

Amplify Austin Update

Christians must do something now!

As you know, being one of our faithful partners in Building a Culture of Life in this New Day, that we have in the past and planned to again this year, participated in the Amplify Austin that is a 24 hour on line giving campaign.

However, this year it was brought to my attention that key restrictions have been put in place and it is restrictions targeted toward the Faith Based Community. I thought I would include the specific wording in the Amplify Austin Terms and Agreement:

Faith-based nonprofits may be a partner of I Live Here, I Give Here, but all fundraising efforts through this partnership must be to support specific social service programs that are non-proselytizing and do not promote religious doctrine or instruction. Nonprofits of this type must certify that 100% of the funds raised on our platform will go directly to charitable/service work and NOT for general and administrative support or building funds.

o Faith-based nonprofits must certify that the specific aforementioned social services are available to the community- at-large and not only to their congregation.

o If you are a faith-based organization, please fill out addendum at the end of this document.

As you can see by the above wording we will not be participating in the Amplify Austin campaign this year, however, we believe that we should not just walk away. Last year the target was to remove the churches from participating. Now, more than ever, is the time for us to stand and stand boldly and unashamedly and not try to dance around this. I have notified our Austin Area Life Affirming Coalition (AALAC) regarding this and many are choosing to pull out. We should not be silent about this! This is directed solely at the faith-based community as you can clearly see by their terms and agreement above.

First of all, we are the ones who are sending you, our precious partners, to their site to give. Then they will hold the money for 4-6 weeks and then when they release it to us they will keep 8% and then restrict our sharing Jesus, who is at the very core of ALL we do! Can you see I am very passionate about this?

As I prayed over this, after it was brought to my attention, I asked the Lord what He thought? He took me to Psalm 55:11-23! Wow! That was clear! Then Psalm 56 and 62!

As I met with the APRC Board of Directors, (we have an amazing APRC Board of Directors), we decided we will do our own campaign and call it: "**Take Back Austin!**" We will ask you to take a stand with us and participate in giving BUT give directly to www.austinprc.org site. Our goal is to raise \$85,000!!! You can begin making donations any time on our www.austinprc.org site and by Monday we will have a special icon set up on our Home Page to give all the information easily.

Amplify Austin needs to hear from us that without the church/Faith-Based community Austin would not be the blessed community that it is! We will not be ashamed of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ! I have several Faith based non-profit leaders ready to go meet with the leadership of Amplify Austin and I have requested a meeting with them but, to date, have not heard back from them.

Please do 3 things:

- 1) Pray with us for wisdom as, yet again, God has given us an opportunity to unashamedly take a stand for Him. As we stood through the Federal lawsuit we saw God be so faithful that we boldly won our suit!!
- 2) Share this email with everyone you know and ask them to get involved. Knowing about this is one thing BUT doing something about it is another.
- 3) Give go to www.austinprc.org and ask God what amount He would have you give. It takes all of us! Let's be an example to show what God's people are capable of, especially when targeted.

I **thank you** for your faithful stand for truth and life! I am on a mission to show the world that we stand strong and bold for Jesus and raise our banners high! We are as David saying to the world, "Who is this who defies the armies of the living God?" As David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord God Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

Let's **Take Back Austin** - please spread the word that on March 5-6 we will have our campaign of **Take Back Austin** and watch God work on our behalf and raise \$85,000 and more to Glorify His Name and walk before God in the light of LIFE

Gratefully,

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