

FIRST IMAGE GALA 2023

FAQ's

When is the Gala?

The Gala is Saturday, October 21st, 2023. A reception of drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30pm followed by the start of our program at 7:00pm.

Where exactly is the Gala?

The event will take place at the Holiday Inn Portland, Columbia Riverfront located at 909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon. The hotel is situated along the scenic Columbia River near I-5.

What are the parking arrangements and directions?

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

What can I expect from the evening?

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 5:30pm to 6:30pm during our reception. 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 6:30pm with dinner served at 7:00pm. Our time together will include music, stories from staff and clients, a keynote message and updates about the ministry. 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 unexpected 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.



I already support First Image financially, why should I come to the Gala?

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.

Is this a political event?

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.

How do I register to attend the Gala?

Purchase tickets to attend on our 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.

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

Register to host a table on our 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 the Gala Host webpage for more help and specifics.

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

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 events@first-image.org for assistance.

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

We are not live streaming the event this year.

What food will be served at the event?

We are offering a lovely gourmet dinner featuring an entrée choice of steak or salmon. Salad and a choice of dessert will be available at your table. You and your guests will select your entrée at registration.

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

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 accommodation cannot be arranged, you will be notified by our staff.

Can I request to sit with a specific person?

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.

Is there a dress code for this event?

There is not a strict dress code for the event but we encourage “business formal” or “dressy casual” attire.

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

Great! Yes, volunteers are needed to help check-in, ushering, and clean-up after the event. E-mail events@first-image.org for more information.

Are you offering childcare for guests this year?

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

Can I bring my child or infant with me?

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.

Do I have to wear a mask at the Gala?

We will adhere to the state and local guidelines at the time of the event. It is unlikely that masks will be required this year.

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

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.

Can I pay by check for my ticket?

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 1st, 2023.

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I purchased a ticket, but now what should I do?

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 Holiday Inn 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.



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