

CAROLYN'S VOICE

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“Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.”

Volunteering serves as a blessing in two ways: it assists our ministry with much needed support while providing an individual with an avenue to feel good about using their talents and gifts to help others. If you find a cause you are truly passionate about, your time volunteering will be as rewarding to you personally as it is to the organization you support.

Carolyn's Place has been able to grow these past fifteen years with only one full time and one part time staff because of the tremendous support and blessings from our volunteers. These invaluable supporters have assisted in countless ways: phone consulting, education team, prayer warriors, parenting classes, Board Members, fundraising, painting, decorating, yard work, shoveling, transporting items, organizing personal needs items, cleaning, stuffing envelopes, church liaisons, and in many other capacities.

Often a volunteer's interest or enthusiasm towards their work wanes over time. Carolyn's Place has been blessed with a couple who not only have been with us for fifteen years, but have passed their love and dedication for life down from generation to generation. Mary and Peter Arduino were on the Founding Committee of Carolyn's Place. So their volunteering started even before our doors even opened! They started by helping to organize, paint and prepare our first facility. Throughout the years, Mary has helped as a phone consultant, worked on many fundraisers and has been the driving force behind the personal needs items organization. While Peter, her husband for 50 years, has helped with every odd job from maintenance and deliveries to cleaning, carpentry and countless other tasks. The Arduinos don't stop there! A few years after they began at Carolyn's Place, two of their daughters, JoAnne Macioci and Diane Premus, began volunteering; JoAnne as a phone consultant, phone scheduler and helper with fundraisers, and Diane as a phone consultant, board member and assisting with fundraisers. Volunteering and a love and respect for life continues to be a part of the Arduino family since now the three Macioci teenage girls, Christina, Nicole and Danielle assist with fundraisers and help their grandmother in the personal needs room occasionally. Diane's children, Julia, Olivia and Andrew are younger, but still manage to lend a hand at fundraisers and join in the enthusiasm for the cause. Dads Joe Premus and Mike Macioci have been known to help at a fundraiser either flipping pancakes or serving ziti, and helping when we moved. More recently, the enthusiasm has spread to another Arduino daughter, Maria McWaid and her two children Justin and Pamela who also assist at fundraisers. The members of the Arduino family are true role models for all of us. They, along with all of our volunteers, are Carolyn's Place's most valuable resource.



Mary and Pete Arduino show that volunteering can be fun!

Mission Statement

Jesus said, “Anyone who loves me will be true to my word.”

(John 13:34)

Our purpose in Carolyn's Place, a Pregnancy Resource Center, is to seek to live out these words of Jesus by offering care, concern and love to any woman who finds herself in a problem pregnancy situation. We will do all that we can to help her in making a decision for life. While not pursuing any political agenda, we will help support in whatever ways needed, every woman who chooses to allow her baby to live.

By our words and deeds, we will support the Right to Life of every child in the womb as well as the right of the mother to continue the mystery that began at conception. We will work to make known this Right.

Many Reasons to Celebrate!

November 4, 2007 was a momentous date for Carolyn's Place. Carolyn Marie John celebrated her sixteenth birthday while our ministry celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. The events were marked with over 210 supporters gathering for a special dinner at the Villa Rosa Pontelandolfo Restaurant in Waterbury, CT. Carolyn's Place Board Member, Jerry Brennan, emceed the evening commencing with a welcome from founder, Fr. Robert Rousseau and a blessing before the meal from Fr. John Cooney, the pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church in Watertown where baby Carolyn was found 16 years ago that evening. Following a delicious five-course meal, Chairman Ginny Baudinet presented three special awards. The evening culminated with a motivating talk from our guest speaker, the Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford. Archbishop Mansell provided us with words of support and encouragement for both Carolyn's Place ministry and continued prayer and unity for the sanctity of all life. The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Francis Karvelis, a long-time, faithful supporter of Carolyn's Place.



