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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020  
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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DEFENDING LIFE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 HYATT REGENCY NEW ORLEANS  
BENEFITTING LOUISIANA & NEW ORLEANS RIGHT TO LIFE

**2020 PROUDLY PRO-LIFE AWARD RECIPIENT:** House Republican Whip Steve Scalise  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Actor and Adoption Advocate, Kirk Cameron  
**CHAIR COUPLE:** Mike & Dana Hammer

*Dear Friend of Life:*

**We cordially invite you to become a patron for our Proudly Pro-Life Gala in New Orleans on Saturday, January 18, 2020 to celebrate New Orleans & Louisiana Right to Life's 50th Anniversary!**

Since 1999, we have held the Proudly Pro-Life Dinner every January. In 2020, we host a special Proudly Pro-Life Gala at the Hyatt Regency to mark our 50th anniversary. **We will be honoring our congressman and friend, Republican Whip Steve Scalise, with our Proudly Pro-Life Award.** Actor and adoption advocate Kirk Cameron will be our keynote speaker.

In 1970, three years before Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in America, New Orleans & Louisiana Right to Life were founded to defend life. Over these last 50 years, our efforts through legislation, education, activism and service have made Louisiana one of the strongest pro-life states in America. At our Gala, we will be celebrating our legacy, honoring those who have paved the way, and looking forward to a day when all unborn babies are protected.

Please become a patron for our Gala. Patron levels are listed on the back of this letter. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. **In order for your name to appear on the invitation, please remit your patron reservation and payment by November 8, 2019.**

Please utilize the enclosed response form or register online at [www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/gala](http://www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/gala). We appreciate your generosity in advance!

*For a Pro-Life Louisiana,*



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# THE EVENT

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## *Proudly Pro-Life Gala:* 50 YEARS OF DEFENDING LIFE

For 20 years New Orleans Right to Life Educational Foundation has held the New Orleans Proudly Pro-Life Dinner to celebrate life and raise funds to defend life. In 2020, New Orleans Right to Life unites with Louisiana Right to Life to host the Proudly Pro-Life Gala to celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 18, 2020  
Cocktails at 6 PM | Dinner and Program at 7 PM

**WHERE:** Hyatt Regency New Orleans  
601 Loyola Ave. | Downtown New Orleans

We have a limited number of rooms blocked at a special rate for Saturday night at the Hyatt. Call 504.561.1234 and use code G-PPLC to reserve your room. The rate will expire Dec. 20 or sooner if the block is filled.

Complimentary Gray Line bus transportation from Metairie will be available on a limited basis to patrons and guests. More information will follow. Contact our office if interested.

**ATTIRE:** Black Tie Optional

**CHAIR COUPLE:** Mike and Dana Hammer

Mike and Dana Hammer are proud to serve as the Chair Couple for the Proudly Pro-Life Gala. Mike and Dana have sponsored monthly pro-life luncheons for leaders in the New Orleans pro-life cause for years, and Dana founded the Advertise for Life Initiative at Louisiana Right to Life. Mike is the Principal of Pontchartrain Capital LLC, an investment banking group.

### **GALA COMMITTEE:**

Kathleen Benfield, Christopher Chin, Jerry Christopher, Benjamin Clapper, Sandy Cunningham, Anne Dardis, Arthur Dupré, Sheri Derbes, Carlton Guillot, Kathleen Harrison, Colleen Ingraffia, Peg Kenny, Lauren Lagarde, Judy Legett Martin, Karen McGoey, Stacy Pellerin, Judy Quinilty, Sharon Rodi, Alexandra Seghers, Theresa Truxillo, Robert Winn, and Micki Wypyszinski





## OUR HISTORY

# LOUISIANA AND NEW ORLEANS RIGHT TO LIFE: DEFENDING LIFE SINCE 1970

Abortion was illegal in Louisiana in 1970. Alarming, a few other states had recently liberalized their abortion laws. With this in mind, courageous men and women took up the cause of protecting life in Louisiana.

