



FOOTHILLS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

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Gala: All Wrapped Up!

by Lori Berg, Executive Director FPRC

A nearly record-breaking day temperature-wise, turned out to be the perfect start of what would be another year of breaking our previous year's records! Gala 2019, "The Path of Life" was indeed a great success. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of so many, like you.

Our annual funds and friends-raising event took place once again on the lovely campus of PazNaz, Gilmore Hall provides the perfect setting for a semi-formal evening, complete with tables and linens befitting the occasion. The general doors opened at 5:30, whereby guests could begin to "shop" the fabulous Silent Auction. Well over 25 vendors and artists donated beautiful items for anxious bidders. All the more significant to the buyers was the fact that every cent would benefit our center! Thank you to our special partners who helped to make the Silent Auction a happening to remember!

Prior to dinner, our guests were inspired by the stories of a mother-daughter team of painters who make up "Painting in His Presence". The duo artistically created a 'live' painting while we ate our scrumptious meal, just after regaling our listeners with their testimonies.

Our client who shared her story was filmed earlier and a finely edited version of her story captivated us right after our RN Susie introduced the client. The client's remarks included heartfelt appreciation for the many ways FPRC continues to encourage, uplift, and serve her.

Next off, a four year veteran volunteer of FPRC's, Rebecca Campos shared her newest outreach on behalf of the center. Together with strategic prayer warriors and other volunteers, Rebecca heads a band who bravely visits local abortion clinics leaving packages of hope. Armed with a 'gift' such as freshly-baked cookies, Rebecca and her team enter abortion clinics to make sure that they have our latest and most current information about the helps we provide, including post-abortion healing. Rebecca held the guests spellbound as she ever so confidently told us how she does this courageous thing!

Susan Kluge, an MFT in our area who practices the fine healing work of EMDR, shared stories of men and women who have been burdened many years after an

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Mon, Wed, Fri: 11am - 3pm
Tues, Thurs: 2pm - 7pm

MISSION

FPRC is a safe place where individuals and families are empowered with the tools and support to make healthy life choices.

ABOUT US

We recycle hope into every life that walks through our doors.

WAYS TO DONATE

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FPRC

P.O. Box 234
Monrovia, Ca 91017

Or give online at:
foothillsprc.org



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abortion, until the trauma is fully processed. She incorporated a segment from the film “The Mission”, in which a man wishing to serve out his self-appointed penance, burdens himself with a heavy pack and begins an arduous trek. She likened what the audience saw in this man’s trek as very similar to shame, guilt, and pain that carryover after abortion. The evening’s listeners were reminded how FPRC brings renewed hope and healing.



Veteran voice actor, Kay Bess, exercised her golden voice as she shared her message of renewed hope. Kay, as a young woman, found herself pregnant and having no hope. Feeling less than empowered at that time, she chose abortion. But now she lifts quite a different ‘tune’ as she encourages women. She lifts women up with a message that they are truly empowered as they procure truth and encouraging women to receive the gift of motherhood as the greatest empowerment! Kay home schools a teen and last year the mother and daughter team made the trek to Washington to actively participate in the Annual March For Life at the White House. (They plan to return this spring as well.)

Nonprofit advocate and FPRC friend, Greg Helton, presented the challenge to all in our festive room to roll up their sleeves and

become more involved, more invested, and more intentional as they ‘tell our story’ to others. Greg’s challenge to each of our newsletter readers would be to do the same. Whether it’s encouraging your local church to step up, organizing a baby bottle drive at your place of business, shopping or volunteering at the thrift shop or pregnancy center, or even underwriting events and services of the center...he reminds us all that there are countless ways to walk the talk!

As our evening’s Silent Auction winners were proclaimed, Pastor Mike from Cornerstone Bible Church spoke about the greatness of church and pregnancy center collaborations, while indeed challenging us all to pray about listening to the ways that God might be calling us to serve as churches and individuals. A blessing was spoken to conclude our event. The room buzzed with excitement as pastors got their minds in huddles, shoppers busily collected their prizes, and friends enjoyed additional fellowship.

Missed this year? It’s never too late to donate to Gala 2019, “The Path of Life”. Mail in your donation or go online: foothillsprc.org and use the Paypal option. We appreciate your support and thrive with it! ■



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by Brian Rietze, Chairman, FPRC

On behalf of the FPRC Board, we wanted to let you know that we are particularly grateful this Christmas season for the many financial gifts our donors have bestowed upon us this year.

You have helped this organization thrive! We are so appreciative of the generous and faithful support of our community members, churches and local businesses – THANK YOU! Truly, if not for you, we would not be able to keep our doors open as we receive no federal or state funding. In looking ahead

to the New Year, we continue to seek additional monthly partners as the consistent giving is a great help to our budgeting efforts, allowing us to steward the resources entrusted to us in a wise manner. I myself, along with a number of other donors, have taken advantage of monthly contributions via credit card which the team at FPRC facilitates on our behalf – monthly giving in this way is automatic, simple and straightforward, and I encourage you to contact our team if you would also like to get this established: fprc.recpt@verizon.net or (626) 358-2122. Every little bit helps! Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the Board of Director of Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center!

