

Fall 2017

*Dear Sustaining Partner,*

With **Friday, October 13, 2017** approaching, I want to ask you to be a Table Host for Pregnancy & Family Resource Center's annual Fall Gala: "***My Alabaster Box.***" This year we are featuring outstanding Christian theatre performed by Acts of Renewal. 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!!! Just this year to date we've logged a record 2,148 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, we need events like the Annual Fall Gala to 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. One dead; many wounded.

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 all those who speak and Acts of Renewal on Friday, October 13, 2017. 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. Please do this ASAP. 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, challenging and informative program. No one has ever complained of being bored.

This evening will be like no other we planned for you. Acts of Renewal is a theatrical husband & wife team, Jim and Carol Shores who will perform dramatic and comedic vignettes throughout our program to illustrate in yet another way the importance of this ministry in our community. You and your guests are in for a wonderful, unique evening.

Seating for your guests will begin at 6:30 PM after check-in the balcony area just outside the fellowship hall of Immanuel Baptist church. There is both stair and elevator access on the west side of the "C" building. Table Hosts, we would like you to arrive a little earlier to find your assigned table(s) before you greet your guests and assist them with seating. Name tags will be on each table.

At the end of their presentation, Jim and Carol will give Table Hosts (That's You!) specific instructions regarding the envelopes on the tables which you will distribute to your/our guests. Please assist your guests as they complete the response cards, collect their cards and 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. Please explain this to your guests and encourage them to do more than leave a small amount they believe may cover the meal. We will extend an invitation to partner with Pregnancy & Family Resource Center.

We will need your guests' names and meal preferences by Friday, October 6. 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 thinking about what you can do to underwrite this event please talk to 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. Sound like fun? Call me...**TODAY!** I'll put you in touch with our Events Committee Chairman, Laura McGreal.