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Introduction

Apostle Susan has been helping women for 45 years. This year's fundraiser is a celebration of life. Susan gave her life to the Lord in 1978, serving in a local church in various areas of need, most notably as the pastor's wife's assistant. In 1989 the Lord spoke to Susan to start Rachel's Joy through Isaiah 54:1-10:

"Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband," says the Lord. "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. "Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband— The Lord Almighty is his name— the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit— a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God. "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord your Redeemer. "To me this is

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like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hill be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

Since then, Rachel's Joy has assisted numerous women in crisis through housing, counseling, and placement. In addition hundreds of babies are alive today, most of whom would have been aborted if not for Rachel's Joy Maternity Home.

Susan earned her Associate Degree in Mental Health from Kingsborough Community College and her B.A. in Sociology from Brooklyn College. She graduated in 2011 with her Masters degree(MSEd) from Hunter College (CUNY) in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling.

She is the founder and director of Rachel's Joy Maternity Home, a shelter for homeless or soon to become homeless young girls and women who are pregnant and/or victims of domestic violence and drug abuse. Before starting this shelter in 1989 she visited and studied other maternity homes, not only locally, but out of state as well. Susan volunteered for over a year at the Star of the Sea, a homeless shelter for women in Hollis, Queens, NY. There she worked closely with Winnie McCarthy, the shelter's director, and received extensive training in working with women. She has also volunteered at Good Counsel Home in Staten Island, NY. In addition to directing the affairs of the ministry, she is the co-pastor of Coney Island Lighthouse Mission in Coney Island.

Today she functions as a Crisis Pregnancy Center, where everything she did before she still does except that those needing housing are referred to homes she has relationships with.

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Susan is well recognized among community and religious leaders alike. In 2000, the noted Women's Forum, a group of educators and CEO's recognized her accomplishments and honored her with a special grant which she used to complete her B.A. Also on one occasion Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, after reading a Daily News Article extolling the program and it's successes, sent the then Commissioner of the Department of Human Services and his team to visit and observe her program. Other elected officials, Councilman Dominick Recchia and State Senator Marty Golden have recognized her work in the community. Beginning in 2007 Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz acknowledged Susan, and gave a proclamation designating a special day as Rachel's Joy Day in Brooklyn.

With a heartfelt concern and compassion for women in crisis situations. Susan is deeply committed to seeing that the unmet needs of young unwed mothers, domestic violence victims, and drug addicted pregnant young women are met through practical as well as spiritual ways.


In 2023 Rachel's Joy started an orphanage in Zimbabwe, Africa. Housing little girls in danger of sex trafficking, homelessness and begging on the streets. The girls will be raised in comfort, with food, clothing and a Christian education.





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Hello Susan

I just wanted to say that when I was writing my personal statement for MSW you came to my mind for so many wonderful reasons. I'm not even sure if you remember me because great people like yourself are filled with so many thank you and people that have accomplished so much just from being around you.

As I also realize you are probably the reason why I want to pursue MSW. Yes I also remember you even took me to your college class at Brooklyn College. I don't know how you became the mother figure in my mind in such a small time, but I'm thankful for that and the many counseling moments and help you have (given) to me whether I was being a hard head than or not(hopefully not).

I can only hope God can give to you unmeasurable gifts because of the great works and ideas he led you to do. And I hope I become as talented as you. It's a lot of discipline to be great and I admire that about you. I don't even know if you are still around, but I wanted to let you know if you're reading this or not you changed my life in the greatest way other moments unmatched what I have picked up for you. Moreover if you don't get to read this it doesn't even matter because your work in my life lives on because it started from you.

I am signing up for school this Fall and would have loved to have a recommendation for you for MSW for the person who inspired me the most, but I'm not sure if that would be possible in such short notice to write a recommendation for me for LIU Master's in Social Worker, but like I said it would be more of a pleasure form you and very much appreciated.

