

Mexican actor pledges to build largest pro-life women's clinic in US

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan 19, 2011 / 06:03 pm ([CNA](#)).- Mexican producer and actor Eduardo Verastegui has announced that his organization, Mantle of Guadalupe, is planning to build the largest pro-life women's clinic in the United States.



Eduardo Verástegui

Verastegui's announcement came during the first-ever gala held by Mantle of Guadalupe and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles.

The gala took place Jan. 15 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills and brought together 300 noted guests, including Philip Rivers from the San Diego Chargers, Mexican actor Karyme Lozano, actor Sean Astin from “The Lord of the Rings,” violinist Roddy Chong and motivational speaker Nick Vujicic.

Vujicic also received an award for his courageous testimony in defense of human life.

During the gala, Verastegui, who is the founder of Mantle of Guadalupe, reiterated his commitment to defend life and

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announced that the organization's new goal is the construction of "the largest women's clinic in the United States."

"I will not use my talents except to elevate my Christian, pro-life and Hispanic values," Verastegui promised the guests.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the Mexican actor introduced several young Hispanic mothers and their babies who were saved thanks to the work of Mantle of Guadalupe. They were greeted with a prolonged standing ovation. "These babies are the fruits of Mantle of Guadalupe, they are the result of your generosity. If only just one of them were here, everything I have done in my life recently since filming 'Bella' would have been worth it," he said.

Upon receiving his award, Vujicic, a young Australian – born without arms or legs – thanked God for the gift of life. "He can turn a kid without arms or legs into his own arms and legs," Vujicic said during remarks peppered with loud applause from the guests.

Vujicic spoke about the unique and irreplaceable role of each human being regardless of his or her disabilities. He also announced the launch of the website iamviable.com, which features inspirational stories.

The gala raised funds for the pro-life medical center Mantle of Guadalupe recently opened in eastern Los Angeles. The clinic provides care for women in need and is located just a few miles from over 10 abortion clinics.

Care is provided free-of-charge, and includes pre-natal care, ultrasounds, natural family planning education and high-risk pregnancy care.

More information can be found at:
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