

September & October 2013

Dear Sustaining Partner,

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

With October 25 approaching, I want to challenge you with the task of being a table Host for Pregnancy & Family Resource Center’s annual Fall Gala. This is our most important fundraising event. I can’t wait to share with you and your guests about the amazing work we’ve done together over the last year, and the vision which the Lord has impressed upon us for the future. I am asking you, a sustaining partner, to participate because I know you understand the significance of our ministry in a pro-abortion culture.

This is a very important night for Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. The staff and I love this ministry and the women, men and families who come in each day. Events like this lay the foundation for a future where Pregnancy & Family Resource Center is the *first* choice for women and families who face an unplanned pregnancy in San Bernardino and the surrounding areas.

As you work to fill your table with guests (8 seats at each table), I want to encourage you in this important endeavor. Your role is vital because those you invite will provide key financial, prayer 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 received a settlement from an accident they knew about the ministry and gave a *significant* gift.

We are praying for you and each table host to find friends, neighbors, co-workers, business contacts or family members who will open their hearts to God’s vision for Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. Couples tend to make important 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” that will have lasting rewards as they begin to leave a legacy for life. The evening is elegant, and dress is semi-formal. We serve a full plated meal. However, we want people to be comfortable—that’s important. Tell them they may dress up, but it’s not required.

For a long time the ministry of pregnancy resource centers has erroneously been considered worthwhile “women’s work.” The work is more than wonderful, but it is not just about women who minister to and serve

women. The families who come to us are broken, but not beyond repair when we have men willing to mentor and work with the current and potential dads and husbands. It is our vision to become a ministry of families who minister to families. Men won't know there is an opportunity for them to work with our male clients if you don't invite them too!

Enclosed is some information about Cal Thomas, our Keynote Speaker to use as you wish. If you "Google" his name, you will be impressed if you're not already familiar with him. The reason I am very excited to welcome Cal Thomas is that he takes the Scripture at the beginning of my letter seriously. He is very gracious, but very clear on what the Bible says about the sanctity of life. He is plainspoken about our responsibility as Christians to do everything God puts before us to protect the unborn from abortion. He agrees that abortion not only brutally takes the life of a child, but also injures for life those who make that choice. Cal Thomas understands how important it is for our organization to continue to grow when pro-abortion advocates would prefer we go away. We will stay open and thrive only as we expand our area of influence in the community. This is why table hosts and underwriters are vital.

If you need more fliers or posters just ask. If you agree to be a table host, we provide you with everything you need to invite your guests. I recommend you give or mail the invitation and then follow up with a phone call, personal email and/or face-to-face conversation. Guests who confirm receive their event tickets from you. A table host is responsible to get names of confirmed guests to me or to Barbara by Friday, October 18. You can call or email your guests' names. **909-382-4550 or sbpcc@verizon.net.**

Each table seats eight people. If you have more than eight people for your table, we'll be THRILLED and make every effort to seat you as close together as is possible. But, please understand we may be unable to make everyone happy. If you have more than one table, please ask one of your guests to act as the "host" in your place. As always our cherished table hosts receive the centerpiece as our, "Thank You!" Stand-in table hosts get to take the one from their tables, so tell your helper the good news.

Can't host a table, but want to help make this our most successful event ever? Underwrite all or a portion of the event so that we don't use funds raised to pay for the fundraiser. Each table will cost us about \$520. You can underwrite one table, two tables or the whole event!! (Call me for specifics!) Bring business cards to the event.

We will give all table hosts and underwriters (couple or single with one guest) information to attend a private pre-Gala reception with Cal Thomas, our staff and board of directors. That evening, Friday, October 25 from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, We always publish names of table hosts and underwriters in our program.

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. It is always a joy for me to visit with all of you, and I'm disappointed when I don't meet everyone.

The venue for the Gala is the worship center (The EAST entrance will be clearly marked) at **Immanuel Baptist Church, 28355 Baseline St., Highland, Ca.**

For Life!
Lisa J Stiefken, Executive Director