

Fall 2016

*Dear Sustaining Partner,*

With **Friday, October 21, 2016** approaching, I want to ask you to be a Table Host for Pregnancy & Family Resource Center's annual Fall Gala: "***Life Matters.***" As you know this is our most important fundraising event of the year. I can't wait to share with you and your guests about the amazing work we've done together over the last year. As is true every year, God has moved in ways we could not have imagined!!! In June we logged a record 336 client visits. No, we don't know how we managed. As you might imagine most days were non-stop from the minute we opened the door.

This is a VERY important night for the ministry, because the staff and I love the women, men and families who come to us each day. Events like the Annual Fall Gala lay the foundation for a future where Pregnancy & Family Resource Center is the *first* choice for women who face unplanned pregnancies in San Bernardino and the surrounding areas. In our neighborhood, we have two (2) VERY busy abortion clinics performing abortions on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday EVERY week, and often on Sunday. If they have a full schedule as do we, there is an average (low) of 100 unborn children each week who don't make it out of our local Family Planning Associates, Inc. or Planned Parenthood International alive.

As you make the effort to fill your table with guests, I want to encourage you in this important endeavor. Your role is vital. Those you invite will provide key financial, prayer, volunteer and material support for the ministry in the months and years ahead. Please pray and invite those God lays on your heart and mind. You may think a person cannot afford to give ("I don't know any people with *money!*"), but remember God is able to move hearts and mountains. There is treasure in places we don't know about. For instance one young couple introduced to our ministry don't have a lot of income to give routinely, but when they got a large settlement from an accident they knew about the ministry and gave a significant gift. People may not give at the time, but they will never forget what they hear from Lauren Roman on Friday, October 21, 2016. You will be the conduit God uses to introduce more people to our community ministry. Contact my office at 909-382-4550 to confirm the number of tables you will host. There is no cost for you to fill a table. We will provide materials you'll need.

We are praying you will bring friends, neighbors, co-workers, business contacts and family members who will open their hearts to the mission of Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. Couples tend to make significant financial decisions together, so for that reason we encourage you to think of this as a couple's event. Invite both spouses for a wonderful "date night" with lasting rewards and a legacy for future generations. As you

may know we serve a full plated meal (vegetarian entrée available) and we plan a fun, interesting, uplifting and informative program. No one has ever complained of being bored.

Lauren Roman, our Keynote, began her acting career as a regular character on the daytime TV drama “All My Children.” She will join us to share her own story of abortion, brokenness, redemption and restoration through song and her very personal story. Lauren will encourage us as we commit to continue to promote the sanctity of all life. Lauren agrees, “*Life Matters.*” I guarantee you will find her message to us captivating especially in light of the on going drama from the exposure of the abortion industry’s heinous crimes. Note that this is not just this one organization involved---the selling of fetal tissue and late term abortion is standard practice in the abortion industry which is very much regarded a “cash crop.”

You and your guests are in for a wonderful evening. Lauren is interesting, talented and knows what she’s talking about. She’s been there. We will learn a lot from hearing her experience.

Seating for your guests will begin at 6:30 PM after check-in at the gazebo located near the stairs and elevator entrance (West side of the “C” Building) to the fellowship hall of Immanuel Baptist Church. If possible, you will want to arrive a little earlier to choose your table(s) (First come; first choice) before you greet your guests and assist them with seating. Nametags will be on each table.

At the end of her presentation, Lauren Roman will give Table Hosts (That’s You!) specific instructions regarding the envelopes on the tables you will distribute to your/our guests. Please assist your guests as they complete the response cards, collect their envelopes, put them back in to the large envelope, seal it and give it to me or to one of the staff or a board member at the end of the evening. No one else should have the envelope. *As always we have a special gift for out Table Hosts.*

Again, thank you for your willingness to take an active role in this event. Please make it a point to grab me (Gently!) sometime during the evening so that I can personally meet your guests. I love the chance to meet and to visit with everyone. Call our office at 909-382-4550 for flyers and tickets. There is no charge for this event, but it is not free and it is a fundraiser. On our behalf, Lauren Roman will extend an invitation to our guests as she explains ways they can get involved in our ministry. We will need your guests’ names and meal preferences by Friday, October 14. Dress is semi-formal.

If you’re interested, the cost to underwrite a table is \$600. We welcome/need underwriters to sponsor a part of or the entire event. If you’re interested call me. All donations to this religious, privately funded, 501(c) 3 are tax deductible. See you there!

Yours for the Unborn and Their Families,

Lisa J Stiefken  
Executive Director

**FYI-I need people to serve on the committee (Decorate, set up, tear down) for this event, and one person in particular to head the committee. Sound like fun? Call me...TODAY!**