

More about Emily

Emily Colson has firsthand experience understanding families living

with disability, and she is passionate about engaging and supporting them. Most recently, Emily has been appointed to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Emily and Max live on the coast of New England where they can often be found dancing.

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A Night of Encouragement for Families with



Special Needs Children



With
Guest
Speaker

**Emily
Colson**

**Saturday October 13, 2018
5:00–7:30 in the evening**



What's this about?

IN A NUTSHELL: An evening of fine dining, great music, inspiration, conversation, and encouragement is being presented as a gift to parents and caregivers of autistic and other special needs children living in our community. Entertainment and special activities for children will be provided by a trained staff while parents are given the evening to relax and be replenished. Music performed live by Grammy nominated Oliver Scott and Friends. **Space is limited and registration is required.**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? This is for the parents and caregivers of special needs children. We have also planned for your special needs child and his/her siblings to attend in a separate area of the building. More information below.

- ♥ Parents
- ♥ Caregivers
- ♥ Children

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND? We recognize that the work you do day in and day out in taking care of your child is challenging, exhausting, and **invaluable**. We want to honor you, encourage you, and stand with you.

- ♥ Meet
- ♥ Learn
- ♥ Discuss
- ♥ Enjoy

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT? You take care of your child every day; our goal is to give you a break by taking care of **you** for an evening. You will enjoy a fine catered meal with live music by some of Houston's most celebrated musicians. You will be encouraged and inspired by our guest speaker. You will meet others, who just like you, care for their special needs children each day. You will also have the opportunity to visit with representatives of organizations that provide helpful services for families like yours.

- ♥ Delicious dinner
- ♥ Great Music
- ♥ Awesome Presentation

WHAT ABOUT MY SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD? We know that in order to provide you with a night of encouragement, we also need to take wonderful care of your child. We have arranged for an amazing night for your special children ages 3 through 21 as well. Trained personnel will oversee an evening of safe fun, with various activity stations plus a quiet room. After you register for this event, you will be personally contacted by one of our team representatives.

- ♥ Trained Special Needs Childcare Provided
- ♥ Registration required


WHAT ABOUT MY OTHER CHILDREN? Siblings are welcome as well. Be sure to register them and mention them to our team representative when they contact you.

- ♥ Siblings welcome
- ♥ Registration required

WHAT IS THE COST? There is no cost. This evening is a gift from Sienna Ranch Baptist Church to you. We appreciate you and value you.

- ♥ No Cost
- ♥ Our gift to you

WHO IS THE SPEAKER? Our guest speaker is Emily Colson, a well-known author, speaker and advocate. Emily speaks nationwide, and has appeared on numerous media outlets including Focus on the Family, the Huckabee Show, and Hallmark's Home & Family. She is the author of the award winning book, ***Dancing with Max***. In her book, Emily and her father, Chuck Colson, share the struggle and beauty of life with Max, Emily's 27 year-old son with autism. The book was awarded "Book of the Year" by the Autism Society.



Through her powerful message of hope and the value of every life, Emily has inspired many to persevere through their own challenges and see the gifts their child has brought to the world. Emily has been a single mother for most of Max's 27 years; learning hard fought lessons in faith, life, and love --- and with a whole lot of laughter.

- ♥ Speaker – Emily Colson
- ♥ Author of "Dancing with Max"

WHAT ABOUT THE MUSIC? The live music will be performed by Oliver Scott and Friends. Oliver Scott, a Grammy-nominated musician and prolific song writer, was a member of The Gap Band, and still tours nationally with The Gap Experience. Oliver is the Worship Leader at Sienna Ranch. For this evening he is bringing together some of Houston's greatest musicians for your enjoyment.

- ♥ Live
- ♥ Professional
- ♥ Happy & Uplifting

REGISTRATION: Due to limited space, it is essential for everyone attending to register. By registering, you are giving us the information we need to plan properly and ensure we have done everything we can to provide you and your children a great experience. Register early because space is limited and registration will close once we reach capacity.

- ♥ Registration is Required
- ♥ Space is limited
- ♥ Register early

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Every child is a gift to be treasured