L to R, Mrs. Jessie Donohoe, Fr. Robert Rousseau and Archbishop Henry J. Mansell

During the special Presentations, Mrs. Jessie and Mr. Ray Donohoe accepted an award, to a standing ovation, in honor of themselves and their daughter Maureen Anne Donohoe (1966-1986). Despite many physical difficulties Maureen had to overcome, she spent her short life promoting how special each life is for all of us. Mr. and Mrs. Donohoe were involved in the formation of Carolyn's Place and the ministry was dedicated in Maureen's memory. Maureen's love for life continues to guide us as we strive to save lives and educate the community on respect and the sanctity of life. Maureen is a true inspiration for all of us and we thank her and her family for sharing their gifts with us.

Mrs. Colleen Johnstone received an Appreciation Award for her twelve years of dedicated volunteering to Carolyn's Place. Colleen has helped in many capacities including: phone consultant, Board of Director member, Education Team, and countless fundraisers. She always has a positive upbeat attitude and is willing to help whenever and wherever needed. She is a true example of sharing her time and talents.

A special recognition plaque and photo album was presented to the Knights of Columbus Fr. Loftus Council #3992 from Middlebury in grateful recognition for the renovation work to our Center. Their countless hours have made a difference in the lives of many moms and babies.

Many thanks to artist Sam D'Ambroso for donating a beautiful landscape painting entitled "The Red Barns of Cornwall" for our raffle. For the past several years Sam has specially painted a scene depicting the Connecticut landscape which he generously donates for our Annual Dinner raffle. This year we were honored to have Mr. D'Ambroso join us at the evening's event. We also would like to give special thanks to Mr. Tony Purcaro from Purcaro Video Productions in Naugatuck for videotaping the evening's events. It will be a special memento of this wonderful occasion.

Let it Snow...

We are truly grateful to the Naugatuck Knights of Columbus Council #33 who purchased a snow blower for Carolyn's Place. It is a tremendous help in clearing our sidewalk and walkways during this beautiful, but slippery, winter season.

Many thanks!

Purchase a Pane

We are beginning a campaign to replace the windows in our Center. Mr. Charles Tooth has generously volunteered his services to donate the labor and can get us a good price for the windows. The windows will cost approximately \$125 each. Our Center has a total of 30 windows. We hope to replace the windows one by one over the next couple of years. This will not only improve the appearance of our facility, but be a saving on our fuel bill with upgraded thermal windows and provide better safety. Anyone wishing to "purchase a window" for Carolyn's Place please send a check for \$125 made payable to Carolyn's Place Inc. and earmarked for "WINDOWS." Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kubala and the Living Word Christian Church, White Plains, NY (through the kindness of Dan Devino) for the windows they have already purchased!

January Shower

Many thanks to St. Thomas Becket Parish, Cheshire, for the very successful baby shower they held for us in January. This provided us with many needed items for our clients!

IN LOVING MEMORY

The St. John the Evangelist, Watertown, Council of Catholic Women hosted a Baby Shower for Carolyn's Place in November. This was a special event since it was at this church and during one of these meetings, that baby Carolyn was found 16 years ago. Mrs. Santina Carpino, who was present at that CCW meeting years ago, was called upon by Fr. Rousseau to help with the newly found baby. Sandy's recent passing made this event for Carolyn's Place, a very memorable occasion, as the group heard an update of the growth of the ministry and the many moms and babies that have been helped over the years. This group of women have a special place in our hearts as Carolyn's Place has a loving place in theirs. We are so grateful for the continued support and prayers from this wonderful organization.



CCW officers, L to R: Ellen Burns, Secretary, Carol Spatola, V.P., Carol Turonis, Treasurer, Valerie Spatola, President pose with their gifts.

Holy Cross High School Delivers "Happy Books"



Pictured above is Holy Cross High School sophomore Michelle Renna with some of the books collected in their "Happy Books" project. HCH students ran a book drive collecting children's books for our clients. It was an overwhelming success. Thanks to all who helped!

A **HUGE** thanks to St. John of the Cross Parish, Middlebury, for their ongoing support. This year's donation of \$3,000 helps us to continue to serve all who come to our Center. The pro-life committee's assistance in our ministry is greatly appreciated!

Baby Bottle Boomerangs

We are extremely grateful to **St. Michael's Church in Beacon Falls, CT** for sponsoring a Baby Bottle Boomerang for Carolyn's Place last fall. The parish raised over \$1633.36!