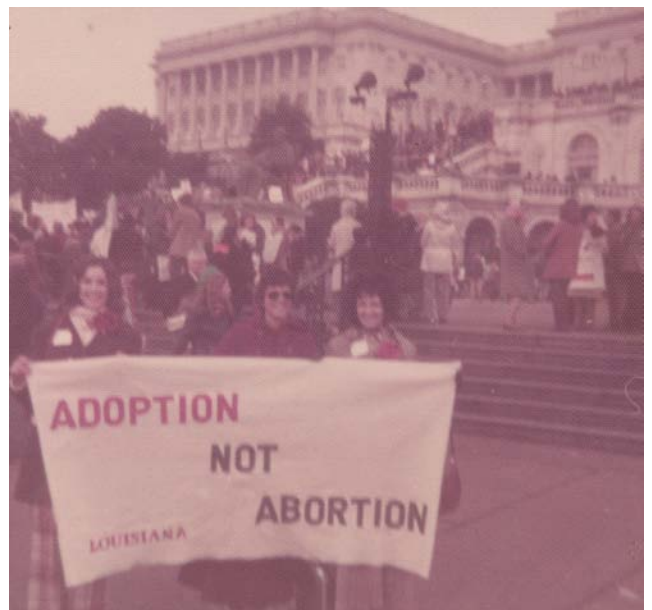
Bob Winn, a young New Orleans attorney, was invited in 1970 to attend the second national gathering of pro-life leaders at Macalester College in Minnesota, where he learned about the brutality of abortion. With nine projector slides in tow, wrapped in ditto paper and held together by a rubber band, Bob returned home and, together with his wife, Maria, held a dinner party with friends. The evening ended with the founding of Louisiana and New Orleans Right to Life to tell the truth about abortion and euthanasia.

Three years later, the U.S. Supreme Court did the unthinkable by legalizing abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy nationwide through *Roe vs. Wade*.

From this first dinner party and through the dedication of countless volunteers, Louisiana Right to Life has led the way to Louisiana becoming one of the most pro-life states in America. For the last 50 years, we have given educational presentations, assisted pregnancy help centers, passed legislation, fostered adoption awareness, sponsored marches, prayed at abortion facilities, and much much more.

In 2020 we will celebrate 50 years of lives being saved, women being helped, laws being passed, and hearts and minds being opened to the dignity of every human life.

Please join us as we look forward to a day when all lives are protected by law and welcomed with love in our nation!







## OUR HONOREE

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### Republican Whip Steve Scalise

Congressman, 1st Congressman District

#### **A BOLD PRO-LIFE LEADER IN CONGRESS**

Louisiana and New Orleans Right to Life are proud to honor Republican Whip Steve Scalise with the 2020 Proudly Pro-Life Award for his pro-life leadership and dedication throughout his career in public service.

Representative Scalise served in the Louisiana Legislature from 1996 - 2008, maintaining a 100% pro-life voting record and assisting in the passage of many pro-life laws during his time in Baton Rouge. Since his 2008 election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Scalise has been a vocal leader for life in Congress. After becoming the Majority Whip in 2014, he orchestrated the passage of many pro-life bills through the House of Representatives. Recently, he passionately led the effort to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act in Congress. Representative Scalise never runs from the defense of the pro-life mission. Through local and national media, he passionately and articulately defends his pro-life beliefs and actions.

Congressman Scalise is appearing on this invitation only as an honored guest and is not soliciting funds on behalf of Louisiana and New Orleans Right to Life.

## OUR SPEAKER: KIRK CAMERON, ACTOR AND PRODUCER

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Kirk Cameron has been a part of the national landscape since starring as "Mike Seaver" in the 1980 ABC hit sit-com, "Growing Pains." That role turned him into a cultural icon in the 80's, with his mullet hairstyle and cool sunglasses. Since then, he's appeared in and produced numerous television and movie productions, including *Fireproof*.

Kirk and his wife, Chelsea, met on the set of "Growing Pains" and have six children, four of whom are adopted. Kirk and Chelsea, who is adopted herself, are passionate pro-life and adoption advocates.

## PATRON LEVELS

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All patron levels, unless otherwise listed, receive a table of 10. If you would rather not have a table, please let us know and we will plan accordingly. Patrons also receive name recognition in event materials. **Can't Attend the Gala? We will miss you, but still would love you to be a patron to support our 50th Anniversary!**

**LIFESAVER PATRON:** \$25,000 (Option of up to 3 tables)

**CHAMPION OF LIFE PATRON:** \$15,000 (Option of up to 2 tables)

**DEFENDER OF LIFE PATRON:** \$10,000 (Option of up to 2 tables)

**LOVER OF LIFE PATRON:** \$5,000

**FRIEND OF LIFE PATRON:** \$2,500

**LIFE PATRON:** \$1,500

**INDIVIDUAL PATRON:** \$250 (Includes one ticket)

## SPECIAL SPONSORSHIPS

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**PRESENTING SPONSORSHIP:** \$50,000

*(Includes Name or Business Name As Presenting Sponsor in Event Listings and At Event.)*

**PATRON PARTY SPONSOR:** \$12,500

*(Includes prominent name or business recognition at patron party cocktail hour)*

## INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

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\$150 Per Individual Ticket





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Benefitting New Orleans and Louisiana Right to Life  
Saturday, January 18, 2020 Hyatt Regency New Orleans

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Friend of Life Patron: \$2,500

Life Patron: \$1,500

Individual Patron Ticket: \$250 (includes one ticket) Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Individual Ticket*

Individual Ticket: \$150 (includes one ticket) Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

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to Help Celebrate 50 Years of the  
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