**TOAST**

**FOR**

**LENA ARCABASCIO**

Hello everyone, and thank you for being here to celebrate this very special time for Rose Andrea. In so many ways, this is a full circle moment. When we’re young girls, we dream of growing up, finding and marrying the man of our dreams, and hopefully, having babies and seeing those babies fulfill their own dreams. Well, here we are, at Rose Andrea’s baby shower, and we are all filled with hopes and dreams for her, her husband, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and their soon to be daughter.

Rose Andrea, being your mom has been one of the greatest joys of my life…. From the beginning, you were a beautiful, good baby….. and you grew into being a loving, kind, child, a wonderful young lady, and now, you’re about to become a mother yourself. To me, you were such a joy, that, in fact, you inspired me to have more!!! … And when (**name Rose Andrea’s two younger sisters**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were born, even though you were just a child yourself, you were such an incredible help to me, feeding and bathing them….. I bet you’re really glad now that you got in some practice….**RIGHT**?!?! (**Wait for the laugh**). I knew back then that you were a natural at this “motherhood” world, and very soon, we will have the joy of witnessing you raise and love your own.

Pregnancy can be overwhelming… not only does your body go through a million changes… on a daily basis, your entire life changes. I believe part of the reason we have baby showers is to let you know that we are all here for you…. to not only celebrate you and your baby, but to let you know, you have our love, support, and helping hands when you need it. As you have been there for others, we will be there for you.

I would like to invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast **(if you want to make a little joke, you can say**) Rose Andrea…. Make sure yours is just juice (**or whatever her favorite beverage is, and wait for the laugh**)…..

To Rose Andrea, (**her husband**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and our soon to be granddaughter, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, here’s to new life, new beginnings, new dreams, and new legacies. May you all have health, happiness, and more love than you might ever imagine. Here’s to **FAMILY**!!! We love you!! Thank you!!