

## LaVie Annual Fall Fundraiser Q&A – 2016

When: Thursday, September 29, 2016, 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Doors open at 6 pm /Dinner & Program at 6:30-8:30) – People asking about VIP reception will need to speak with Cindy.

Where: Northern Hotel: 19 North Broadway, Billings, MT

Join LaVie as we celebrate **25 Years of Amazing Grace** at our annual Fall Fundraising Banquet.

You won't want to miss this year's event, as we celebrate the hundreds of LaVie Babies born since we opened our doors 25 years ago.

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Keynote Speaker: Yvonne Florczak-Seeman

*Wife, mother and President and Founder of Love From Above, Inc and the Time to Speak POWER movement, Yvonne Florczak-Seeman* was just sixteen years old when she made the agonizing decision to end the life of her unborn child. She can still vividly remember the visit to the abortion clinic. She can recall people telling her that her situation was “temporary” and that in just a few hours it would all be over. They couldn't have been more wrong. During the three hours at the abortion clinic, Yvonne was never advised what the long-term consequences could be. The true result of that abortion was the complete destruction of her life for the next twenty years.

Q. Why are you once again changing the location of your banquet?

A. We were so blessed to have Faith Chapel allow us to utilize their facilities for last year's banquet. As we were in the planning stages for this year's event, LaVie's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it was determined that a more formal event should be held to commemorate being in the Billings Community for the past 25 years. Having accommodations to serve a minimum of 400 people was essential, and we found that no faith based facility could accommodate a party that size for a sit down meal.

Q. Do you think you'll return to having the event in a church?

A. As we received a high amount of praise for last year's banquet, it is very likely that we could consider moving back to a church for future banquets. However, nothing at this time has been determined.

Q. Will you consider having future banquets in a tent again?

A. Anything is possible, but we will always strive to keep our costs down, thus being good stewards of our donors' money.

Q. Is there a cost for this year's banquet, and do I need a ticket to get in?

A. Yes, there is a cost for this year's banquet. The charge, to help cover the cost of the meal, is \$40 per ticket or \$400 for a table of 8. Both Individual tickets and tables are available to purchase if a group would like to guarantee seating together. You will need to have paid and registered prior to the event. Tickets will be mailed out 2 weeks prior to the event.

Q. Why is the cost of the table more than the per ticket price, i.e. \$40 per ticket or \$50 per ticket for a table of 8?

A. Tables will have guaranteed seating with their guests and premium seating over those with individual tickets. Additionally, as a “table sponsor” you will be recognized as such at the banquet.

Q. Is the cost of the ticket tax deductible?

A. The cost of your ticket will help cover the actual cost of your meal. Thus, the price of the ticket is not tax deductible. However, all donations aside from your ticket price, will be 100% tax deductible.

Q. Why is there a cost for this year's event, when it's always been free?

A. It is becoming more and more difficult to rely on Sponsors to fully cover the costs of our banquets. The cost of a ticket will just barely covers the cost of your meal. Additionally, as we tend to have a high number of no shows every year, we would at least be guaranteed that we would not have to absorb the cost of the meal. Like all of our

annual banquets, this year's event is a fundraiser. It is our hope that gifts received will be beyond the cost of the meal and include the most ever raised to help us fund the purchase of a 3D US machine.

Q. How do I register?

A. Registration is online and the link is located on our webpage, [www.billingscpc.org](http://www.billingscpc.org) (see page 3), or you can also register by calling Carol at 652.4868.

Q. Are you having a sit down meal?

A. Yes, we are having a sit down meal.

Q. Will you have wine at this year's event?

A. There will be plenty of beverages to choose from. It has not yet been decided if adult beverages will be made available. If adult beverages are available, it will be a cash bar.

Q. What kind of food will be served?

A. We will have 2 menu options – Chicken Or Steak. Please see our website for the complete menu details. Both meals are gluten free. Please notify Carol Tinnes of any food allergies, either through email at [carolt@billingscpc.org](mailto:carolt@billingscpc.org), or by calling 652.4868.

Q. Will you still have an ultrasound demonstration?

A. This continues to be the highlight of the evening. We are working on having a 3D ultrasound presentation.

Q. What is the dress code?

A. As this is LaVie's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, it will be a dressier occasion. Of course we welcome our supporters in whatever they are comfortable wearing.

Q. Will this year's event be primarily represented by a particular denomination?

A. No, as always LaVie is and will continue to be a ministry supported by many diverse faith partners. Our faith partners are all extremely important to us, thus we hope to provide a program that can speak to all denominations that support Life!

Q. Where do you park?

A. Free parking is provided: Enter Northern Hotel Parking Garage, south of Hotel on Broadway; park in "Northern Reserved" spaces and **have your ticket validated at the front desk before you leave for the evening.**

Q. Will the event end on time?

A. Yes, 8:30 is our expected ending time. We feel confident with our preplanning, and all parties involved, that once again we will deliver a strong emotional, well informed program and still finish on time. Last year's banquet ended promptly at 8:30.

Q. Why "The Northern"?

A. We are excited to be partnering with the Northern, and look forward to the same professional high-end atmosphere we have all come to know and enjoy at each of our banquets. This year the banquet will include a sit down meal and, as most of you know, accommodations in this town are limited for the size we are trying to accommodate.

Q. Are kids welcome at the banquet?

A. We love when we are able to speak to youth about LaVie. However, LaVie's banquet is not always the best place for us to deliver the message we would like for our youth. Additionally, our annual banquet is the largest fundraising opportunity we have, and as a 100% donor supported organization, we need to ensure that our event is reserved for fundraising. With that being said, many of our staff members will have their young family members, as they frequently help out during the event. You are welcome to call the day of the event for any cancellation or availability and we would be happy to fill the empty seats with your mature teen.

What the online registration looks like.

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*Please join us as we celebrate* 25 YEARS of AMAZING GRACE

**Online Registration**

**Event Name** Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet 25 Years of Amazing Grace  
**Date and Time** Thursday, September 23, 2016 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Registered Before?  
Speed up registration to this event by registering using Facebook! [Register via using Facebook!](#)

**Basic Information:** (Bold fields are required)

Please speak with a Ministry Sync representative to add registration fees to your form.

Title: Select  
First Name: \*  
Last Name: \*  
Gender: \* Select

Yes, I would like to be a Table Host.

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**Spouse Information:**

My spouse will join me.

Spouse Title: Select  
Spouse First Name: \*  
Spouse Last Name: \*

**Contact Information:**

Address:   
  
City:   
State / Prov: Montana  
Zip / Postal Code:   
Phone:   
Email: \* (Required for confirmation and reminder emails)

**Event Information:**

My Group Host is: Select  
I would like to sit with:

**Payment Information:**

Method of Payment: \* Pay Online

Please click "continue" to process your payment.

This is a screenshot of what the registration form will look like

From Billings cpc.org, Click link and registration will open in a new tab

Registration Type:  
\$40 individual  
\$80 couple  
\$400 host a table of 8  
Guest of a host

