

# Press Release



## Gala To Commemorate 5 Years Of Supporting Families Through Pregnancy Loss

Silver Spring, Maryland, September 30, 2024 - Stillborn And Infant Loss Support (SAILS), a nonprofit serving families that have experienced pregnancy and infant loss, is holding their inaugural Raising the SAILS Gala on November 22 from 6-10 pm at the Silver Spring Civic Building's Great Hall at 1 Veterans Place. They invite compassionate individuals and businesses to help create a world where pregnancy loss is met with empathy and support.

Please join them in commemorating their first five years, during which SAILS has supported more than 600 families through the loss of their babies. They aim to raise \$40,000 to support their programs and reach more families. An estimated 21,000 babies are stillborn in the U.S. each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sadija A. Smiley founded SAILS in memory of her daughter, Ivyanna Salene, who was stillborn in 2003. "For me, the Raising the SAILS Gala is deeply personal," Smiley said. "It symbolizes our collective commitment to ensuring that no family has to grieve alone. It is a powerful reminder that even in our darkest moments, there is light and support available."

Attendees will enjoy a delicious buffet catered by Craveables Catering, a complimentary bar, and inspiring guest speakers. Individuals interested in attending the black-tie event can purchase tickets for \$125 through October 22. To purchase tickets and find more details about the gala, visit their [event page](#).

Prospective gala sponsors can find detailed information in their [sponsorship proposal](#), including six tiers of sponsorship available ranging from \$250 to \$10,000. Sponsors wishing to include an ad in their program must submit images by October 30.

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