The family is well, my daughter Claudia is going to high school a couple days and my husband and 4 yr old daughter are both well. If you remember me I'm 33 now and met you when I was 19 yrs old. Memories live on

Thank you

Veronica Eugene

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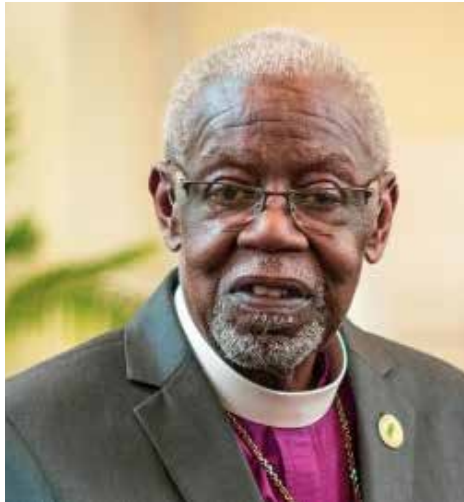
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These past 39 years of ministry with women who have experienced loneliness, abuse, abandonment, guilt from abortion and tragedy from domestic violence, have given her a passion to teach and help others.

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty."
Zec. 4:6

In addition to serving others she herself has lived through abuse, abortion and domestic violence and is able to share her experiences with you so that it will make a difference in your life. These years of ministry and life experience have made her eager and willing to share the wealth of information she has with others. Pastor Susan also has a Masters Degree in counseling from Hunter University of the City of New York.

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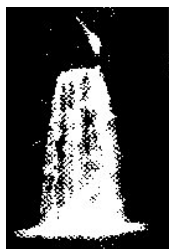
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These years of ministry to the broken has given her passion to share her heart and life. In addition to pastoring a church and establishing this ministry she earned a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Hunter University of the City of New York.

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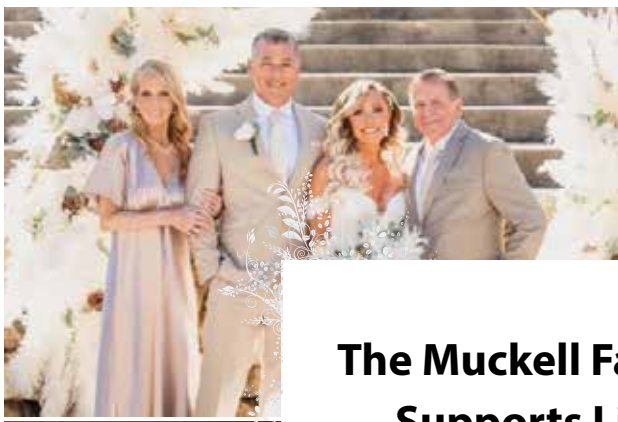
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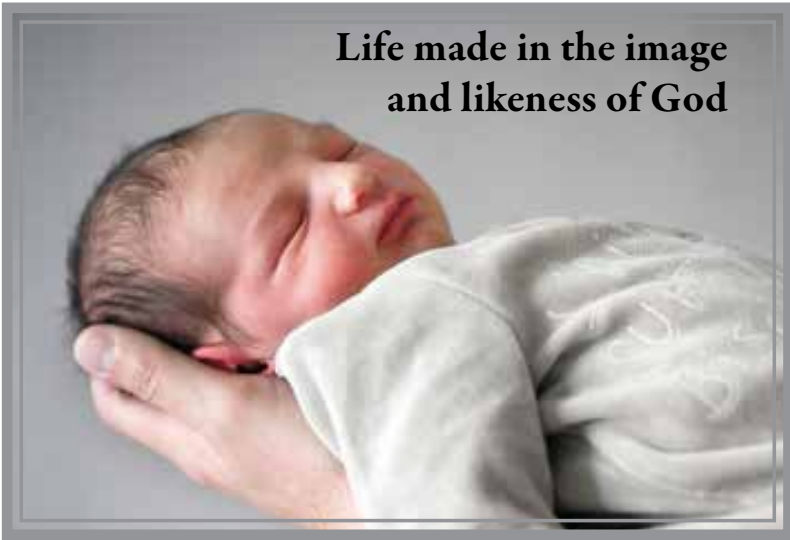
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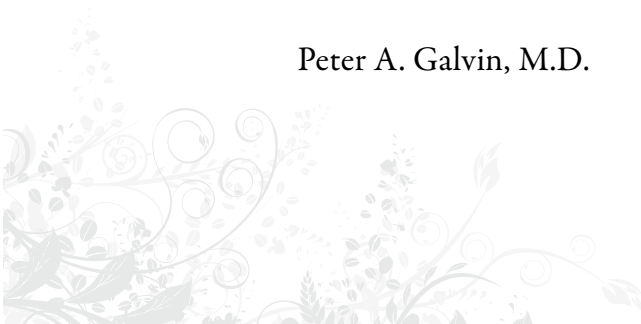


