



FOOTHILLS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

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“I’m going to go to the theatre. I’m going to support the arts in our area” . . . *by Lori Berg, Executive Director FPRC*

So says the character known as Clairee Belcher in Robert Harling’s “Steel Magnolias”. Our Executive Director Lori Berg will be portraying the too-colorful-for-words Clairee in an upcoming production at a professional venue in Hollywood, Berg’s home theatre company, Actors Co-op.

FPRC is hosting the theatre on Friday, April 26 for a spectacular fundraiser. Our friends and donors can experience this heart-warming show while supporting the work of our center. The 100-seat theatre will be dedicated to FPRC for the evening. (Please see the graphic insert for the details about this one-night-only theatrical event!)

Steel Magnolias, by Robert Harling is a humorous, yet devastating journey of friendship, loss, and love. Here is a short synopsis of “Steel Magnolias”:

Annelle Dupuy, a reserved beauty school graduate, is hired by Truvy Jones to work in her home-based beauty salon in northwestern Louisiana. In another part of the neighborhood, M’Lynn Eatenton and her daughter Shelby are preparing for Shelby’s wedding, which is taking place the same day. They arrive, along with the former mayor’s wife, Clairee Belcher, for their standing appointments. Shelby, a type-1 diabetic, falls into a hypoglycemic state, but recovers with everyone’s help. Grouchy Ouiser Boudreaux arrives in the salon and pries into everyone’s business.

Months pass and Shelby and her husband are expecting their first child. M’Lynn is more devastated than joyous about the news and fears the pregnancy may prove too treacherous for Shelby. Truvy suggests that the friends all focus on the joy of the situation. M’Lynn agrees, saying that nothing pleases her daughter more than to defy the odds.

Shelby does deliver a boy but begins to show signs of kidney failure and starts dialysis. M’Lynn donates one of her kidneys to Shelby, but this

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THE AWARD-WINNING ACTORS CO-OP PROUDLY PRESENTS

Friday Night, April 26
Curtain is 8:00 PM

Steel Magnolias
by Robert Harling
Directed by Cameron Watson

- **Special Ticket Price:**
\$50.00 per seat, benefitting FPRC
- **RESERVATION REQUIRED...**
seating is limited to the first 100 theatre-goers.
- **Call 626-358-2122 to reserve your ticket!!!**
- **Lit and Guarded Parking at the Theatre**
- **Refreshments at theatre**
- **Meet the actresses after the show!**

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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

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foothillsprc.org



Steel Magnolias

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does not prove successful. On the day of her daughter's funeral, the friends gather to give and receive comfort.

In moments of 'life goes on', Annelle, who is now married and pregnant, asks M'Lynn if she has her blessing to name her unborn child after Shelby.

"Steel Magnolias" is truly an inspired play.

Its title alone suggests that a delicate flower such as the magnolia blossom may also possess the strength of steel. When playwright Robert Harling wrote the play in 1987, he undoubtedly had no idea that more than three decades later, it would still be so beloved. He wrote the play first as a short story to record and immortalize what, for him, had been true events. His own sister had shared the exact fate as Shelby in the play. "The events that inspired the piece were so powerful that, after I created the story, it just poured out of my typewriter in a 24/7 tsunami of Southernness. All I knew was that I felt it portrayed my sister's life and spirit accurately, and that was enough for me," says Harling, who wrote the play in only 10 days. Because of the script's witty language and powerful portrayal of friendship, each character and the poignant story are carried in the hearts of every theatre-goer.

**JOIN US Friday, April 26 at
Actors Co-op
The David Schall Theatre
1760 N. Gower Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90028**

**The theatre is located on the campus of
First Hollywood Presbyterian Church.**

**FPRC has the opportunity to experience a
Great Evening...Great Theatre...
Great Friends...all for a Great cause!**

**PLEASE SEE THE INSERT FOR DETAILS...
we'll see you at the theatre
Friday, April 26.**

How Do I Love Thee, FPRC?

We are amidst the season of love, are we not? Clever cards, dinner with flowers, special gifts...all from that special someone can really fill your heart to overflowing! How do YOU express your love to us at FPRC? A myriad ways!!! Here are ways that so many of YOU have expressed your love, support, and encouragement to us:

♥ The United Thrift Shop is currently open on the campus of United Methodist Church of Monrovia, located at 140 E. Palm Avenue, Monrovia. The shop has an on-going need of volunteers as well as your donations for resale in the shop. Part of the income from the thrift shop helps to support the pregnancy center. UMC has also hosted a Friendship Tea in years past for which we are so grateful. Thank YOU, UMC, for partnering with FPRC...thanks to all the volunteers who make it work!

♥ Volunteers "love on us" as they work at our center. No special training is needed: only an extra giving heart and a few available hours each week. Volunteers assist moms who are collecting monthly donations; assist in the mailings of newsletters such as this one; label baby bottles for those fundraisers; help with gala prep; serve before and during Pampers Day (see the article in this issue)...and more. FPRC is Volunteer Driven: Board; Volunteer Communications and Social Marketing; Gala Committee; Church Liasons; Class Facilitators, etc

♥ When you take an interest in one of our special Funds-Raisers such as the Annual Gala or the Upcoming Theatre Night (see the article in this issue)...YOU are the very power that keeps us moving forward. Thank YOU for how you purchase tickets and help to sponsor events.

