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FRIDAY  
**APRIL 30, 2021**

SIoux FALLS  
CONVENTION CENTER  
1201 N. WEST AVE. SIOUX FALLS, SD

Welcome Reception Entertainment  
**BILL GIBSON ORCHESTRA**  
**6:15 – 6:45 PM**

You are invited to come enjoy the sweet, soothing sounds of the Bill Gibson Orchestra as they perform for our Welcome Reception.

**DINNER & PROGRAM**  
**7:00 PM**

Featured Speakers  
**BOB & LIZ MCEWEN**





**FELLOWSHIP IS MORE** than potluck dinners and ice cream socials. It's more than hanging out with people before small group and exchanging smiles in the hallways at church. While fellowship includes friendship, fun and usually food, it's much more than all of those things. Fellowship is bonding over a shared "something" - a shared interest, a shared commitment, a shared cause. Fellowship requires a unifier, and our unifier is the Author and Protector of Life.

When we look to our left and right and see people who have the same mission and who fight the same battles, that's fellowship. When we stand in the gap for vulnerable unborn lives who are struggling against the forces of evil, that's fellowship.

**Fellowship is forged when we show up for the hard stuff in each other's lives, not just the fun stuff.** It allows other believers to get close enough to hold us spiritually accountable.

**AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS, NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER. – HEBREWS 10:24–25**



Fellowship is what happens when we are challenged, sharpened, encouraged and strengthened by the presence of God dwelling in the hearts of those around us. And when a life-affirming community lives in true fellowship with God and one another, others will be drawn to the God that unites them.

So we invite you to join us in person at the Friends & Fellowship Dinner on Friday, April 30 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Come and experience true fellowship with a community dedicated to advocating for the voiceless.

For HIS Unborn,  
**Allen & Leslee Unruh**  
*Alpha Center Founders*

YOU ARE INVITED

# PLEASE JOIN US

We invite you to join us at the **Friends & Fellowship Dinner** on Friday, April 30 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. It will be an inspiring night featuring musical entertainment, ministry partner and client testimonies and special guests, Bob and Liz McEwen. Dinner is complimentary and because seating is limited, registration is required. Adults only, please.

*An opportunity to make a financial faith investment will be provided.*

## CHOOSE HOW YOU REGISTER:

1. Visit [alphacenterfriends.com/dinner](http://alphacenterfriends.com/dinner)
2. Call Alpha Center at 605-361-3500 or email [info@alphacenter.org](mailto:info@alphacenter.org)
3. Contact a registered Table Host

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### BOB & LIZ MCEWEN

Former Ohio Congressman, Bob McEwen, has served as a member of the Intelligence Committee and the Rules Committee in the United States House of Representatives. He was also a member of the U.S. delegation to the European Parliament for 10 years and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Washington-based Council for National Policy. His wife, Liz, also a longtime member of Council for National Policy, served as the president of the Congressional Wives Club. Liz has spoken at conferences throughout the nation with a passion for encouraging women in their marriages and personal image. Bob and Liz have experienced many evidences of God's grace in their lives, the greatest being the joy of raising four children and spending time with their nine grandchildren.

Visit [alphacenterfriends.com/dinner](http://alphacenterfriends.com/dinner) to watch an exclusive VirTru interview between Leslee and the McEwens





ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE

ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

"I took my youngest and we had never taken the opportunity to spend quality time together before. Thank you for such a memorable evening." - DEB

# KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

## A TRULY SPECIAL NIGHT

On February 27, Abstinence Clearinghouse hosted the *Knight to Remember* for mothers and sons ages 12 - 18 in downtown Sioux Falls.

*Knight to Remember* serves as a unique opportunity to communicate the importance of actively cultivating virtue and integrity. Featured speaker Tom Henderson shared practical ways young men can pursue biblical manhood. Between the hors d'oeuvres, photo booth, reflection time and dancing, the evening proved to be a night to remember.



**INSPIRING**  
MEN & WOMEN OF VIRTUE



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## SAVE THE DATE

Abstinence Clearinghouse, in partnership with Alpha Center, will be hosting an in-person *God, Mom & Me Tea* on Thursday, May 13, 2021! **Reserve your seat at [abstinence.net](http://abstinence.net) or call us at (605) 335-3643.**



VIRTRU TRAINING UPDATE

This spring, VirTru will be releasing a virtual **God, Mom & Me Tea** program package allowing individuals across the country to host the event in their communities!

