



The Preeclampsia Foundation's Annual Gala *Saving Grace--A Night of Hope Around the World* was held November 6, 2010 in Seattle and was a huge success for the Preeclampsia Foundation. In addition to the tremendous funds raised, the evening was an amazing night of connecting and sharing for many of the Preeclampsia survivors and their families in attendance. Particularly moving was the evening's focus on the effect of preeclampsia on women not just in the United States but around the world.

Each guest was gifted with a copy of the "Preeclampsia: A Decade of Perspective | Building a Global Call to Action". This [40-page publication](#) created by the Preeclampsia Foundation captures the milestones as the organization celebrated its 10th anniversary, while reporting on the state of preeclampsia, and suggesting a call-to-action for our partners, allies and supporters for the next decade. Included was a Proclamation signed by world health leaders representing 32 nations, that called for solidarity in six action areas.

The night also featured the premiere of the short film about the global impact of preeclampsia, *The Silence is Deafening*, which was produced by Lisa Russell, scored by Carter Armstrong, and underwritten by Jhpiego and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The film features stories from women around the world, all from very different places and economic backgrounds, but with eerily similar stories of symptoms and outcomes from preeclampsia. It had a definite impact on the crowd gathered who went on to pledge \$28,000 through the fund-a-need portion of the event toward the Foundation's goal of launching a new initiative in partnership with the International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy called "Partners for Progress in Women's Healthcare" that will focus on overcoming core challenges in individual communities. The goal at Saving Grace was to raise \$20,000 to fund the Foundation's portion of the collaborative program to enable a two-year commitment to the first partner site which will be a low resource

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setting outside of the United States. With the goal exceeded, the Foundation is well-positioned to continue its international work.