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From the Director

WOW! It's really hard to believe that it's already been over a month since the Banquet - we had so much going on over the past few months that we haven't had time to stop and catch our breath - until now! The Banquet was a HUGE success - we raised more than any other event, and we've added a number of new supporters to our team! For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a very special evening - Gianna was captivating - entertaining - enlightening - irresistible. She's not an abortion "survivor" - she's most definitely an "over comer!" I've asked her to prayerfully consider coming back next year - I know I'd love to hear her again - and that would give people a second chance to hear her.

We have MANY people to thank for the work they did to make our event a success - please forgive me if I forget to mention something you did for us! Our first "thank you" goes to Horizon Christian Fellowship for allowing us to use their facility - and for all the help we received from their staff. I'd like to thank my Board for the HOURS of extra work they put in pulling all the details of the event together! Our Table Hosts did an awesome job of bringing in new people - and we had a good number of people help underwrite some of the costs for the event. Youth in Action presented two skits that were quite moving. We were also blessed with donations from businesses and individuals for our raffle - we had so many good things that we actually ran out of tickets before the program started! AND - with the help of The Basket Corner our raffle items were beautifully and creatively packaged! Here are some of the businesses that donated - I know I'm going to miss someone, and if it's something you gave us, please forgive me!

Stanley Steamer - San Diego Chargers - Alvin Lou's Drilling Room - Rubio's Restaurant - In-N-Out Burger - La Jolla Dental - H&M Landing - Genie Car Wash - Kearny Mesa Bowl - Harbor Cruises - Making Faces by Emilie Hair Cut & Color - Maya Facial - Dixieline Lumber - Grab N Go - Alvin O's - AMC Theatre - Clairemont Signs (Jim Hahn) - Wendy Del Moral - Heidi Hugli - Carol Filipponi - Roger and Dottie Sandoval/Imperial Beach 7/11 - Peltier Roofing - Panera Bread - Manulife Property Management - Pt Loma Seafoods, Private Quarters, Robert Cromeans Salon, Scott and Madeline Osborn - Joan Davis - Shannon Willson/Scentsy Candles & Scents.

We're also very grateful for all those who showed up on Banquet day ready to serve - it takes a lot of people to set up, serve and clean up! A special thanks to Horizon School of Evangelism and Rock Church Impact 195 for the help we received from their students - we couldn't have pulled it off without them!

We're already making plans for next year - and if you'd like to be a part of our Events Team, we could really use some extra hands and feet! Please let us know if you would like to partner with us next year!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director



Please Pray for Our Moms

We have several moms who are in very difficult situations. One of our moms was recently attacked, raped and beaten by the father of her children - and this isn't the first time it's happened. She's really been trying to break free from this relationship - please pray for her safety - that justice is served - and that she follows through on the resources that have been offered to her.

One of our long-time moms is living in a very unstable environment. She and her family are living in a home that is being foreclosed, and the utilities have been shut off. We are doing what we can to help them, but there are so many needs that it's going to take time and God's intervention to get this family set up in an apartment they can afford. Pray for a job for her husband - that will be a good first step.

Another mom has just discovered that she is pregnant again - and her boyfriend has abandoned her because she won't have an abortion. She struggled for the first week because she really loves him, and wanted things to work out - but in the end she knew that abortion wasn't a choice she could make. She's working two jobs - but will need a lot of additional help.

Did You Know?

64% of abortions involve coercion, and this sometimes includes threats of physical abuse from partners—or even parents—who don't want the child. Women and girls have been physically pushed into clinics and restrained when they tried to escape their abortion. Women have endured forced miscarriages, which sometimes result in homicide — the leading killer of pregnant women. Some women are battered down by the experience and may resort to abortion because they believe it is the only way to stop the abuse.

Coercion often involves direct or indirect threats of physical violence. Women who refuse to abort have been subjected to every manner of abuse, from forced injections to stabbings, beatings, bombings, gunshots, and strangulation.

According to one study of battered women, the target of battery during their pregnancies shifted to their pregnant abdomens. Indeed, the leading cause of death among pregnant women is murder. In many cases, it is known that these women were killed solely because their killers wanted to stop them from giving birth to their children.