

LIFE notes

LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives and everyday make us a little more... human.

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History in the Making Edition



Dear Friends:

When I think of our 27-year history, I remember all the incredible memories we've made together. Thanks to you, funds raised through LIFE's Lady in Red Gala have had a profound impact on the lives of millions of individuals - those who are disadvantaged, marginalized or forgotten because of disabilities, socio-economic status, neglect, abuse, and other barriers. On February 19, 2021, the Lady in Red Gala goes virtual. While we may not be in the same room for this year's gala, we will be united in our support for those in need, just as we have always been.

From the comfort of your own living room, you'll be able to watch the Empress of Soul herself! Gladys Knight will entertain and delight us with her most acclaimed songs. The multi-talented comedian and impressionist Dana Carvey is sure to give us a million laughs. February 19 will no doubt be yet another fabulous, history-making evening for LIFE- and you can enjoy it your own home! If you haven't already, make your reservations today for the 27th Annual Lady in Red Gala by emailing life@life-edu.org or calling 561.582.8083.

Of course, making memories and changing history is nothing new for us - we've been doing so for the past 27 years by:

- ◆ Building the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, the nation's first and only permanent public tribute to the more than four million living disabled American veterans and all those who died.
- ◆ Sending more than 25,000 disadvantaged Florida children to summer camp.
- ◆ Providing college scholarships to young men and women pursuing careers in public health.
- ◆ Creating a clean water system in a Guatemalan village destroyed by hurricane Mitch.
- ◆ Offering the means for Sudanese women to flee genocide.
- ◆ Donating three tractor-trailers for American Humane's Red Star Rescue program that shelters and provides medical treatment to dogs, cats, and other animals lost, abandoned, or displaced by natural disasters and severe abuse situations.
- ◆ Contributing thirteen life-saving ambulances for Magen David Adom, helping to further its work and help save the lives of rocket and terrorist attack victims, and others in need of emergency care.
- ◆ Establishing the Lois Pope LIFE Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine which houses the Miami Project Fund to Cure Paralysis, the world's leading center for paralysis research.
- ◆ Championing the designation of October 5 to be an annual National Day of Honor for disabled veterans.
- ◆ Creating three groundbreaking documentaries: *Debt of Honor* and *VA: the Human Cost of War*, both delving into Veterans' issues and the debt we owe our heroes; and *Made for Each Other* concerning the deep and unique bond between humans and their canine companions. All three films were directed by six-time Emmy Award-winning documentarian Ric Burns and produced by LP LIFE Productions.

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- ◆ Giving the Tri-County Animal Rescue the largest single donation the organization has ever received to endow its 9,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art veterinary center- the Lois Pope Pet Clinic. Thousands of low-income Florida families who cannot afford basic medical services for their pets will now be able to access such services - from medicines and shots to medical tests, spaying, neutering, and other surgeries.
- ◆ Establishing the Lois Pope Center for Retinal & Macular Degeneration Research at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute's Palm Beach Gardens campus.
- ◆ Founding the Pups4Patriots program in partnership with American Humane, the initiative provides specialized professional training to dogs, most of which have been languishing in shelters, and then gives these certified therapy dogs for free to veterans who continue to battle the permanent psychological and physical scars of war.
- ◆ Creating the Lois' Food4Kids program at the Palm Beach County Food Bank to meet the nutritional needs of Palm Beach County children facing food insecurity. This year-round initiative provides essential and nutritional meals to children when they are not in school, on weekends, and during the summer. With the pandemic having such a profoundly negative impact on countless thousands of families, these meals have become the children's food lifeline.

Thanks to your support of this year's Lady in Red Gala, we will continue to fund Lois' Food4Kids program at the Palm Beach County Food Bank and the Pups4Patriots program at American Humane. I look forward to "seeing" you virtually on February 19 as we make memories once again!

With Love,

Lois

Upcoming Events

February 19, 2021

Lois Pope and LIFE's Board invite you to

LIFE's 27th Annual Lady in Red Gala

Starring Gladys Knight and Comedian Dana Carvey

7:00 PM

Virtual Event

May 15, 2021

American Military Hero Dog Monument Dedication

12:00 PM

Tri-County Animal Rescue, Boca Raton, FL

To learn more or to donate, visit
www.life-edu.org or call 561.582.8083.