



Carolyn's Voice

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAROLYN'S PLACE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

31st Anniversary Dinner Planned

We are excited to host our 31st Anniversary Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Commencing at 3:30pm in the afternoon, *an hour earlier than in years past*, we will join together with friends and fellow supporters to celebrate life over a delicious five course meal and fine wine. The event will once again be held at La Bella Vista (details on pg. 3) and will feature Carolyn's Place founder, Fr. Robert Rousseau, Board of Director Chair Diana O'Rourke, Esq. as the emcee, three distinguished honorees, and an impressive Silent Auction.



The Ministry Award will be presented posthumously to Rev. John L. Lavorgna. A native of New Haven, Father Lavorgna was ordained on May 20th, 2006 by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell. His ministry included Parochial Vicar at many parishes in the Archdiocese, Secretary to the Archbishop, Vocation Director, and Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Waterbury. At the time of his passing, Father Lavorgna was serving at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire. He was a member of the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council and served as chaplain for several Knights of Columbus Councils.

Father Lavorgna was known to preach about the sanctity of human life in his writings and homilies. Father encouraged youth to attend the National March for Life, and traveled there himself on numerous occasions. On one account, he spent hours counseling a young woman from having an abortion by presenting the church's teaching. Fr. Lavorgna passed away unexpectedly on February 8th, 2023. He will always be remembered for devoting his life to God and the people he loved.



The Walter J. Williams Service Award will be presented to Ms. Rosemary Raymond. At 95 years old, Rosemary is Carolyn's Place's oldest volunteer and is "Still kicking ... just not as high as I used to!" Rosemary has been coming to Carolyn's Place for more than five years to perform whatever task is most needed at the time, whether it be handling a bulk mailing, lending support in the office or personal needs room, or working on Earn While You Learn baskets. Many weeks – in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall - Rosemary walks up the hill from her home to make sure that we have the help we need and always arrives with a smile and an upbeat attitude.

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**YOUR RSVP CARD
IS ENCLOSED
KINDLY RESPOND BY
OCTOBER 20TH**



Rosemary said she enjoys volunteering at Carolyn's Place because of "the companionship with other volunteers, where she can catch up on every day matters while still managing to help get things done." She has befriended our youngest volunteer, Sofie, and they are inseparable now! Rosemary is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Daughters of America. She is a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church in Waterbury.

We will present the Maureen A. Donohoe Life Award to Al Terzi. After nearly five decades of anchoring and reporting the news here in the state, Al is one of the most recognizable faces on Connecticut television. Now retired, Mr. Terzi is enjoying retirement with his wife, Carolyn. He has been a long-time friend to many charities and organizations, including his favorite, the Meriden-based Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist for whom Al & Carolyn have volunteered at their annual Christmas Fair. In addition, for many years Al and his son Tony have emceed the Sisters' Annual Sports Banquet. At Carolyn's Place he served as the emcee for the Annual Dinner for five years. Mr. Terzi brought his positive attitude and caring personality to each dinner he emceed.

Fr. Rousseau will share his account of finding the abandoned infant thirty-two years ago, which led to the formation of Carolyn's Place. During our ministry's three decades of service, we have assisted in saving the lives of over 1,735 babies and provided over 10,000 families with material necessities.

We have experienced growth over the past year and we are excited to introduce our new staff and board members to you. We are eager to tell you about our continued success as a ministry and enthusiastic to join in solidarity for fellowship as life-affirming friends and supporters of Carolyn's Place. Please accept our enclosed invitation to attend this year's celebration – Dinner cost is \$55.

**There Is
Still Time To
Become A Sponsor
or Place An Ad**

Contact the Business Office
By October 1

Welcome Aboard

**Carol Gruszka
Board of Directors
Member**



**Genevieve Mallon
Client Consultant**



**Chloe Ferraro
Client Consultant**



You
Are
Invited!



Carolyn's Place

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

31st Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, November 5, 2023

3:30 pm

**New Start
Time**

La Bella Vista Pontelandolfo Banquet Venue

380 Farmwood Road, Waterbury, CT

Celebrate & Support Our Ministry

*Silent
Auction*

*Award
Presentation*

*5 Course
Meal*

Reservations Required!

Kindly respond by October 20, 2023

To purchase your ticket,

Visit: www.carolynsplace.org

Information : 203.597.9080

Dinner

\$55

per person



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AND TAX MANAGEMENT INC.**

I n v o l v e m e n t

Join Our Rosary Group
on Thursdays at 11:30am

Join Our Men's Prayer Group

2nd Tuesday of each Month
starting October 10th @ 7pm

Seeking Skills

Carolyn's Place is re-developing its Second Blessings Program - A five week education program for parents expecting a child that is not their first.

“EXPERTS” NEEDED

- Personal Finance
- Multi-Child Management
- Child & Household Nutrition
- Child Health & Safety

Have an Interest? Contact our Executive Director, John Lynch.

John.Lynch@carolynsplace.org
203.597.9080



Over the Summer, Carolyn's Place held two sessions of our popular "Girls Take Charge" program for middle schoolers. The week long sessions visited topics such as self-esteem, goal setting, chastity, modesty, STI risk, and healthy relationships.



If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 6th - 8th, 2023 in Farmington, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment.

Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

Contact Marie Laffin for more information at 203.631.9030

Support the Mission

"During my internship with Carolyn's Place, I learned many valuable lessons. Through many interactions with women who came to Carolyn's Place, I have learned what it means to love and serve others as Christ did. Speaking with many women of various backgrounds has given me a new prospective that I would not have obtained without this internship. I am beyond grateful and humbled to have received the gift to serve these local women"

- Loretta Sbat, Summer Intern

In Memoriam

Thank you to the families who have asked for donations to be made in memory of their loved one. We are truly grateful for them.

