



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Spring Gala?

- The Gala is this year's Spring Fundraising Event to benefit the Tri-Cities Pregnancy Network. Traditionally our spring event has been a banquet. This year we are mixing things up and trying something new. This "theater-style" event allows us to invite more friends to join us and be inspired by the work and impact of Tri-Cities Pregnancy Network. You can expect the same elegant evening many of you have experienced year after year with some new and exciting additions.

How much does it cost to attend?

- Our Spring Gala is completely underwritten. This allows us to invite you and your guests to join us **free** of charge. The Spring Gala is our largest fundraising event of the year. During the evening, **an opportunity to support the work of TCPN will be extended**. By having the event completely underwritten, every dollar raised goes directly towards furthering the work and impact of TCPN in our community.

Do I have to register, is there reserved/numbered seating and how many can I invite?

- **Yes**, we strongly recommend registration. Simply visit our website and follow the links.
- The Gala will have **Open Seating** but seating is limited and will be filled on a first come—first served basis the night of the event. By registering, you guarantee that you will have a seat at the Gala.
- This is an **Open Invite** event, you are not limited to the number that can fit around a table as in the past. Our desire is to fill the venue to capacity with friends and family so that they can also catch the vision of TCPN and join us in "Making a Difference—One Life at a Time."

Will there be dinner?

- For those used to our traditional sit-down chicken dinner banquet, our Gala will be something new. This year, guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a "**Sparkling**" **Social** prior to the Main Program and a delicious **Dessert Reception** immediately following the Program. Please plan to enjoy both with us.

What is a Section Host?

- A Section Host is a guest who wants to **invite friends** to join them for the Gala. Similar to the role of Table Host from previous years, a Section Host will have the opportunity to access our online invitation and registration system and manage their group for the big night. As a section host, you will have the opportunity to arrive early to the event and reserve seats for your guests so you are all sitting together. Being a Section Host is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends and family to the work of TCPN and join with us in "Making a Difference – One Life at a Time."

Do I have to be a "Section Host" to invite my friends?

- **No**, you do not have to register as a Section Host to invite friends to sit with you. Simply instruct friends to include your name at the bottom of the registration form "I request to sit with _____." We will then know to group you together.

What does "Semi-Formal" mean and can I bring my children?

- Semi-Formal = "**Sunday Best**" to "**Fancy Dress**"
- **No childcare** is provided for this event. Enjoy a night out with us.

What is Care Net?

- Tri-Cities Pregnancy Network is affiliated with Care Net, the largest network of pregnancy centers in North America. They are a Christ-centered ministry whose mission is to promote a culture of life within our society in order to serve people facing unplanned pregnancies and related sexual issues. The pregnancy center movement has continued to grow by leaps and bounds. In 2009, Care Net pregnancy centers helped more than 425,000 women in need, and nine out of ten pregnancy clients chose life for their babies. More than 23,000 made new or renewed commitments of faith in Jesus Christ, and more than 23,600 participated in a post-abortion recovery group. **As an affiliate of Care Net, TCPN is a part this movement right here at home.**

What if I can't attend but I want to support the work of TCPN?

- We hope that you can join us for this wonderful evening. If you are unable join us, you can still be a part of "Making a Difference – One Life at a Time". Simply visit our **website** and click on the "**GIVE NOW**" button on the home page. This will take you to our online donation page allowing you to be a part of supporting the work and impact of TCPN in our community. You can also send a **check** of support to TCPN, **636 Jadwin Ave., Suite C, Richland, WA 99352**. Please make checks to TCPN and note "**2012 Spring Gala**." All gifts are tax deductible.