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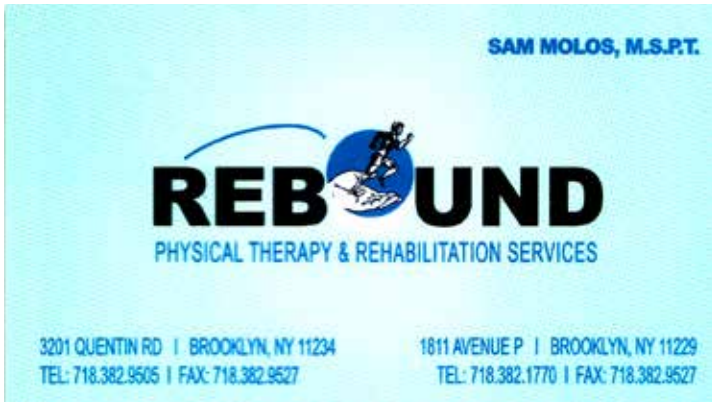


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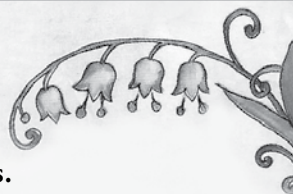
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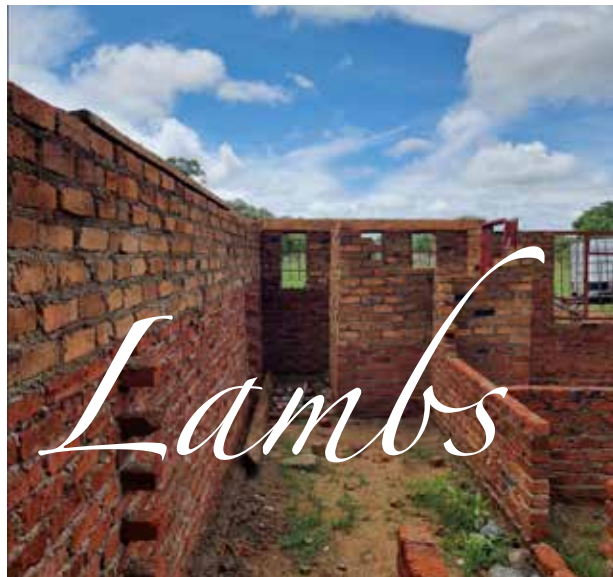
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Thank you supporters we could not do what we do here and around the world without your generous giving. This month's newsletter will feature abortion stats from Lancaster Pa., our new baby dedications, plus the great strides we are making on the orphanage in Zimbabwe.

Abortion rights are still at the forefront. These states have already banned or are moving to ban and restrict abortion. At least 21 states have moved to ban or restrict abortion. Near total bans have been enacted in: Alabama-near-total-ban-on abortion, Arizona-bans abortion except for mothers health. Idaho-illegal, Kentucky-illegal, Arkansas-6-week-abortion ban Louisiana-illegal; Mississippi-6-week-abortion ban, Missouri banning nearly all abortions, North-Dakota,-abortions-banned, South Dakota-banned, Tennessee-banned, Texas-6-week-ban-in effect, Utah-illegal-and-Wyoming-illegal, Georgia-6-week-abortion ban.

Many states are fighting Planned Parenthood. The U.S. Federal government is still supporting-Planned Parenthood

and favoring the abortion pill. But there are 27 states where the right to an abortion remains protected by State law.



Planned Parenthood opens a new clinic in Lancaster PA.

This is Amish country; central Pa. Abortion rates in Pa. in 2021 topped 33,206 this is the latest stats that are available. The largest age group is 25-29 years of age.

Abortions are not without risks. So in Pa. 322 reports of complications from abortions were submitted by physicians; 34.7% more than 239 reported in 2020. More than 74 % of the complaints were related to retained products of conception, (abortion Pill), 12,7 %to bleeding and 5.9% to infection. The article from the Pa. department of health states unknowns are excluded from all calculations. That means some complications are not actually reported. So in December 2021 suction curettage abortions were 13,410 and nonsurgical were 18,370 (the abortion pill). I just wanted to give

Special Events

Progress in Zimbabwe



Prov. 19:17 Every time you give To the poor you make a loan to the Lord.