*God, Mom & Me Tea* serves as an event for mothers, or mother figures, and daughters ages 9-12 to focus on the joy of womanhood, the beauty of God's design and the greatness of His timing for development.

It is God's plan that the honor of passing on the truth about life and how it begins comes from a child's parents. Bad or inaccurate information from one of her friends, the Internet, or what is taught in a "sex education" program at school can be destructive.

At VirTru, we believe that parents should be the primary sex educators of their children and, like you, we desire to come alongside parents by providing age-appropriate resources and materials.

The *God, Mom & Me Tea* package will walk you through the steps needed to create a memorable experience and make a lasting impact on the mothers and daughters who attend your event.

With a hostess guide, planning outlines, attendee booklets and an interactive video experience to be shared at your event, you will receive all the tools you need to host a successful teatime!



**Interested in inspiring virtue in the lives of young women in your community?** Call our team at (605) 335-1927 to learn how you can purchase the *God, Mom & Me Tea* package this spring for just \$69.99.

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OUR DAUGHTER'S 18TH BIRTHDAY

CALLIE VAN'T HUL

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EVAN, GENE, DAN & MARK

BRIANNA & CHRIS DSCHAAK



*The Alpha Center nominated Laura, Deb & Rex Pommier and Lou Johnson for the 211 Helpline's 2021 Spirit of Volunteerism Awards. Each nominee will be honored during National Volunteer Week April 18—24, as individuals whose volunteer service went above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

## LAURA, DEB & REX POMMIER

The Pommiers have been volunteering at Alpha Center for over ten years and had consistently been volunteering on Tuesday evenings until COVID-19 caused nearly all of Alpha Center's client programs and services to transition from in-person to virtual in March 2020. Throughout the summer of 2020, Laura, Rex and Deb still wanted to volunteer their time. They came in every other week throughout the summer and helped with a wide variety of tasks: spackling and painting walls, yard work, installing essential new tech equipment, organizing baby item donations and getting packets of information ready for supporters and volunteers.



## LOU JOHNSON

Lou has volunteered at Alpha Center for several years, focusing on maintaining the cleanliness of Alpha Center's building. When the first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in South Dakota, this need became even more essential. Lou faithfully disinfected surfaces and cleaned Alpha Center week after week during evenings and weekends, which is no small task since the building is nearly 8,000 square feet! Lou has always completed her tasks with joy and has been an incredible blessing to the staff, volunteers and clients who benefit from being able to use a safe, clean space. As the staff started transitioning clients back to in-person appointments, Lou paid special attention to high-traffic locations in the building to ensure everyone's health and safety. Many companies pay up to \$500 a month for cleaning, and our team is humbled by Lou's willingness to volunteer her time for this task.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALPHA CENTER VOLUNTEER **ANDREA DICK**, WHO WAS SELECTED AS THE JANUARY 2021 SIOUX EMPIRE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!



L to R: Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Casey Christensen, Wellmark; Andrea Dick, January Volunteer of the Month; Lori Clausen, Wellmark; Erica Miller, Alpha Center



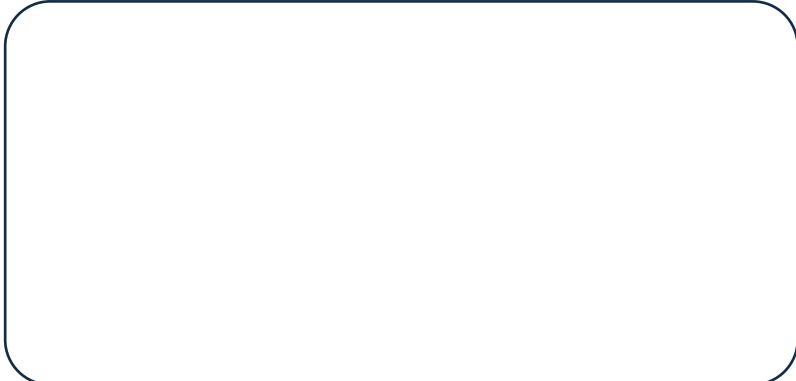
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