During the Advent Season, the parishoners of **St. Augustine Parish in N. Branford** held a Baby Bottle Boomerang under the leadership of Melayna Lovelace and Mary Pacelli. Money from this fundraiser is still trickling in, but to date the parish has raised \$3,877.54!

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.
- Save the bottles and reuse for a future boomerang or if borrowed, return them to Carolyn's Place.

6/1/07–5/31/08 Annual Membership (as of February 1, 2008)

\$15,000 Anonymous Match	Hibbard, Rev. & Mrs. Paul	Blasko, Michael	Mascoli, Mr. & Mrs. David
Cornerstone Circle	Kidulas, Hazel	Bluick, Denise	McColgan, Andree
Anonymous	Kiley, Evelyn	Boilard, Mr. & Mrs. Francis	McGarry, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Basil Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Michael	Kozlowski, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond	Boucher, Evelyn	McGuire, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh
Brennan, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome	Leone, Dr. & Mrs. Vincent	Brogna, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	McGuirk, Gerard
Teta, Mary Jane	Longo, Joseph and Longo, Peter	Brophy, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	McKinley, Patricia
The DelDonno Family in memory of John DelDonno	Looney, Fr. Joseph	Bruch, Dr. & Mrs. Paul	McMahon, Mary
Pillar	Lynch, Mr. & Mrs. William	Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Richard	Mingrone, Mr. & Mrs. Victor
Anonymous (4)	Mancini, Mr. & Mrs. Carmen	Cana Prayer Group	Morton, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Donohoe, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond	Massicotte, Mr. & Mrs. Marcel	Castler, Margaret	Muckle, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Goulet, Mr. & Mrs. David	Maurice, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald	Capelletti, Jean	Nidoh, Gayle
Hampel, Mr. & Mrs. David	McCormack, Mr. & Mrs. Michael	Carmody, Mr. & Mrs. James	Nosahogan Lodge No. 21 I.O.O.F.
Zarella, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	MJ Fahy and Sons Inc.	Cooney, Jane	O'Brien, Laura
Protector	Moriarty, Mr. & Mrs. John	Corliss, Mr. & Mrs. Gary	Okoski, Mr. & Mrs. Walter
Anonymous (2)	Pagliaro Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Ernest	Dahlquist, Mr. & Mrs. Carl	Pelletier, Marian
Baudinet, Mr. & Mrs. Philip	Perreault, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund	DeLuca, Margaret	Ritacco, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene
Capece, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent	Plocharczyk, Msg. Daniel	Diorio, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund	Russo, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent
Farren, Marjorie	Proe, Dora	Doucette, Louise	Russo, Tony
Kubala, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	Quaintance, Mr. & Mrs. Doug	Durkin, Mr. & Mrs. John	Sakalas, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Tremaglio, Mr. & Mrs. Neil	Quinn, Mary Lee	Dwyer, Mr. & Mrs. Edward	Sexton, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Patron	Ratchford, Robert	Dyer, Mr. & Mrs. Robert	Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Terrence
Anonymous (13)	Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Mark	Ferraris, Sandra	Solan, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Arnauckas, Mr. & Mrs. Donald	Shea, Mr. & Mrs. Paul	Fleckenstein, Mr. & Mrs. John	Souilliard, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas
Baudinet, Mr. & Mrs. Charles	Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. Robert	Fortin, Mr. & Mrs. Jean Luc	Spatola, Valerie & Carol
Baudinet, Michael	Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Harold	Funk, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew	Stefanczyk, Mr. & Mrs. Henry
Blank, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond	Solomita, Mr. & Mrs. Armand	Gniadek, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	Stokes, Mr. & Mrs. Martin
Brayne, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	Spicer, Nancy	Gordon, Deacon and Mrs. Robert	Strelchun, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Carnese, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel	Stephens, Marilyn	Grossenbach, Karen	Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Catuccio, Mr. & Mrs. William	Strobel, Mr. & Mrs. George	Harkins, Mr. & Mrs. Peter	Thompson, Maria
Charbonneau, Mr. & Mrs. John	Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Robert	Heineman, Mr. & Mrs. Carl	Tiul, Mr. & Mrs. Raul
Charpentier, Cecile	Wakefield, Caroline	Hejna, Mr. & Mrs. Paul	Urbanowicz, Mr. & Mrs. Edward
Checovetes, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Eugene	Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Walter	Horner, Anne	Vagnini, Mary
Colonero, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Vincent	Zotto, Mr. & Mrs. Sam	Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. John	Valla, Fr. Dominic
Dayton, Mr. & Mrs. Richard	Zupkus, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin	Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Charles	Wanag, Mary
DeLuca, Mr. & Mrs. Louis	Friends	Kotchian, Mr. & Mrs. John	Welch, Denise
Dillon, Fr. Kevin	Anonymous (16)	Lemay, Mr. & Mrs. Gary	Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Charles
DiVenere, Leslie	Babarik, Mr. & Mrs. Paul	Lemay, Mr. Walter	Yu, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie
Dziubek, Mr. & Mrs. Frank	Baker, Dr. & Mrs. Matthew	Lizotte, Mr. & Mrs. Richard	Zawadzki, Mr./Mrs. John Zbuska, Sophie
Flynn, Mr. & Mrs. John	Bamback, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence	Loiseau, Mr. & Mrs. Lester	Zottoli, Francine Zupkus, Catherine
Gauthier, Joan	Banks, Mr. & Mrs. Donald	Lombardi, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony	Donations
Gelineau, Mr. & Mrs. Norman	Barber, Mr. & Mrs. Charles	Luccaro, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony	Anonymous Nanna, Betty
Gribbin, Mr. & Mrs. Philip	Barlow, Claire	Mahon, Deborah	Jones, Mr./Mrs. Michael Perrone, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Grisgraber, Kathleen	Basil, Mr. & Mrs. Donald	Mailhot, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew	Lawlor, Richard Potter, Herb
Gubbiotti, Fr. Jeffry		Marottolo, Mr. & Mrs. Marty	Weymer, Aldonia

