City Of Refuge Gospel Brunch To Create Community And Benefit The Foundation For Camp Max Straus

The City of Refuge Gospel Brunch, hosted by the LEAP Foundation and the City of Refuge Church at the House of Blues Sunset Strip on February 28th, will benefit The Foundation for Camp Max Straus, and the LEAP Foundation.

Feb. 4, 2009 - PRLog -- Los Angeles – Spirits will soar, denominations will mingle, and underserved campers will benefit at the City of Refuge Gospel Brunch. This inspirational and inclusive event, hosted by the LEAP Foundation and the City of Refuge Church, will be held at the House of Blues Sunset Strip on Saturday, February 28th. The 10 am “family seating” lets parents focus on philanthropy with their kids, while enjoying delicious Southern cuisine, a rousing set by the award winning City of Refuge Sanctuary Choir, as well as raffles and kiddie entertainment! The 1 pm seating also has all the sumptuous food, a full set by the Choir, a bountiful Silent Auction, raffles, and an optional VIP Experience.

A portion of event proceeds endows the campership at Camp Max Straus (CMS). A residential camp owned and operated by Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles (JBBBS), CMS has served more than 44,000 Los Angeles children since it was founded in 1938. Approximately 2,000 underprivileged children attend the camp annually, 90 percent of whom live below the poverty line, and often face emotional and behavioral hardships. CMS takes children off inner city streets and offers a respite from family struggles, resulting in what the American Camp Association describes as significant increases in their independence and leadership skills.

A portion of event proceeds will also benefit The Foundation for Camp Max Straus, a 501c3 founded in 1962 for the purpose of developing endowment funding to support the physical and programmatic needs of Camp Max Straus in perpetuity.

A portion of event proceeds will also benefit the endowment of the LEAP Foundation. LEAP provides resources for female-owned businesses and non-profit organizations in all stages of development. The Los Angeles-based organization also serves as a task force for local and international charitable events, which is how LEAP came to partner with the City of Refuge to raise money for The Foundation for Camp Max Straus. Through its endowment, LEAP creates and distributes microloans to worthy borrowers worldwide.

The City of Refuge Church, led by Senior Pastor Bishop Noel Jones, is located in Gardena, California. Boasting more than 20,000 members, the church has one of the nation’s finest gospel choirs, the City of Refuge Sanctuary Choir. Having performed with artists including Patti LaBelle and Ollie Woodson of The Temptations, the choir released its debut, “Welcome to the City,” in 2007. The album yielded Number One Gospel hit, “Not About Us.” Don’t miss them at this event!

Ticket Prices: 10am Seating: Children: $65, Adults: $90. 1pm Seating: General Admission: $100, VIP Experience: $250 (includes VIP reception and exclusive gift bag). Tickets and information are available at 888-205-8074 or http://gospelbrunch.eventbrite.com

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