

Utah Infertility Resource Center 2018 SPRING NEWSLETTER

2018 National Infertility Awareness Week: April 22-28

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

April 22 - 28, 2018

APRIL 23
MONDAY

Girls' Night/ Guys Night
Speaker & Waffles Video
Games & Pizza
Salt Lake City

APRIL 27
FRIDAY

Date Night
Dinner & Presentation
at Carrabba's Grill
Orem

APRIL 28
SATURDAY

Date Night
Dinner & Presentation
at Sonora Grill
Ogden

We have some fantastic things planned for National Infertility Awareness Week! We will kick off the week on Monday, April 23rd with a Girls' Night and a Guys' Night. The ladies will have a chance to listen to life coach Maria Wickham and enjoy a gourmet waffle bar. The guys will get to hang out, eat pizza, play video games, and more! Register at UircGirlsGuys.eventbrite.com.

Later in the week, we have two date nights. At each event, couples will get to listen to ASSET Certified Sex Therapist Braxton Dutton, LCSW, as he gives ideas on how to strengthen your relationship in his presentation titled, "Building a 4 Dimensional Connection During Infertility." The first one is on Friday, April 27th at Carrabba's in Orem, and the second is on Saturday, April 28th at Sonora Grill in Ogden. We hope to see you at one of these fun date nights! Register at DateNightOrem.eventbrite.com or DateNightOgden.eventbrite.com. Seating is limited so register NOW!

Be sure to follow our [Facebook](#) page to catch our 2018 Awareness Campaign. The national theme is "Flip the Script" and we will be sharing educational graphics that highlight several people in our community who struggle with infertility and the roles they play.

Works & Wonders of ART Gala



On Friday, March 16, UIRC held its annual fundraiser! This year, we held a gala and silent auction at The Falls Event Center at Trolley Square in Salt Lake City.

The event was emceed by local radio host Frankie Corrigan of 91.7 ZHT with Dave and Laura Kim as keynote speakers. The Kims spoke about their own infertility journey and showed the film they created in collaboration with local artist Emily Bagley as part of the Arches in Perspective: The ART of Infertility in Utah exhibit. Board members Melanie Jordan and Seth Finlinson spoke about our successes in 2017 and their excitement about our future years.

The Board of Directors presented our annual *Infertility Impact Awards* to some incredible people in our community. The *Outstanding Volunteer Award* went to Lindsey Boone, a pillar of the infertility community and a support group leader in Cache Valley. The *Lean on Me Award* was awarded to Emily Thornton, an adoptive mother who has been a huge support in the adoption community, even since her husband's sudden passing due to a tragic car accident. The *Commitment to Service Award* went to RCC's Laboratory Director Brett and embryologist Sasha Reggio, and Chantel and Barrett Labrum, adoptive parents who have served on the Utah Adoption Council, received the *Inspiration Award*. After the awards, our Executive Director Camille Hawkins wrapped up the evening with some heartfelt words of thanks to all in attendance.

We raised over \$32,000 and we are so appreciative of the many people who donated, bid on auction items, sponsored, or otherwise supported this fantastic event. A huge thank you to those who served on the Gala Committee, our amazing event planner, Brooke Gingras with Brooke Bloom Events, The ART of Infertility, and our board for organizing and putting this great fundraiser together.

We also want to thank our generous event sponsors:

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One More Shot Recap



This February, UIRC and The ART of Infertility were lucky enough to have the filmmakers of the documentary *One More Shot* fly out to share their film and discuss their experience with us. We viewed the raw and emotional film which follows Noah and Maya on their path to parenthood and shines light on the realities of infertility. They were joined by other fantastic panelists for a discussion regarding infertility and family building. Our panel consisted of Dr. Robin Jensen, Dr. Erica Johnstone, Whitney Garbell, Steven Mavros, Brent Seegmiller, and Maya Garbell.

To see the film, view it on [Netflix](#) or [iTunes](#). Thank you to Utah Humanities and Embryo Options for making this film screening possible!

3rd Party Evaluations



UIRC counselors are now doing third party evaluations for intended parents seeking unknown donor sperm, egg, and embryo donation (we cannot do any known arrangements at this time). Many clinics require a consultation with a therapist trained in third party reproduction to prepare individuals and couples for the process of family building using donor gametes. This is a session to talk through the psychosocial ins and outs of using a donor such as how to talk with your child about their origins, how to talk with family and friends about your decision, and to provide resources for further support.

If you require a third party evaluation for a using unknown sperm, egg, or embryo donation, contact us at contactus@uirc.info or through our [website](#).

Sponsor Spotlight



EMD Serono

We are so appreciative of EMD Serono's generous sponsorship of many of our programs at UIRC. They continually lend financial support to our direct support programs and many of our events.

[EMD Serono](#) is a pharmaceutical company that focuses exclusively on specialty care—integrating cutting-edge science with industry-leading patient support to treat specialty-care conditions, like multiple sclerosis, infertility and cancer.

Nearly 20 years ago, they revolutionized the global fertility community by bringing to market the world's first recombinant human product used in the treatment of infertility. They have continued to lead the way since that time. EMD Serono is using knowledge gained from working with the infertility community over many decades to find ways to address current challenges in the IVF Lab. Their goal is to bring a portfolio of innovative automated solutions to improve standardization and consistency to IVF labs, ultimately aiming for better outcomes for patients facing infertility.

Other Upcoming Events



UIRC always has fun events to look forward to. More details to come on each of these events. If you would like to be updated on any of these events, send an email to contactus@uirc.info and let us know which events you're interested in.

- May 10th:** Our Utah County counselor, Kelsey Redd, will be conducting a presentation titled, "Dealing with Long-Term Infertility: how to live a joyful life while waiting for children." This event will be in Lindon.

- June 26th:** We will be hosting a special "tea party" support group for mothers via egg donation or those interested in egg donation.

- July 30th:** We are hosting our annual family event at Wheeler Farm in Murray and enjoying a picnic along with all the farm animals.

- August 29th:** We are happy to be hosting a special LGBTQ+ event at Squatters Pub & Grill in Salt Lake City. This will be a great chance for the community to connect and learn about family building options!

- October 27th:** Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Utah Infertility Conference in Sandy!

Infertility Art Exhibit Recap



Arches in Perspective: The ART of Infertility in Utah was an inspiring exhibit held at the Art Access and Urban Arts Galleries featuring art pieces created by infertility patients to display meaning around their experiences with infertility and other reproductive loss. We are grateful for the hard work of [The ART of Infertility](#) directors Maria Novotny from Wisconsin and Elizabeth Walker from Michigan who curated the exhibit to help us bring more awareness about infertility to our community in a profound way. The exhibit was viewed by thousands of people between February 16 - March 16 and we were honored to be part of the SLC gallery stroll. To see more pictures from this event, visit The Art of Infertility's [Facebook page](#).

Thank you to our sponsors, funders, and partners making this event possible:

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