Earning Two Awards!

Matt Goulet, from Boy Scout Troop 52 in Oakville, re-landscaped Carolyn's Place's new Center for his Eagle Scout project. Matt researched the species of plants that would prosper in our shady environment, and would require minimal care while providing an attractive frontage landscape. He worked with landscape architect and nursery owner Jay Angle from Jay's Nursery in Watertown. Matt called on Jon Andrew to remove the existing overgrown shrubbery with his mini-excavator. Matt recruited 10 scouts to assist for a full day of adding organic materials to the soil and planting all new shrubs. This included landscaping and edging a small flower garden around the Our Lady of Guadalupe painting which adorns the front of our Center, and also seeding and fertilizing the lawn. This project not only earned Matt the rank of Eagle Scout, but earned us recognition as a recipient of the Waterbury Beautification Award (see article below). Thanks, Matt!

We are most grateful to Matt for the wonderful job he did at Carolyn's Place and congratulate him for his success in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout!



Matt and his team hard at work!

Waterbury Beautification Award

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center was a recipient of a beautification award at the 13th annual Waterbury Litter Control and Beautification Award Ceremony. Dave Goulet and Ginny Baudinet accepted the award for Carolyn's Place at the October 30, 2007 dinner presentation. We are proud to be a part of the Waterbury community and honored to receive this recognition. *Pictured are Beautification Committee members Elaine Puzo (L) and Bonnie Orintas presenting the award to our Board Chairperson, Ginny Baudinet.*



ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 6:30PM

The Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, March 27, 2008 at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall, 574 Main St., Watertown, CT 06795. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with a mass to celebrate the gift of life, followed by the meeting which will update you on our year's statistics and financial situation, while offering you an opportunity for questions and answers. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

Thank you!