Jessica and Baby Halo



Retreat 2023

you an idea of the abortion rates in just this one state Pa.

The (FDA) in 2000 approved Mifepristone-to-terminate pregnancies of up to-10 weeks, when used with a second drug, misoprostol-MIFEPRISTONE-is taken first to dilate the cervix and-block-the-hormone progesterone, which is needed to-sustain-a-pregnancy. Misoprostol is taken 24 to 48 hours later, causing the uterus to-contract-and-expel pregnancy-tissue,(the baby)into the toilet.



Building in progress

Thankfully abortion medication is illegal in 13 states where near-total abortion bans went into effect. Praise God!

We supply all that is necessary for the women to have a healthy and happy baby. At Rachel's Joy we are determined to continue to offer every woman the love, care & support they need to make an affirming choice. Amazingly, many girls just want a friend, and sound advice. This ministry is needed in the body of Christ. With many years experience in this ministry, many times I share with the clients my testimony.



One of our new arrivals



Baby Dedications



Progress



There is poverty in Africa and many orphaned children are used for sex trafficking, also the children are discarded and have to beg to stay alive.



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1. We are in need of your prayers always for our women to be healed emotionally, spiritually to give them opportunities for success.

2. Pray for the orphan children in the Zimbabwe Orphanage Project.

3. We need baby pouches any color.



We have a "go fund me" page now if you would like to donate that way look for," Orphanage for kids Zimbabwe Africa, organized by Susan Fusco Send this go fund me to friends also

*Dear God
How Come you didn't
invent any new animals
lately? We still have
Just all the old ones
Sohny*





“

**How can there be too many children?
This is like saying there are too many flowers!**

—Mother Theresa

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**Good Luck with another year
of doing God's work!**

Psalm 139:16

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December 7, 2023

Dear Pastor,

Rachel's Joy is a crisis pregnancy ministry in Queens that has served the Metro NYC area for over twenty-five years. I have known this ministry since Susan Mirti-Fusco started Rachel's Joy while I was pastoring in Queens. I have seen this ministry serve expectant moms with gentleness and integrity. Metro area congregations of the New York Ministry Network have supported this ministry from its inception, including the church I served.

Rachel's Joy has also expanded its ministry by partnering with an orphanage in Africa. Please welcome the opportunity to converse with Susan about her vision for ministry to unborn and neglected children. She passionately advocates for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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Then the King will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth:
Whenever you did one of these things
to someone overlooked or ignored,
that was me—you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40



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
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Womens Retreat

This event helps fund Rachel's Joy Maternity Home.







Our next retreat will happen in October of 2022. For more information visit www.rachelsjoy.org





