

CAROLYN'S VOICE

GETTING TO KNOW US: OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At times, we are asked the question: "Who are the board members of Carolyn's Place?" We know it's an important question since they help us to make significant operating and business decisions as well as plan for the future. Based on this interest, we would like to formally introduce our Board of Director members to you. Their dedication and talents make a wonderful difference and insure that the contributions from donors, the time provided by volunteers and the support from our friends are used most effectively. Here's our team.



The Board of Directors at Carolyn's Place

Front Row (left to right): Neil Tremaglio, Ginny Baudinet, Walter Williams,
Jerry Brennan Back row: Father Robert Rousseau, Dorothy Kubala, Barbara Theriault

Father Robert Rousseau, the *Founder of Carolyn's Place* and a current board director, has been a key leader since its beginning in 1992. He recently became the Pastor of Saint Augustine Church in North Branford in June of 2006. Previously, he was Pastor at Saint Ann Church in Bristol and Pastor of St John the Evangelist Church in Watertown where baby Carolyn was found and from where Carolyn's Place was established. Father Rousseau holds a Masters of Divinity degree and a Masters in Pastoral Counseling.

Virginia (Ginny) Baudinet, our *Chairman of the Board* has been active with Carolyn's Place for over fourteen years. During this time, her volunteer work included phone consultation, fundraisers and development, serving as a representative at community events and other activities. She was elected Chairman of the Board last year. Ginny holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY Geneseo and a Masters Degree from the University of Virginia in Special

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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.

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Education. She taught special education in New York, Arizona and Wisconsin until leaving to raise five children. Ginny, her husband and family are members of the Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Water-town.

Walter Williams has been a member of the Board of Directors of Carolyn's Place for 8 years, and is currently our *Vice Chairman*. He is a member of St. Teresa's pro-life ministry in Woodbury, and previously its chairman. He and his wife remain active in pro-life activities, and lead a pro-life Rosary in the church. Walter received a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Jurisprudence from St. John's University. He is licensed to practice in Connecticut, and previously engaged in private practice, in corporate law departments, and in the government.

Barbara Theriault, our *Treasurer*, has served on the Board for over six years and has been a past chair-person as well. Barbara has been with Adams Samartino & Co., PC, a Certified Public Accounting firm in Bristol for over thirteen years. Her expertise has allowed her to manage the bookkeeping needs for Carolyn's Place. Barbara has also worked in the insurance industry and holds a Nursing Assistant certification with significant experience in administering to the elderly. She and her husband are members of the St. Mathew's Church parish in Forestville and have a daughter and two sons, including three grand-daughters.

Dorothy Kubala, our *Secretary*, has served on the Board of Carolyn's Place for three years. Originally from Chicago, she has been a very strong supporter of pro-life activities. She was an active volunteer at the USO for several years. Dorothy has held administrative, healthcare and managerial positions in small businesses and currently is a member of the accounting office at the Bristol Community Organization. As a parishioner of Saint Ann Church in Bristol, she has headed the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, assisted in efforts for the Haitian Health Foundation and has been a long time supporter of the parish food pantry.

Jerome (Jerry) Brennan, a pro-life coordinator at his parish for over eight years, joined Carolyn's Place Board last year. He currently directs finance, administration and marketing at a regional nonprofit organization providing occupational services for people with disabilities. Previously, Jerry held leadership positions at SNET/AT&T and The Hartford Financial Services Group. He earned a B.S. degree from Southern Connecticut State University and Masters Degrees in business and planning from New York University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Jerry, along with his wife and two daughters, are members of the Church of the Epiphany Parish in Cheshire.

Neil Tremaglio, an active volunteer in community organizations, also joined Carolyn's Place Board last year. He has served as President of Waterbury Swiss Automatics, a Waterbury manufacturing firm, for over ten years. Previously, he was a Portfolio Manager/Bond Trader at the Travelers Insurance Company and held a position at the public accounting firm of Ernst & Young. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston College, a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Hartford and is a Certified Public accountant. Neil, along with his wife and daughter, are active members of St. Aloysius Parish in Southington.

The Board of Directors as well as our Program Director of Carolyn's Place, Ellen Cavallo, are very appreciative of your ongoing support and prayers. It is friends like you that truly make our work possible. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call us, send us a note or drop-by the office any time. We wish you a very happy New Year!

HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL

Carolyn's Place has recently become an affiliate of Heartbeat International. Heartbeat International is a Christian interdenominational association that provides networking opportunities, and the support training and resources for members to be creative and entrepreneurial, as the Lord leads, in their own communities.

