently accepting bouncing seats, large furniture, & swings. Used clothes must be clean and unstained.

Please check our website for periodic changes to our acceptance list

Carolyn's Place Clients are offered refreshments upon arrival. We appreciate donations of bottled water, bottled or boxed fruit juice, coffee pods, and individually wrapped snacks.

Needs Room Wish List

Diapers Size 4, 5, & 6
Baby Wipes
Diaper Rash Ointment
Baby Shampoo & Wash
Formula - See Below
Winter Jackets up to 2T
Baby Books
New Baby Socks
Winter Maternity Clothing
Baby Combs, Brushes, & Nail Clippers

For Our Center:

Forever Stamps
Gift Cards to Home Depot, Staples, and Amazon

Formula Needs

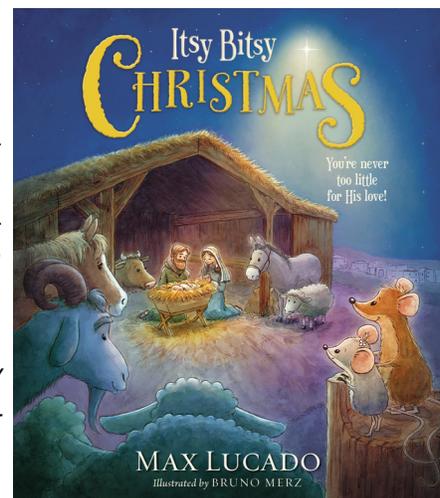


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2022 Christmas Project

In 2022, the warmly-decorated Carolyn's Place House will be hosting clients and their children for a light Christmas Dinner. In place of toys, we will be giving the children a book. This aligns best with our initiatives to become more relational than transactional.

In lieu of toys we are collecting copies of the book, *Itsy Bitsy Christmas: A Reimagined Nativity Story for Advent and Christmas*, by Max Lucado with illustrations by Bruno Merz. Available on Amazon.





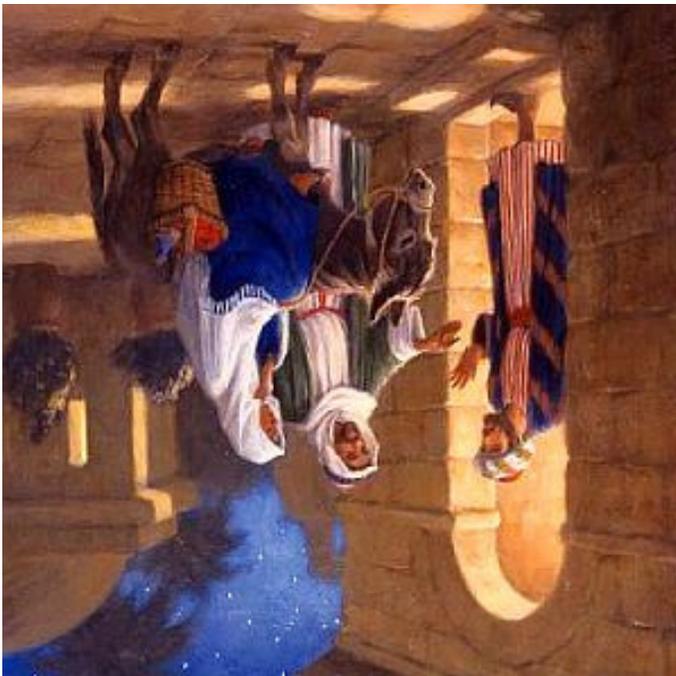
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FOR 30 YEARS

*Christmas
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