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Bridge Provides Care

As nearly 41% of pregnancies end in abortion in New York City, you probably know somebody who has had an abortion. You may even know somebody who has had multiple abortions. She could be a family member, a friend, an associate at work or your daughter's friend. It is important to show love and compassion towards such women as many of them regret their abortions and feel that they have been abandoned and are unworthy of love and respect. Some post-abortive women turn to alcohol and drugs to ease their pain. The abortion industry has told them that the procedure is not "life altering" and that they can "have children later . . . when they are ready." Sadly, some post-abortive women never have children or are even left sterile from the abortion procedure. Nobody should have to suffer in silence. Bridge is here to help these women and to show them that there is help and healing after such a traumatic experience.

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## Spreading the Pro-Life Message

Recently, I felt called to reach a massive audience with Pro-Life evangelization. I purchased pro-life signs and picked one showing a picture of a baby in the womb with the words "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you". This message is a powerful one, and, I am able to reach tens of thousands of people with it every time I go to Times Square. The truth is that I get a mixed response from people. We must continue to wake up Americans to the devastating things that are happening to unborn babies in our society. I sincerely believe that one person can make a tremendous difference in the fight for righteousness in our city. Submitted by Michael Mullaney.

## Bridge Featured on TV Show

This year The Bridge to Life was featured on Net TV's show named "Currents". Log on to your computer; go to [www.nettv.net](http://www.nettv.net) and type The Bridge to Life on the Search Bar. You will see a virtual tour of our Flushing office as Ed Wilkinson interviews volunteers at work in our Flushing office.

## Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE:  
Our Annual  
Dinner ~Dance at  
Leonard's of Great  
Neck on Sunday  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 2015

## Special Thanks

Two special Knights of Columbus Councils offered their time and talents sponsoring special occasions for Bridge. The Monsignor Dillon Council Knights of Columbus sponsored a Pasta Dinner for us in June. The General Sherman/ Father Shine Council sponsored a Pasta Dinner for us in September. Our sincere thanks for the efforts of the Knights, true pro-life champions.

Thanks to St. John's University Students for Life and alumni who arrived at our doors on September 27<sup>th</sup> to help with our transition from summer to winter clothes. We are most grateful for all of their help! Students of the Queens College Sorority – PHI SIGMA SIGMA sponsored a baby shower and

collected clothing and donations of which we are most grateful.

Special thanks to three wonderful high school volunteers, Kimberly, Julia and Gabriella

They have dedicated their time on special projects for our Flushing facility. Kimberly spent many hours at Bridge over the summer. She was a great multitasker! She held babies for moms, was a super sorter, helped in the office to name a few tasks! Julia started a book drive providing us with books that we share with the children who come to us with their moms and dads. Gabriella has spent time with the children doing various art projects while they were waiting with their moms for material assistance. She is also working on a holiday project by wrapping gifts that we provide for families in need at this special time of year. We are most grateful for all of them.

*Due to the generosity of one of our donors, a TV/ DVD player was given to Bridge. We are able to make mothers more aware of the miracle of birth. It has been quite an effective tool.*

**Wonderful Volunteers**

**The Bridge to Life is a nonprofit organization that in existence because of donations and volunteers. We accept donations of babies, children’s and women’s clothing and accessories. We also accept baby items such as cribs, strollers, car seats, bassinets, and high chairs. We have approximately 30 volunteers in our two centers. Our volunteers come to us with open hearts, willing to give of their time and talents for pregnant moms and families in need. They help us in various ways: some help us with sorting clothes or distributing**

**clothes to the women who come to our doors, some help in the office with paperwork, faxing or mailings. When they have been with us for a while and have had experience or training, they help us with phone calls that we receive from moms in need. The volunteers use their gifts in the areas that they are most able. We would not have our wonderful facilities without our volunteers! We want to sincerely thank them for all their hard work. They all add their special touch to Bridge making it a loving, caring place where moms can go for help. We also have a Board of Directors who volunteer and offer their talents at monthly meetings.**



**Woman Finds Us**

A pregnant mom found us on the internet. She was 6 weeks pregnant with few resources. We were able to refer her for a free ultrasound and material assistance! She is very appreciative that we are there for her during her pregnancy and beyond!

**We Need You**

Would you like to volunteer at our Flushing or Astoria locations? (see front page for contact info.)  
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**Memorials**

One way to give to Bridge can be to send a memorial to us in the name of a living or deceased loved one in lieu of flowers.

**S.O.S.**

Donations of infant car seats (no more than five years old), cribs (no drop down sides), strollers & playpens are always welcomed!

***More drivers are urgently needed to pick up baby bottles and donations for those who have no means of bringing them to us.***

**Statistics**

Of the 203,514 viable pregnancies in New York City in 2011-- 80,485 were terminated by abortion. 2,085, or 2.59%, of the abortions performed in the City in 2011 were performed at gestational ages of 21 weeks or later.

**The Definition of Pregnancy**

There are some who would state that pregnancy begins at implantation – not fertilization. At fertilization a new human life comes into existence. At that moment the color of his eyes, how tall she’ll be, his/her sex and everything relating to his/her DNA is established. Implantation is a change in location, not humanity. Being a prolife organization, we treasure life at all stages, from the moment of conception until natural death.

**Baby Bottle Campaigns**

The following are some of the churches and schools who have so generously had baby bottle campaigns for us this year: St Josaphat, St. Stanislaus Kostka, Holy Family, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Mercy, Resurrection Ascension, St. Elizabeth, Transfiguration, St. Gregory the Great School and Rosary Altar Society, St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church (continuous), St. Sebastian and St. Thomas the Apostle.