As an affiliate, we can avail ourselves of many benefits while still maintaining our autonomy. We receive free model program manuals and quarterly newsletters, as well as being a part of Option line, and have access to their general counsel, Peggy Wolock, J.D., for consultations.

Our director, Ellen Cavallo, completed Heartbeat's Concert training in early December. Concert is a 16 week, online, distance learning course. It is an advanced level consultant certificate training course for pregnancy options consultants. We look forward to utilizing the many programs now available to us.

A PRECIOUS GIFT



Emily and Craig, who recently completed our Earn While You Learn program, show off their Christmas present. Presents don't get any better than Evan Riley!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
ANNUAL MEETING:
Wednesday, March 28, 2007
7:00 PM
St. Margaret Church
289 Willow Street
Waterbury, CT**

On Wednesday, March 28, 2007 Carolyn's Place will hold their Annual Meeting. It will be held at **St. Margaret Church** beginning at 7 PM with mass followed by the meeting in the church hall below. All are invited to join us and get an update on our status and progress during the past year.

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center Personal Needs Drop off Station

Office Products 1760 Watertown Ave. Waterbury, CT

Reminder: Personal needs items such as cribs, car seats, diapers etc. may also be dropped off at Office Products.

Thank you Owners Judy and Carl Breiner, we are most grateful.

WINTER WISH LIST (If you can help with any of these items, please contact us at (203) 695-3999.)

As we look towards the future and plan for when we get our new "home," we will need furnishings for this location. We have a storage area available so we are beginning the search for items now. These items can be new or used. Items needed:

Office: 2 computer desks and chairs, file cabinet, work table.

Client program room: comfortable couches, and chairs.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh of Southbury for donating the beautiful shelving unit.

MANY THANKS IBM!

IBM once again came through with over one hundred baby blankets for Carolyn's Place. The employees, their families and friends knitted, crocheted or



quilted baby blankets as part of the ECCC campaign. This is the fourth year IBM has collected baby blankets. The blankets were delivered to Carolyn's Place by Marie DePalma, Donna Kelso and Marian Colangelo just before the holidays. It is such a joyful experience for all of us who contributed blankets. We put the blankets on display for all at the site to see on December 13. Hope we do as well next year.

ST. AUGUSTINE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Stan and Ann Sypek, Melayna Lovelace and Mary Pacelli present a check to Fr. Rousseau from St. Augustine's Church in N. Brandford, CT. This fundraiser generated over \$5,000 thanks to the generosity of parish members. **Thank You!**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LADIES GUILD HOSTS A BABY SHOWER

On November 7, 2006 a Baby Shower was given for Carolyn's Place by St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild. "The women were very welcoming," said Director Ellen Cavallo who attended the shower. "We all had fun opening the beautiful presents, while we discussed the happenings at Carolyn's Place". **THANK YOU!**

CATHOLIC DINNER CLUB

On November 10, 2006, Ellen Cavallo, Director of Carolyn's Place, spoke at the Catholic Dinner Club held at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell. Her talk, "Building a Culture of Life, One Person at a Time", was well received.

THE CHRISTMAS TRUCK



Jim Benjamin from SS Peter and Paul Church in Waterbury makes a great Santa as he unloads his red pickup truck which was piled high with Christmas gifts from generous parishioners. **THANKS!**

IF YOUR PARISH OR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:

- Purchase a sufficient number of baby bottles for your parish or your 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 up the donations and send one check to Carolyn's Place, Inc.
- Save the bottles and reuse for a future Baby Bottle Boomerang.

AND THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU

by Meredith Di Liberto, Esq.

Beginning a new year is the perfect time to reflect on the past year – its successes and failures – and to look ahead to our goals for the future. Working to bring about the culture of life is no different: we should use this time to reflect on the pro-life successes and failures of 2006, and look ahead to our goals for 2007.



Before reflecting on the specifics however, it is always good to reflect on the big picture: what's so important about the culture of life anyway? Why is protecting life, and in particular unborn life, important? The answer, so profound and yet, so simple, was the subject of Pope Benedict XVI's midnight mass homily. The answer is the Baby.

“To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:11-12. With these words, Pope Benedict XVI spoke:

“God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the baby. God's sign is that He makes Himself small for us. This is how He reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendour. He comes as a baby – defenseless and in need of our help. ... God made Himself small so that we could understand Him, welcome Him, and love Him. ... In this way God teaches us to love the little ones. In this way He teaches us to love the weak. In this way He teaches us respect for children. The Child of Bethlehem directs our gaze towards all children who suffer and are abused, the born and the unborn. ...In all these it is the Child of Bethlehem who is crying out to us; it is the God who has become small who appeals to us. Let us pray this night that the brightness of God's love may enfold all these children. Let us ask God to help us do our part so that the dignity of children may be respected.”

