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Incredible News from the Sacramento Life Center!

THANKSGIVING certainly came early for the
Sacramento Life Center!

On November 12, 2011, we celebrated the beginning of our
fortieth year of LIFESAVING services at our *Salute to Life*
Dinner & Auction. Over 650 people came together at the
Radisson Hotel Ballroom to support our mission of
empowering women and men to choose LIFE for their
preborn children.



As always, the highlight of the evening were two women who
shared their lifesaving stories. Elena and Stephanie bravely
talked about their difficult personal situations when they
realized they were pregnant. Although initially strongly
tempted to have an abortion, through their strength and the
help of Life Center peer counselors, medical personnel, and
others, they both chose LIFE for their preborn children. Both
babies were with their moms as well as other family
members and friends of LIFE.



After Elena and Stephanie spoke, Maureen O'Connor, our Board President, shared some incredible news. She asked Dinner attendees to "Reach Out for LIFE" and raise \$40,000.00, both to honor our 40th anniversary, and to raise money to operate our medical mobile clinic, our Lifemobile. We had hoped to find a donor who would consider matching our \$40,000.00 goal with an additional donation of \$40,000.00.

Well, the Bad News is the Board could not find anyone to do a 1:1 match. The Good News is that a donor stepped forward to offer a 2:1 MATCH. This meant that if we raised \$40,000.00 on the night of the dinner, this donor would match it with an additional \$80,000.00!

DRUM ROLL PLEASE!

As of today, we have received **\$49,189.00** in one-time donations or *new* monthly pledges. We are "over the moon" with gratitude and excitement knowing we will now receive an additional \$80,000.00 for next year's mobile clinic operations!

We are still receiving revenue from the Dinner. But so far, counting the \$80,000.00 match, we have already raised **\$308,348.00!! This is the most we have ever raised at our Dinner; and more good news, there is an additional \$30,100.00 that we are certain will be received before the end of November.** Our total Dinner expenses will be approximately \$47,000.00. Since our annual operating budget is between \$550,000.00 - \$600,000.00, these new funds will go a long way towards helping us stay “in the black” in the future! And we can confidently continue to offer our lifesaving services without any cost to our clients!!

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTRODUCED

Shown in this picture is Colleen Branagan, retiring Executive Director, Maureen O'Connor, Board President, and Marie Leatherby, new Executive Director for the Life Center.



AUCTION RAFFLE WINNER

This year we tried something new with our auction. We sold 100 tickets for \$50.00 each; the person purchasing the ticket identified which auction item s/he wanted. The night of the dinner, Paul Robins, our MC & Auctioneer, picked the winning ticket. The Lucas Family won Auction Item #12 – which included Christmas dinner, wine, floral centerpiece, installation and takedown of outdoor Christmas lights, a professional interior designer decorating your home for Christmas, tickets to the Opening Night of the Nutcracker Ballet and more! Congratulations to the Lucas Family!



SAVE THE DATE

It's never too early to start planning for next year's *Salute to*

Life Dinner. It will be **Saturday, October 27, 2012** at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel**. Come plan to be a part of the largest pro-life celebration in Northern California!



More Dinner highlights, in pictures!



Ballroom view



Stodghill Family & Guests



Live Auction Item Display Table



Auctioneers, Paul Robins and JD Maher



Pecha & Plavan families enjoy the evening



Colleen Branagan with Founding Members,
Rich & Connie Koppes



Stodghill Family & Guests



Friends of LIFE from Davis



Dr. & Mrs. Jose Cueto & Guests



Sally Leatherby & Guest



Guests viewing the incredible raffle baskets



Andy & Colleen Pugno and Susan & Rick Kerr

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