Many thanks to all who remembered Carolyn's Place this Christmas season! Once again, we are humbled by your generosity! A special thank-you to the following:

Mrs. Gilligan's Pre-K class at Blessed Sacrament School
St. Matthew's Church, Bristol

St. Mary Magdalen Church, Oakville

St. Teresa's Men's Group, Woodbury

St. Francis Xavier Church, Waterbury

SS. Peter and Paul Church, Waterbury

United Methodist Church, Watertown

Immaculate Conception Women's Group, Waterbury

St. Mary's Hospital Pediatrics, Waterbury

Social Service Dept., Kaynor Technical High, Waterbury

Colleen Collins

IBM, Southbury

Soroptomists, Waterbury Chapter

Urology Specialists, Middlebury

St. John the Evangelist CCW, Watertown

St. Stanislaus, Bristol

St. Ann's, Bristol

We apologize if we have inadvertently left someone off this list but please know that we appreciate each and every donation that helps with the lives of our babies!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

- Phone consulting
- Client intake
- Education & outreach
- Facility maintenance
- Transportation of items
- General clerical help
- Development & strategic planning
- Fundraising

Training is provided and hours are flexible. Call Ellen at 203-597-9050 for more information.

Crib Drive a Success!!

The Respect Life Committee of Sacred Heart Church, Southbury, conducted a fundraising drive in the month of January in the "Growing in Faith Together" program. They raised \$2,518.28 to be used to purchase cribs for our clients. Thank you so much! Pictured is our Director, Ellen Cavallo (L), accepting a check on behalf of Carolyn's Place from Bernadette McGarry from Sacred Heart Parish.



EDUCATING FOR LIFE ~ BOOK REVIEW

Some Excellent Reading

The Dog Trainer's Guide to Parenting by Harold Hansen

A fun read with a common sense guide to parenting. While some advice is given "tongue in cheek," the outcomes are long lasting!

Angel in the Waters by Regina Dorman

This is a beautiful book with lovely illustrations. It describes a baby's journey from conception to birth. An excellent book for young children and for all of us who still speak to our guardian angels!



Winter Wish List & Fall Thank You's!

If you can help us out with any of these items, new or used, please contact us at 203-695-3999.

Diapers Sizes Newborn, 2, 3, 4 and 5, an upright chest of drawers (minimum of 4 drawers), free standing coat tree, computer chair with wheels, TV stand on wheels,

Labor needed: Door and window trim painting, window replacement, yard maintenance, snow shoveling

We are sincerely grateful for all of the donations we received from our Fall newsletter. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ritacco for the two new dehumidifiers, Mrs. Florence Cittadini for the two storage dressers, the anonymous donor who gave us gift certificates for Target and The Home Depot which have been used for MANY items needed around the Center including shovels, ice melt, flashlights, folding tables light bulbs etc., Ms. June Archer for the lamps, the donor of our dresser, and Mr. Jean Luc Fortin, Mr. Charles Tooth and Mr. Perry Forgione for various maintenance work around the Center and Mr. Dean Tarsi for snow removal.

A Cozy Donation

Once again, employees of IBM, Southbury used their talents to make afghans and fleece blankets for Carolyn's Place to distribute to moms and their babies as a special Christmas gift. Marian Colangelo has been spearheading this project as part of the Agency Day of Caring Program which is run annually at IBM. This year there were several men whom Sarah McNally taught to make fleece blankets. Doug Ziewke explained that the blanket project has expanded beyond the IBM doors with relatives and friends participating.

Each blanket was handmade using soft pastel colors and patterns. We are so grateful for all of the love and care that went into each of these beautiful blankets.

L to R: Carolyn's Place volunteer Monique Fortin , IBM Employees: Sarah McNally, Marian Colangelo and Doug Ziewke display homemade blankets.



Some of God's biggest blessings come in small packages!



Julian



Angeliese



The Cooke Family

In memoriam

On November 29, the pro-life movement lost a tireless champion. Henry Hyde (R-IL) passed away at the age of 83. Perhaps best known for his "Hyde Amendment" of 1976 that stopped federal funding of millions of abortions, Rep. Hyde was also a leader in passing the ban on partial-birth abortions.

Let us reflect on these words of Rep. Hyde:

"When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God — and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world, and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him, because he loved us,' — and God will look at you and say not, 'Did you succeed?' but "Did you try?"

For our volunteers:

"Let us ask Our Lady, in a very special way: Mary, mother of Jesus, be a mother to each of us, that we, like you, may be pure in heart, that we, like you, love Jesus; that we, like you, serve the poorest for we are all poor. First let us love our neighbors and so fulfill God's desire that we become carriers of his love and compassion." Mother Teresa



Volunteers share a meal as well as the work!

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