♥ Volunteers help to run a smooth and successful Pampers Day, the annual spa event hosted by FPRC for our precious clients. We even include mothers who are currently residing at Elizabeth House, a local maternity home, in on this extra-ordinary day!!! YOU show up to help; YOU supply the child care; YOU provide the lovely gifts each client takes home with her; YOU even provide the amazing treats in our "tea room".

♥ Baby Bottle Drives like those hosted at St. Frances of Rome of Azusa, Annunciation Church of Arcadia and Immaculate Conception Church of Monrovia and even on college campuses like Azusa Pacific University...distribute our message and baby bottles. People take bottles home to fill with their checks and bills and change. Change literally that changes us to help others!



♥ Through our regular eblasts, YOU hear about the needs we have throughout the year. Thank YOU for your overwhelming generosity as YOU respond to those emails. Let us hear back from you if you are not receiving email communication from FPRC. We'd love to include YOU on our list!

♥ Thank YOU for inviting us to come and share our stories at your schools and other events! Just recently, students at St. Philip the Apostle School of Pasadena stuffed boxes for new moms. The students even made hand-made notes and cards to go inside the boxes of clothing and necessities for new mothers. Cornerstone Bible Church of Glendora provided us at Christmastime with brand new books and stuffed toys. Another local women's ministry, the Arcadia Women's Stake Conference of the Church of LDS 'showered us'. Note the photo in this article!

♥ Certainly the very soil of our financial life is rich and full with the seeds YOU have sown as YOU have and continue to give! Whether it's a one-time gift, monthly regular giving or giving of investments like stocks...it all combines to form a Legacy Gift. All of YOUR Giving helps to ensure that we can keep on doing what we do!

Please consider showing us YOUR LOVE in all of the above ways. Visit FPRC online at our website: foothillsprc.org or call or come by for a visit and an informal tour anytime, or check us out on Facebook! Come and "meet" who and what makes FPRC...FPRC!!!

Thank YOU...we truly do feel YOUR LOVE!

Babies Go To Congress & the March for Life

by Susie Mullen, Director of Nursing, FPRC



FPRC was given the remarkable opportunity to participate in “Babies Go to Congress” and the 2019 March for Life” in Washington D.C. .Thanks to the generosity of Heartbeat International and Right To Life League of Southern California, I traveled with the President of Right To Life League of Southern California Anne Hennessey, and her assistant Sister Tuy. Also joining us was one of our most faithful clients and her sweet baby to tell her story about how an unexpected pregnancy had led her to FPRC and resulted in her carrying and parenting her adorable little boy. She spoke of all the support that surrounded her from free pregnancy testing and ultrasound, to counseling, free diapers, wipes, baby clothes, supplies and equipment. She shared about how we gave the young ladies a baby shower and spoiled her on Pamper Day with haircut, massage, make-up, manicure and mentoring. She told them about the Christmas Party last year and the free Thanksgiving dinner delivered to her door as well as the Toy Store where her son got the “Golden Ticket” and received a free bicycle, provided by Christ Church of the Valley. All of that was helpful but mostly she spoke about relationships that had developed and that she knew she always had someone to turn to when things got tough. She told them that all of her options were spelled out in an atmosphere of safety without judgement.

She shared her story with representatives from the offices of Senator Kamala Harris and Senator Diane Feinstein, as well as Representative Grace Napolitano and Representative Judy Chu and Representative from Indiana, Todd Young. The honor was given to us to meet with Vice President, Mike Pence in his office at the White House, where he graciously listened to the stories of our client and three other moms and babies as they told their stories. He gave them all gifts and the babies got autographed coloring books. His support for the sanctity of human life was so wonderful to hear, as he told the story of how it took him three tries before being elected to congress. He said that if you had asked his children, “Why does your dad want to be in office so badly?” They always answered, “To save the babies!!”

We had an incredible trip complete with snow and a little sightseeing and we are so grateful that we were chosen to participate with 250,000 people in the peaceful March for Life and the rally where we heard a message from President Trump, Vice President and second lady, Karen Pence, as well as many congressmen, Abbey Johnson of “Unplanned” fame, and political commentator Ben Shapiro. Again, thank you Heartbeat International and Right to Life League for this fantastic chance to speak up for the unborn and to let our Representatives know that pregnancy centers are good for America!



Pamper Day Pictures!

The girls were pampered by hair stylists...



Fun at the make-up bar...



Finishing the day with a professional style mainicure...

Each guest left feeling pampered and beautiful, also receiving special gifts to take home!



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.

WEEKLY WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Facilitated by a trained leader • Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM at FPRC Drop-in's Welcome • Women Only • FREE • RSVP to (626) 358-2122

Do not need to make a commitment to entire length of time

Able to converse in English • Make a commitment to group • Alert and ready to share

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!

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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