

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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MVP Edition



Dear Friends:

The magnificent poet Maya Angelou once said, “I think a hero is really any person intent on making this a better place for all people.”

Ms. Angelou’s words so wonderfully describe the folks who stepped up and went beyond to ensure that our first (and God-willing last) virtual Lady in Red Gala was a rousing success. As I said in my remarks during the evening’s program, they were our MVPs - our most valuable players! So I want to use this month’s newsletter message to express my deepest gratitude to:

- The incomparable Empress of Soul, Gladys Knight, and the hilarious comedian Dana Carvey for entertaining us in such a spectacular fashion.
- Dick Robinson, who kept the show running smoothly as our Master of Ceremonies. And after watching his repartee with the hilarious Dana Carvey throughout the evening, it was quite obvious that Dick had a truly terrific time in his role.
- Dr. Robin Ganzert, who is, as you know, president and CEO of American Humane. She not only served as one of the gala’s sponsors, but also illuminated just how much LIFE’s unwavering commitment to animal welfare and well-being has greatly furthered AH’s mission over our 10-year-long partnership.
- Marti LaTour, chair of the board of the Palm Beach County Food Bank, who reminded us all that the pandemic continues to profoundly upend the lives of thousands of children here in our area - children who, without our generosity benefitting the Lois’ Food4Kids initiative, would be going hungry on a daily basis.
- Dr. Barth Green, co-founder of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, who showed us what miracles look like - individuals with spinal cord injuries who are now able to stand and walk, thanks to the ground-breaking research and treatment being conducted at the Lois Pope LIFE Center at the University of Miami.



(Dear Friends continued)

- U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, who took time out from her extremely busy schedule to recall for us the human cost of war. She related the story behind one of our most significant achievements - the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial - recalling that the idea for it is rooted in a benefit I performed for disabled Vietnam veterans at Rusk Rehabilitation Hospital in New York a number of years ago. It took a while but today it is the nation's only permanent public tribute to the four million-plus living American disabled veterans and those who have died.

Finally, my gratitude goes to LIFE and all of you who support the historic and life-transforming work we have done over these 27 years together. It is an amazing list of accomplishments - from those I cited above to sending countless thousands of underserved children to summer camp and providing scholarships for aspiring community-based doctors; from building a clean water system for a Guatemalan village to helping save women who were victims of the Sudan genocide; from buoying efforts to find a cure for macular degeneration to helping families in need of health and medical care for their pets, plus so much more. LIFE and I are only as good and as impactful as all of you, our supporters. I can't thank you enough.

With Love,

Lois

Upcoming Events

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

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