



# First Image Gala 2021



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Q: When is the Gala?**

**A:** The Gala is Saturday, October 16th, 2021. A reception of drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and the start of our program at 7:00 pm.

**Q: Where exactly is the Gala?**

**A:** The event will take place at the Red Lion Hotel Ballroom located at 909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon. The hotel is situated along the scenic Columbia River near I-5.

**Q: What are the parking arrangements and directions?**

**A:** There is ample complimentary parking available at the hotel parking lot. The Grand Ballroom entrance is located west of the main hotel entrance.

**Q: What can I expect from the evening?**

**A:** We know you are going to have a fun filled night! The evening will begin when you meet up with your party and enjoy time with the First Image community from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm during our reception hour. Take in the views of the Columbia River outside on the patio while hors d'oeuvres and drinks are served. Seating at your table will begin at 6:30 pm with dinner served at 7:00 pm. You and your guests can expect to hear an encouraging update from some of our pregnancy center staff, honest stories from a few of the women the ministry has impacted this past year, along with a look forward at the future of First Image from our Chief Growth Officer. The Gala is a night focused on building community and raising funds to support First Image with its mission to provide compassionate care for those impacted by unsupported pregnancy and abortion in our city. At the end of the evening there will be an invitation to support the ministry with several ways to give. Giving is completely optional but encouraged.

**Q: I already support First Image financially, why should I come to a Gala?**

**A:** The Gala is the best opportunity we have all year to invite others to learn about the mission of First Image, an important ministry we know you care deeply about. Come and gather with like-minded people, be inspired by the vision and mission of First Image, and support and love those impacted by abortion in our city. Inviting others to the Gala is a strategic way to extend the impact of your partnership.

**Q: Is this a political event?**

**A:** No, this is not a political event. This event is focused on raising awareness and financial support to continue bringing compassionate care to the vulnerable women, men, and pre-born babies in our city.

**Q: How do I register to attend the Gala?**

**A:** Purchase tickets to attend on the [website](#). Once you have purchased your ticket, you will receive a confirmation email with the event information and links to share on social media. There will also be a link provided to add the event to your calendar. Check out our [Gala tutorial video](#) for more help and specifics.

**Q: How do I register to host a table and invite others?**

**A:** Register to host a table on the [website](#). Once you have purchased your host ticket, you will receive a "Table Host Confirmation" email with a link to manage your guest list. There you can send e-mail invitations to your friends, register a new guest, and communicate via e-mail to your guest list. Check out our [Gala tutorial video](#) or [Gala Host Information](#) for more help and specifics.

**Q: If I am hosting, do my guests need to register?**

**A:** Yes, please either register your guests using your online host management page or your guests can register themselves by selecting the "Invited Guest" option at registration. Once they have selected that option, your guest will see the drop-down button to select their group host. Your name should be listed as a group host. There is no fee for your guests to register. If you or your guest have any difficulties, please e-mail [ashley@first-image.org](mailto:ashley@first-image.org) for assistance.

**Q: I can't attend the Gala in-person. Is there a virtual option?**

**A:** Yes, we will be live streaming the event for those that are unable to attend in-person. Select the "Virtual Guest" option at registration. You will receive a link to watch via e-mail shortly before the event on October 16th. We are not offering a virtual host package this year, but if the situation allows, we encourage those participating from home to invite others to join them.

**Q: What food will be served at the event?**

**A: We are offering a lovely gourmet dinner featuring an entrée choice of flank steak, herb roasted chicken or artichoke and spinach risotto. Salad and a choice of dessert will be available at your table. You and your guests will select your entrée at registration.**

**Q: How do I let you know if I have any special dietary requirements or food allergies?**

**A: Yes, you can let us know when you complete Online registration in the box labeled "Dietary Restrictions". We will alert the kitchen to any requirements or food allergies. If accommodations cannot be made, you will be notified by our staff.**

**Q: Can I request to sit with a specific person?**

**A: Yes, you can request to sit with a specific person when you complete Online registration. Look for the box labeled "I would like to sit with:" and include your preferences.**

**Q: Is there a dress code for this event?**

**A: There is not a strict dress code for the event but we encourage "semi-formal or "dressy casual" attire.**

**Q: I am interested in helping at the event. Do you need volunteers?**

**A: Great! Yes, volunteers are needed to help check-in, ushering as well as clean-up after the event. E-mail [ashley@first-image.org](mailto:ashley@first-image.org) for more information.**

**Q: Are you offering childcare for guests this year?**

**A: No, unfortunately we are not able to offer childcare this year. Hopefully next year!**

**Q: Can I bring my child or infant with me?**

**A: We ask that you leave the little ones at home for this event if possible. The stories and content may be too mature for those under 13 years old.**

**Q: Do I have to wear a mask at the Gala?**

**A: We will adhere to the state and local guidelines at the time of the event. This will likely mean that masking is required while not eating or drinking.**

**Q: What if the in-person event is canceled? Will I receive a refund?**

**A: Yes, if we are unable to have an in-person event we will send out information on how to receive a refund for your ticket price. We will still offer a virtual Gala event if meeting in-person is not an option.**

**Q: What happens if the Gala becomes a virtual event due to weather or COVID?**

**A: The show will go on! We are planning contingencies to provide a meaningful virtual event if the restrictions or safety of our staff and guests warrants that change.**

**Q: Can I pay by check for my ticket?**

**A: Yes, you have the option at registration under payment to select the "Mail in a Check" option. We ask that you mail in your payment by October 8th, 2021.**

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**Attn: Gala 2021**

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**Q: I purchased a ticket, but now what should I do?**

**A: Check your e-mail, including your junk and/or spam e-mail, for your confirmation notice. You can then use that e-mail to add the event to your calendar, save the directions to the Red Lion and share with your friends and family about the event. If you registered to host, you will receive a host confirmation e-mail that allows you to manage your guest list and invite others to join your table.**

## **Helpful Resource Links**

**[Why is hosting significant?](#)**

**[Registration Tutorial](#)**

**[Download Gala Graphics](#)**