

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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 Making a Difference Edition

Dear Friends:

There used to be a commercial for a cassette company that asked, "Is it live or is it taped?"

I'm reminded of that as those of us who have made reservations prepare to gather in our homes to watch the 27th Annual Lady in Red Gala this Friday night, February 19<sup>th</sup>. A number of things will be different from previous galas—the most notable being that the Gala will be virtual for the first (and hopefully, the last) time.

But one thing remains the same. While we may not be in the same room this year, we will still support those in need—inarguably the most important part of the event.

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. These two programs make an incredible difference in the lives of those they serve.

## Lois' Food4Kids Program

One in five Palm Beach County children suffer from food insecurity. Those numbers have grown because of the pandemic. Parents are out of work and are losing or have lost their ability to support and feed their children. The Palm Beach County Food Bank, through its 200 community partners, feeds nearly one-quarter of a million hungry children, seniors, and families annually, all without any fees or charges. **Lois' Food4Kids Program** is a year-round initiative providing nutritional meals to kids when they are not in school, on weekends, and during the summer. During this pandemic, we've all seen and heard about the food lines that stretch for blocks and blocks. So the meals we provide are absolutely essential. To date, we have donated over \$1 million to the Lois' Food4Kids Program at the Palm Beach County Food Bank and through your support of the 27th Annual Lady in Red Gala, we will be able to donate even more!



## (Dear Friends continued)

## Pups4Patriots

LIFE's Pups4Patriots program, at America Humane, provides special training to dogs, the majority from shelters, to become therapy companions to some of the four million-plus living disabled American veterans. The training programs are located throughout the United States. The training is rigorous and includes continual monitoring of the performance of the program following the release of the trained dogs to the disabled veteran. The average cost of training each dog is \$30,000. <u>There is no cost to the disabled veteran</u>. These therapy pups are one vital step to address the horrendous fact that some 20 veterans take their own lives every day.





So that is why this is the "Making a Difference" Edition of LIFE Notes. We are doing just THAT through all our Annual Lady in Red Galas, past, present, and future. It doesn't matter if they are live in-person, or they are taped and virtual.

For those who have yet to make a reservation for this Friday night's event, you can still do so and support these two programs that give hope to so many in need. All you have to do is email LIFE at <u>life@life-edu.org</u> or call 561.582.8083.

And, of course, since the other hallmark of our Lady in Red Galas is always terrific entertainment, the Empress of Soul, herself, Miss Gladys Knight will delight us with some of her most acclaimed songs. Plus, the multi-talented comedian and impressionist Dana Carvey is sure to give us a million laughs.

I look forward to "seeing" you virtually on February 19 as we make a difference for those in need.

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

> February 13, 2022 Lois Pope and LIFE's Board invite you to LIFE's 28th Annual Lady in Red Gala 6:00 PM The Breakers, Palm Beach

## To learn more or to donate, visit <u>www.life-edu.org</u> or call 561.582.8083.