

Dear Underwriters, Friends and Supporters of **Share Your Blessings**:

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today, bearing news that I never anticipated having to share. Due to unforeseen circumstances that are entirely beyond our control, the difficult decision has been made to pause this year's Share Your Blessings Holiday Party.

I am heartbroken to bring you news that this year's planned **Share Your Blessings Holiday Party** has been paused for this year due to events out of our control.

As many of you know, La Griglia, our traditional event space is closing, effective 10/31/23. The great news is that a new and improved La Griglia will emerge in the former Nino's location on West Dallas with a fabulous \$3 million dollar facility. However, the exact timeline for completion remains uncertain, given the complexities of building permits and inspections, and supply chain challenges. In light of these uncertainties, it would be impractical to plan an event of this magnitude, request auction items, and seek underwriting contributions.

While some have suggested moving the party just for this year, there is an even more significant concern that I must share with you. My dad, whom many of you met at the party several years ago is now 93 years old and in declining health. My focus must be on his well-being and care needs. He is in assisted living in Wisconsin, and my sister and I alternate visits there regularly. While I had hoped things would stabilize for him so I could devote the time and energy that it takes to make this event a success, that has not occurred.

Taking a pause for **Share Your Blessings** does not mean a halt to our support of our charities. Watch for some exciting news to come about ways you can help. In the meantime, please go to the Legacy Community Health Services website to make a donation to help continue their important work. All monies raised through this effort will be designated for continuing HIV care, prevention and education, supplementing the Ryan White funding.

Your support of this event over the years has been one of biggest blessings in my life. I sincerely appreciate all of you with gratitude and endless thanks. We will be back in 2024 bigger and better than ever!

Sincerely,

Jim Sikorski