Picture Gallery















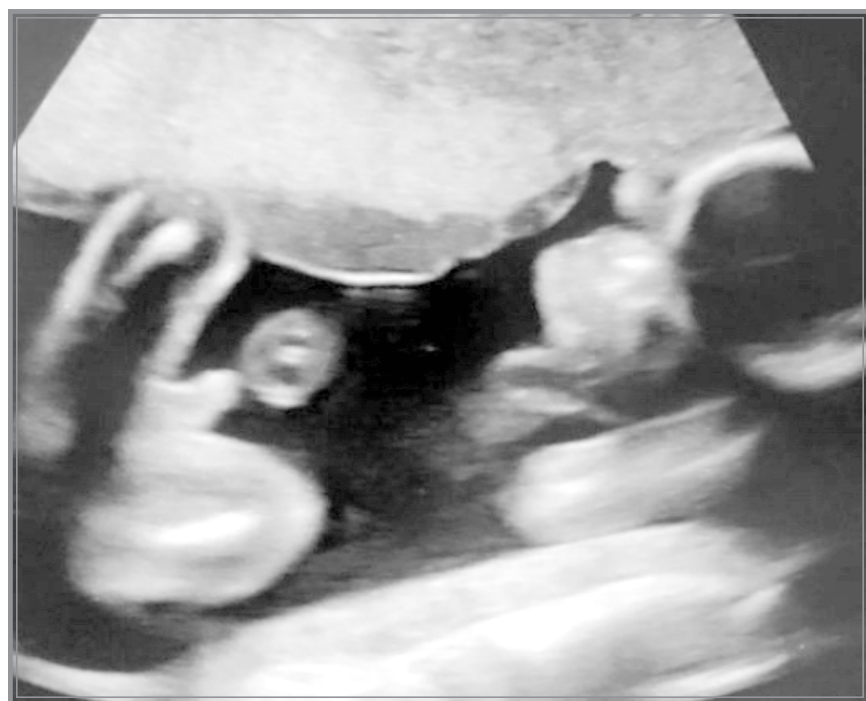


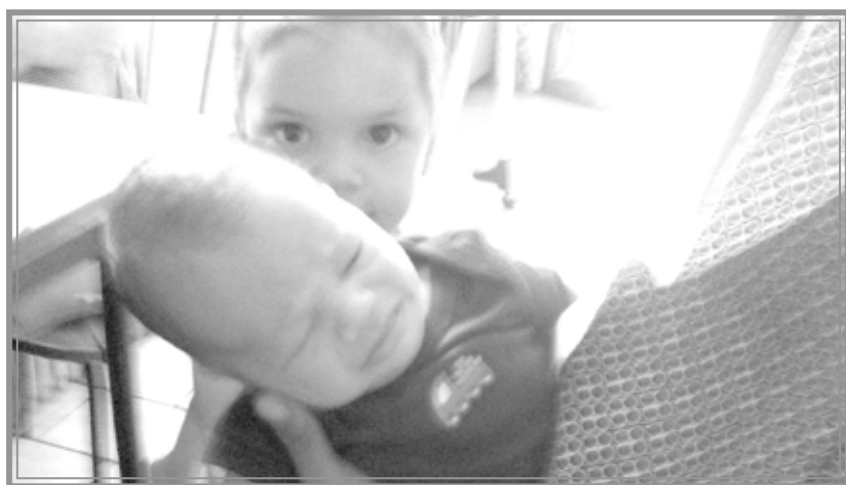


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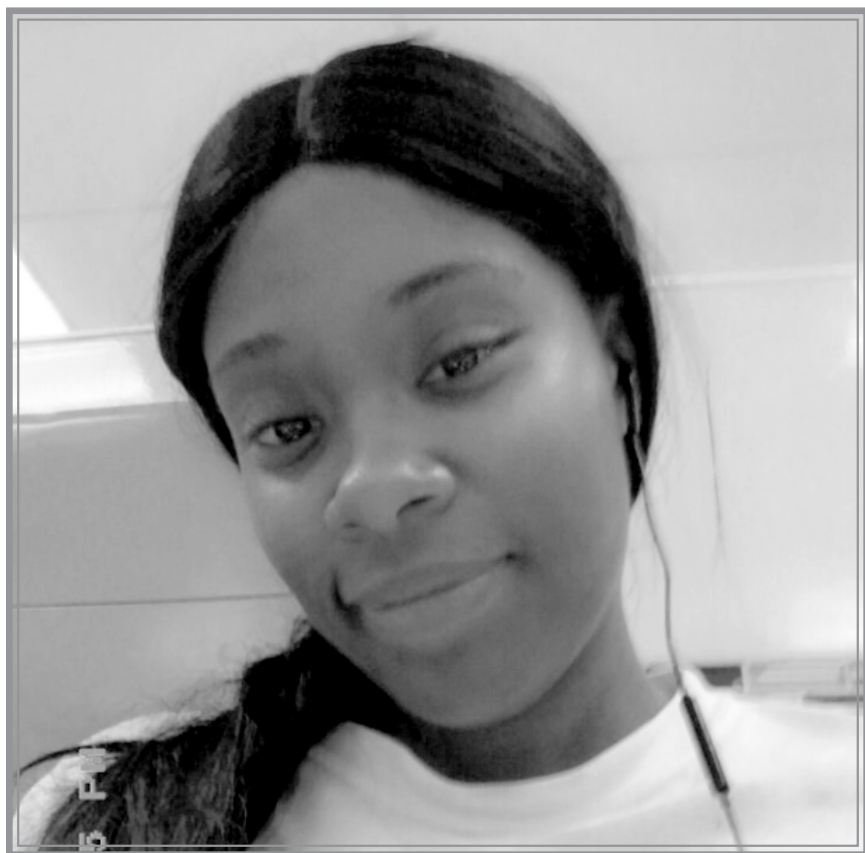






















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