In Memory of donations the past few months:

Ms. Cheryl Cosciello

Mr. Louis DeLuca

Mr. & Mrs. Jean Luc Fortin

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gelineau

Mr. George Warner

additional donations from:

Mr. Raymond Holland

Ms. Irene I. Fortin

thank you

Baby
Bottle

Boomerangs

St. Francis Xavier

New Milford

\$2,815.00

Cathedral of St. Joseph

Hartford, \$908.00

Holy Disciples Parish

Oakville / Watertown

\$18,177.34

St. Michaels Church

Beacon Falls \$1,896.44

BBB Total

**raised as
of 8/31/2023**

\$56,730.65



JEAN LUC FORTIN

MEMORIAL

4/14/44 - 6/27/23

Jean Luc Fortin was born on April 14, 1944 in Saint Gedeon-de-Beauce, Quebec, Canada. At the age of 20, Jean Luc moved to the United States. He dedicated forty years to the construction business and was a proud member of Local #24 Carpenter's Union.

After his retirement, Jean Luc joined his wife Monique in volunteering at Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center. His master carpentry skills enabled him to assist with many projects. Ever mindful of the ministry of Carolyn's Place, he would often volunteer his time during the weekends so that he did not disturb people with the noise of the saw and hammer.

In 2013, Jean Luc and Monique were the recipients of the Walter J. Williams Service Award in honor of their selfless dedication to our ministry.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Jean Luc's family and friends during this time of grief. He will forever remain in the hearts of all those he encountered.

14 Parishes are hosting BBB Drives this Fall. Please contact our office if you'd like to host a BBB for Carolyn's Place.
Business office: 203-597-9080

G i v i n g



Carolyn's Place is grateful to have received \$950 in funding from the Donald D. Lynch Family Foundation for a new phone system.



Our phone system has been simplified!
All business calls & texts will be 203-597-9080
All client calls & texts will be 203-597-9050

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To schedule volunteer hours for individual days and / or donation drop offs. Contact Kim Halmose - Business & Project Manager
Phone: 203-597-9080 or
Email: kim.halmose@carolynsplace.org

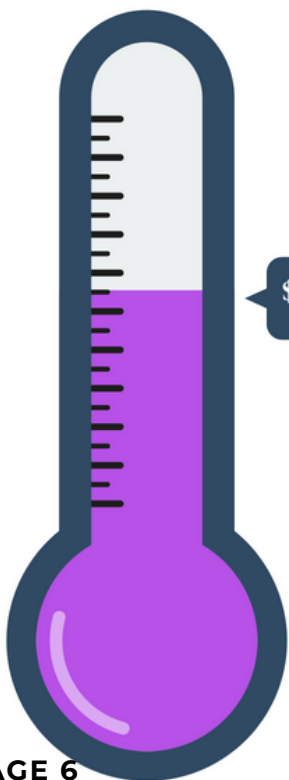
FALL FUN: CAROLYN'S PATCH

This October, Carolyn's Place will be creating a small "pumpkin patch" on the side lawn. We will be inviting clients that have given birth this past year to visit with their baby, take a photo and pick out a pumpkin. We are asking supporters to consider dropping off a pumpkin or two, pumpkin size should be soccer ball - sized.

Drop off period: September 25 - October 6



GOAL: \$75,000



\$41,611

WORK IN PROGRESS

Our main meeting room at Carolyn's Place is undergoing some improvements to add doors, fresh paint, and air conditioning. These efforts will enhance our ability to host two simultaneous appointments or meetings, while creating a comfortable environment for our clients, volunteers and staff alike.

2023 Membership Drive Always Present

The Annual Membership Drive is a key fundraiser for Carolyn's Place. In response to the closing window of intervention, we seek sustaining funds to grow our qualified staff resources, including a Spanish-Speaking Consultant, improve and simplify our communication channels (including a new phone system), and maintain twice-weekly ultrasound van hours. Membership Drive materials were mailed in July. To support our Membership Drive please visit our website at Carolynsplace.org

Support

We are not presently accepting
bouncing seats, used car seats,
furniture & swings.



CHRISTMAS DRIVES

Although the leaves are not off the trees yet, Christmas is right around the corner.

If you are interested in holding a "Giving Tree" or other Christmas time Collection, you can contact Kim Halmose at 203.597.9080 or Kim.Halmose@carolynsplace.org

Fall Wish List

Diapers Size 4, 5, & 6 & Preemie
Baby Wipes
Formula - Similac Advance
Strollers - New & Gently Used
Baby Bathtubs
Baby Bottles
Baby Shampoo/Wash
Baby Lotion
Large Shopping Bags
Boy & Girl Clothing Sizes 12mo - 2T

For Our Center:
Forever Stamps
Gift Cards to Home Depot, Staples, and Amazon

We are currently in
need of diapers sizes
Preemie, 4, 5 & 6 only



SIZE 1, 2, & 3

Our diaper
inventories of size
1, 2 & 3 are well
supplied.

We have seen an increase in premature births.
Diapers & clothing for "preemies" are appreciated.



BABY
MEDICINE
DISPENSER

BABY GIRL
WINTER
CLOTHING
12 MONTHS TO 2T



BABY
GROOMING KIT



BABY BOY
WINTER CLOTHING
9 MONTHS TO 2T

Formula support this year has been overwhelming and our supply is bountiful. Similac Advance continues to presently be the only formula need.





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WATERBURY, CT 06708

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CLIENT DIRECTOR: 203-695-1252 (CALL/ TEXT)

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