



WOMEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM

of San Luis Obispo County

servicing those affected by intimate partner violence and child abuse

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Phyllis Madonna officially “Passing the Torch” for the Musical Revue and Fashion Show to the Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County; Phyllis Madonna Legacy Fund established at WSP

After 30 unforgettable years, the one-of-a-kind charity benefit will transfer to the nonprofit for overall event management.

The Women’s Shelter Program is proud to announce the Phyllis Madonna Legacy Fund as an enduring tribute to Phyllis Madonna, whose signature event, “Phyllis’ Musical Revue & Fashion Show,” has raised millions of dollars over three decades to directly fund services to survivors of intimate partner violence and child abuse in SLO County.

San Luis Obispo, CA – Phyllis Madonna, the Madonna Inn, and Executive Director Kirsten Rambo of the Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County (WSP) announce the “Passing of the Torch” for the 2018 charity event, newly named *The Women’s Shelter Program Musical Revue & Fashion Show*. While Mrs. Madonna will not perform in the show any longer, many aspects of the show will feel very familiar to long-time attendees. The event will occur, as always, on the first weekend in March at the Alex Madonna Expo Center. The dates for 2018 are March 2nd and 3rd.

Phyllis Madonna noted, “I can’t believe it has been 30 years of producing this show for the Women’s Shelter! And may I hug and say ‘thank you’ to each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I am thrilled to pass on my beloved musical revue and fashion show into the capable and loving hands of the Women’s Shelter Program. May your generous support continue for many years to come.”

WSP Board Member, Toni Detz, will chair the 2018 event. Cheri Humphrey, the long-time musical revue and fashion show producer from the Madonna Inn Boutique, will once again lead the show production with her fabulous team of volunteers. Humphrey comments, “I am very excited about this transition and so happy that the Women’s Shelter Program will continue to carry on for 2018 what Phyllis Madonna began 30 years ago. And, yes, Mrs. Madonna will have her table at the end of the runway this year, cheering on the cast as they perform!”

To purchase tickets for the 2018 show, please call the fashion show team at 805.316.1433 or send an email to wsptickets@gmail.com.

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Reflecting on this transition, WSP Executive Director Kirsten Rambo stated, “For three decades, Phyllis Madonna has selflessly raised both funds and awareness for the Women’s Shelter Program, and we are deeply grateful to her for championing this important cause in San Luis Obispo County.”

Rambo continued, “We are proud to partner with the Madonna family to announce the establishment of the Phyllis Madonna Legacy Fund, to honor Mrs. Madonna’s long-standing commitment to helping survivors of domestic violence and their children. As a direct result of Mrs. Madonna’s advocacy, thousands of adults and children in this county have gotten the help they need to become physically safe, emotionally healthy, and self-sufficient. It is no exaggeration to state that, in many cases, these services are absolutely life-saving.”

The Phyllis Madonna Legacy Fund allows community members to honor Mrs. Madonna’s work by donating to WSP in recognition of her decades-long commitment to this important cause. For more information about the fund and the show, please go to www.wsp slo.org or call (805) 781-6401.

About the Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County

For 38 years, WSP has been committed to recognizing and responding to the community’s need for comprehensive multicultural domestic violence services, with an understanding that domestic violence and child abuse impact primary victims, family members, society, and future generations. With this in mind, WSP upholds their goal to stop the cycle of violence through providing crisis intervention, emergency shelter, transitional housing, advocacy, treatment, prevention, and education.

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