



Mother of Life
Center

Summer 2025
Newsletter



Dear Friends,

As we wrap up our fiscal year and move into the heart of summer, our hearts are filled with gratitude. The mission of the Mother of Life Center is made possible only through your faithful prayers, generous gifts, and unwavering support.

Every day at the Center, we walk alongside women and families facing some of the most difficult and vulnerable moments of their lives. Many young pregnant women come to us in crisis, searching for hope. Others are seeking healing from the pain of a past abortion or miscarriage. We also welcome new moms and dads eager to grow as parents through our parenting classes.

Rooted in the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church, we offer physical, emotional, and spiritual support to every woman who walks through our door. This year, we are especially moved to share that 12 young mothers have chosen to baptize their babies shortly after birth—and three of these women wish to be baptized alongside their children. This is the beautiful fruit of your generosity and God's grace at work.

We believe every life is created in the image of God. Every heartbeat—born or unborn—is sacred. Every person deserves to be seen, supported, and loved, and we cannot do this without you.

As the cost of living continues to rise, so too do the expenses of operating the Center. If you are able, we humbly ask you to consider increasing your monthly or one-time gift by just \$5 or \$10. That small increase can make a lasting impact in the lives of the women, children, and families we serve.

Your generosity sustains this mission. Your prayers strengthen our team. Your compassion changes lives.

From all of us at the Mother of Life Center—thank you. Your commitment keeps this ministry strong. We look ahead with hope and anticipation for all that God will continue to do through your faithful support.

With gratitude and hope,

*Lise Desmarais, Executive Director,
and the Mother of Life Center Team*

Rose Gala in Narragansett, Sunday, September 28

Purchase meal & drink tickets,
tables, sponsorships and
advertising online at:

motheroflife.org/gala-2025

To purchase by mail or phone:
Lise Desmarais: 401-421-0821
Lise@motheroflife.org



Oceanside at
The Dunes Club • 137 Boston Neck Road

4pm
Cocktails
5pm
Dinner

No paddle raise,
but we will welcome
your pledge!



Our Lady,
Star of the Sea
Patroness of
Rose Gala 2025

Don't miss keynote speaker Dr. Dermot Kearney who has saved 67 babies. Abortion pill reversal expert, cardiologist and former president of the U.K. Catholic Medical Association, he will speak about how we can prevail with the Culture of Life.

Only 300 tickets will be sold! Please purchase well before the August 28 deadline.
Ads must be booked by August 8; contact Richard@motheroflife.org, 401-421-0821.



Positive Impact Report: 297 clients heard the Gospel, 155 rededicated their lives to Christ, 82 lives were saved, and 37 parenting classes were taught.

Wonders & Designs

Fostering two children is challenging enough, but how is it when both are babies — twins who need a specialized formula for nutrition and survival?

A client who is doing exactly that for her sister called to appeal for the assistance that we are so eager to give. However, relying on general donations, we usually don't have that specific formula in stock.

On this occasion we did — because during the preceding week a remarkable donor had provided the exact formula those babies needed.

Our Lord Jesus, present in our chapel, proves that His way, His truth, His life is among us—clients, contributors, and caring staff.

We Still Need You

If it's been more than a year since your last gift, please remember — you helped set this mission in motion, and we haven't paused since. Today, our clients still need you just as much.

Your support is what allows us to respond to that call effectively. You are the unique donor whose tender compassion and generosity show up at the right moment.

Don't ever think that your level of giving is not enough. When a shelf is empty where maternity and baby goods should be, we can make a purchase with your gift and others.

Please use the enclosed envelope to refresh your support. Thank you! May God bless you.

Cookout / Open House

On Saturday, August 16, all are welcome to visit the Center to enjoy a guided tour led by our staff, plus a free cookout donated and hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #322.

The menu includes sausage & peppers, hot dogs, chips, soda and water.

Bring your whole family so that every age group can be edified by how we serve and save babies and moms in need and at-risk. Parish pro-life groups are particularly encouraged.

RSVPs are not necessary, but if you know you will come, please send a note to Richard@motheroflife.org.



Amazing Rose Sale!

We are so grateful to everyone who devoted time, energy, heart, and contributions to help make our Spring Rose Sale a huge success!

A special thank you to the participating pastors and parishes, Bishop Hendricken High School, Venda Ravioli, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Providence College Student for Life — Cassidy Pry, Biking for Babies Missionary Rider — Amanda Nolan, and her sister — Mary Kate, Christian Larivee, the dedicated volunteers who picked up and prepared the roses, and the thousands of supportive people who purchased them. God bless you all!



Cassidy Pry and Costantino granddaughters selling our Mother's Day roses outside Venda Ravioli.

Rapid Responders

Would you like to be part of a special team of donors who are on-call to help with an urgent need such as a car seat so that a mom can bring her newborn home from the hospital?

If you would, please contact our Family Advocate, Julie Lamin Sparling: Julie@motheroflife.org, 401-421-0821. When such a need arises, Julie will text, phone or email the rapid response team to help those mothers take care of their babies.



Our first-ever online auction—Bids for Babies—was a great success, bringing in nearly \$8,000 to help sustain our work! Folks from Connecticut to California bid on gift cards, travel, memorabilia, event & amusement admission tickets, and more.

Big thanks to everyone who donated and bid on the items! It was exciting for us to watch the auction evolve, especially during the final hours.

We'll do this again in May-June 2026, so watch for our promotions in January. In the meantime, please consider what you can contribute. Thank you!

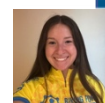
Bicycling 600 Miles for the Center

Over the course of 3 years, hundreds of pro-life missionary cyclists and crew have self-sacrificially raised more than \$12,000 for the Center through the partnership by which we are blessed and honored.

This year, Biking for Babies geared up to a new level of interaction: 8 young adults riding the inaugural Portland to Philadelphia route, which includes visiting and overnighting at the Center.

With your prayers and pledges we ask you to bless Amanda, Trey, Rachel, Jack, Olivia, Matthew, Aubrie, and Whitney.

Do that and learn more at BikingForBabies.com.



In Their Own Words: "Mother of Life Center helped me with my daughter. I am forever grateful!"