Local church blesses the families of FPRC

by Susie Mullen, Director of Nursing, FPRC

Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center has been blessed to partner with One and All Church, formerly known as Christ's Church of the Valley (CCV).

The church has done so much for FPRC. They have helped pay for the dinners at our annual Gala, purchased baby bottles for our baby bottle drives, bought shower gifts for our baby showers and much more. We were allowed to choose 20 clients and their families to receive Thanksgiving turkeys with all the trappings. They were delivered to their homes by wonderful volunteers, to help make the holiday even more special. They were also invited to participate in the Christmas Store, where their children can share a meal, roast marshmallows, visit with Santa, see a nativity presentation complete with animals and then get to choose a gift from the Christmas store.

Free Bibles were also given last year which was an added blessing. They have a drawing for the "golden ticket" and if you pick one you get a brand new bicycle!! More than half of our clients last year picked a golden ticket. We heard so many stories about the way this made Christmas special for our clients who might have a hard time providing gifts for their children. They are all so excited to see what is in store this year.

Thank you One and All Church for including FPRC in your generosity! There are so many ways that your church can partner with us to bring hope to those who may feel hopeless this time of year.



'Tis the season to be joyful... thankful...and SHOP-fu!!!



Thanks to our many friends who regularly donate their almost-new items. Thanks to our supporters and shoppers! And thanks to our faithful volunteers!

Together...we sum up United Thrift Shop, located within United Methodist Church of Monrovia, 140 E. Palm Avenue, just off Mrytle Avenue in lovely Old Town Monrovia.

We are, more than ever, seeking interested volunteers to help us sort, sell, clean, display, and, of course, shop!

United Thrift is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays...and best of all, the proceeds benefit FPRC!!!

Are you ready for a treasure hunt at United Thrift Shop? You could be a perfect fit when you join other volunteers and shoppers who support FPRC. Call us here at the pregnancy center: (626) 358-2122 and ask to speak with Lori. Lori helped to set up the shop over four years ago. She'd be happy to answer any of your questions. And...thank you!

**Mark your social calendars, friends!
The Fashion Show and Friendship Tea
is back for 2020!!!**

Saturday June 27 from 11-2 dining tea-style; a classy fashion show with some of YOU as our models; plus a whole hour of shopping; along with some super raffles....all for a reasonable ticket price. Again...your donations benefit FPRC. June 27 a day to set aside, plan for, and invite all your friends, too!

UNPLANNED



Chris and Denise Bueno have been donors to FPRC for ten years, most notably as proud table sponsors at our annual gala. This year, the Buenos were able to attend our event. But just hours prior to our gathering, they sat in the Netflix offices to pitch a film they are passionate about. FPRC is grateful to donors like Ocean Avenue Entertainment, and we join with them in prayer. We share a bit of their recent journey...

“Ocean Avenue Entertainment is a film distribution company that my wife Denise and I started over 10 years ago now. Many of our films are based on true stories that inspire and provide hope. Our objective is to find the widest audience possible for the films we release. For this reason we have worked closely with Netflix to find those standout films that appeal to a faith audience for their streaming platform.

Not every film we present to Netflix ends up getting a deal, but a good percentage do. VICTOR, THE LONG GOODBYE and Christmas movies like THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT are just a few of the films we've brought to Netflix that you can watch right now.

There is one film we recently pitched to Netflix that we are hoping will get the green light and it is UNPLANNED. When I presented the film at a meeting a few weeks back, I can say that the film was not dismissed as too controversial, even though the subject divides our nation. Right now it is being evaluated internally and I know this is not an easy decision on Netflix part. Those on the pro life side would be thrilled to see UNPLANNED on Netflix, but I also know that there could be strong objections from the pro choice side. Time will tell what their decision will be, for now we will hope and pray that they will say yes!”

— Chris Bueno, CEO, Ocean Avenue Entertainment

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Urine Pregnancy Testing
- Limited Ultrasound (if you qualify)
- Options Counseling: Hear about ALL of your options
- Support after an abortion
- Groups and Classes: Support, Parenting, Mentoring
- Supplies for you and your baby

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

- **Options Counseling** Explore your options, "Are You Pregnant? Emergency Contraception? Considering Abortion?"
- **Abortion Recovery**
Restoring Lives and Relationships After Abortion
- **Susie Mullen, R.N.**, Nurse Manager
Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center
- **Lori Berg**, Executive Director
Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center

POST-ABORTION CLASSES
OR ONE-ON-ONE
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS

Abortion affects families. Through a ripple effect...one abortion...may touch the hearts of many.

A NEW SUPPORT GROUP IS FORMING IN YOUR AREA

Please call: **(626) 358-2122** to get all the information.

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a parent of young children?

Please join us as we discuss topics of discipline, structure, and healthy living. Enjoy the community of other parents. Your children are more than welcome to come along. Ask us for details!



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Sometimes, do you just wish you had a "SAFE PLACE" to gather and get some HONEST ANSWERS? Do you have a safe place to go WHERE NO ONE WILL JUDGE YOU as you share your questions or thoughts?

We have support groups. We even have one-on-one mentorships for guys! Everyone could use a little support. WE'RE A SAFE PLACE.

If you need support or to share with another person for the first time, all our services are CONFIDENTIAL and FREE!



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