What beautiful words! Our all-powerful God humbled Himself to take the form of a baby, so that every small life would bear the dignity of Him. In protecting the unborn and working to promote the culture of life, we glorify the Child of Bethlehem. Can you think of a more important reason?!

And so we forge ahead in our reflection. 2006 was a year of both pro-life successes and failures. Two highlights to mention: First, the U.S. Supreme Court saw the addition of Justice Samuel Alito. Justice Alito is a practicing Catholic, and, I should note that as a judge on the Third Circuit, he upheld all of the abortion restrictions in *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*. Now a member of the Court that overturned him, Justice Alito will have the opportunity to have the last word on life issues. Second, pro-lifers jumped in the state arena in 2005 in a big way. Perhaps frustrated by the difficulty of working with the federal system, pro-lifers across the U.S. took state legislatures and state courts by storm! From parental notification laws to outright bans on abortion, the warriors of the culture of law fought hard to protect the most defenseless and good, old family values.

Unfortunately, 2006 also held pro-life failures. Two “low-lights” to mention: First, despite more women dying as a direct result of taking the abortion pill called RU-486, the FDA forged ahead with its agenda of death and made the morning-after pill (Plan B) available over-the-counter. Second, the Senate failed by 3 votes to pass the Child Custody Protection Act, which prohibits a minor from being escorted out of state to obtain an abortion without parental notification. This leaves minor girls at the mercy of school guidance counselors, nurses and teachers and it leaves parents in the dark.

AND THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU continued ...

Looking ahead to 2007 the most anticipated event will be the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the federal partial birth abortion ban. The Court heard oral arguments in the cases in November, so a spring decision could be in the works. I listened to the arguments and all I can say is: PRAY! There was no clear "winner" and the stakes could not be higher.

And this leads me to my final thoughts. First of all, keep up the good work! The culture of life needs us all to do our part. As Pope Benedict XVI said, "the Child of Bethlehem is crying out to us." How will we answer the call? The culture of life has so many opportunities to answer the call. Supporting Carolyn's Place is a great way to answer the call. Getting involved in state politics is another. Don't surrender the government to the culture of death. We have to fight for it! But absolutely most of all, we MUST PRAY! As important as all of our "work" is to the strengthening of the culture of life, this is ultimately, a spiritual battle. Evil must not be allowed to prevail because we forgot to use our most powerful weapon.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:6-7.

THANKS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

During the Christmas season Carolyn's Place was blessed with many gifts for our moms and babies. We want to thank all of our generous supporters including: Daughters of Isabella, Litchfield; St. Michael Church, Beacon Falls; St. Francis of Assisi, Naugatuck; St. Francis Xavier, Waterbury; St. Francis Xavier School, Waterbury; St. Ann Church, Bristol; St. Matthew Church, Forestville; SS Peter and Paul Church, Waterbury; Ladies Guild Immaculate Conception, Waterbury; St. Mary Magdalen Church, Oakville; Soroptimist Society, Waterbury; Acetura Family, Prospect; Picard Family, Watertown; IBM, Southbury; Pre-K Class at Blessed Sacrament School, Waterbury.

Drop, Add, or Change of Address

We're in the process of updating Carolyn's Place mailing list. Please cut out this form and return it with any changes in the enclosed envelope.

My Address has changed.

Please add this name to the mailing list.

Please remove my name from the mailing list.

Name: _____

Address: _____

HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY CAROLYN MARIE

Celebrating the birth of the baby who was found and named Carolyn, Carolyn's Place marked its 14 years of service to the greater Waterbury area with an anniversary event at The Grand Oak Villa in Oakville on November 5. One hundred and fifty supporters enjoyed a full course dinner, special acknowledgements to supporters, Jane Teta of Southbury and Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Calabrese of Watertown, and a special presentation by guest speaker, Sister Mairead Marie Hegerty. Sister Mairead, a native of Donegal Ireland, shared her story in joining the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal and her advocacy for human dignity and life. The evening was topped off with birthday cake, table prizes and a drawing for an original painting by award winning artist, Sam D'Ambruoso.



Dear Friend, Carolyn's Place is entirely supported by contributions. Your donation is greatly appreciated to help us to continue ministering to unborn babies and their mothers and delivering a message of life to teenagers and adults. Thank you for your generosity.

Yes I would like to donate \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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