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LEADER SYMPOSIUM

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July 24, 2020

I send my warmest regards to those gathered in Savannah, Georgia, for the 40 Days for Life leader symposium.

40 Days for Life plays an important role as a leading voice for the pro-life movement, reminding us all that every human life is full of potential and worth defending. Your efforts help provide countless and critical resources to women during times of uncertainty, ensuring that they have the support they need to make choices that reflect our Nation's belief that all life is worthy of respect.

Each year, more than one million volunteers give families the tools they need to consider loving alternatives to abortion. To date, 953 cities and 64 countries have benefitted from 40 Days for Life campaigns. Not only have 107 abortion facilities closed, but 206 abortion workers changed their careers because of a campaign that changed their hearts. Our country, including the 17,226 babies whose lives have been saved, is grateful for your heartfelt work. As a Nation, we must always strive to live up to God's teaching that every human life is a precious gift from our Heavenly Father and that He has a plan for every child.

The First Lady and I send our best wishes for a productive and memorable conference. May God bless you, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

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Welcome to Savannah!

We are so happy you are joining us – and other campaign leaders – for the **40 Days for Life Leader Symposium!**

This will be an important time – especially during this unprecedented moment in our culture – to come together to network with other leaders, improve your local campaign, and have some fun in the process! Leading a 40 Days for Life campaign has never been more important than it is right now. We look forward to inspiring, equipping, and supporting you... so you can return home to pray, fast, stand vigil, and end abortion where you live.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'H. D. Gray'.



Agenda

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Symposium sessions are for Leaders and Team Members only

8:30 AM: Welcome

in Grand Ballroom C, D, E, F

8:35 AM: Reflection

from Fr. Paul Felix, 40 Days for Life, Chaplain

8:50 AM: The Future of Abortion

Sue Thayer, 40 Days for Life

9:20 AM: Leader Panel: New Ideas for Recruiting Vigil Participants

- Heather Gardner–Austin, Texas
- Mark Baumgartner–Columbia, South Carolina
- Gerald Yeung–White Plains, New York
- Laura Frederick–Lawndale, California

10:15 AM: Break

10:25 AM: High-Impact Campaign Events

*Brian Gibson, Pro-Life Action Ministries
& 40 Days for Life, St. Paul, Minnesota*

11:15 AM: Ask a Former Abortion Worker Anything

*Dr. Haywood Robinson & Sue Thayer
40 Days for Life*



Agenda

11:45 AM: Lunch and Networking

Lunch will be served in Grand Ballroom A, B

1:10 PM: Know Your Rights

Matt Britton, 40 Days for Life

2:15 PM: A 5-Year Plan for Building Your Campaign

*Katherine Woltering and Ricki Giersch,
40 Days for Life, Aurora, Illinois*

3:00 PM: Break and Networking

3:15 PM: Fasting 101

Steve Karlen, 40 Days for Life

3:55 PM: What Are They Going To Do, Kill Me?

Ruth Robert, 40 Days for Life, Nova Scotia

4:30 PM: Lead to End Abortion

Shawn Carney, 40 Days for Life

6:30-9:00 PM: Dinner and Entertainment for Everyone

in Grand Ballroom A, B (Casual Attire)

Sunday, July 26, 2020

9:00 AM: Mass (Optional)

*in Grand Ballroom E, F (Please see front desk for
information on other services)*

Board Members



CAROL SIEDHOFF
BOARD CHAIR

Carol has been heavily involved with 40 Days for Life since 2008. Her board experience includes non-profit organizations, including national advocacy non-profits. Carol has previously held Chief Human Resource roles. She has a Master of Science degree in industrial relations and counseling education. Carol and her husband have been married 35 years.



MATT BRITTON
BOARD
SECRETARY &
GENERAL
COUNSEL

Matt serves as the secretary of the board and general counsel for 40 Days for Life. He has had an expansive legal career, including four terms as an elected prosecutor; a county attorney; counsel to many not-for-profits and U.S. companies operating around the world; a major law firm litigator; and general counsel. Matt has written and spoken countless times on a wide range of legal and pro-life issues in locations across the United States as well as England, Japan, Colombia, Mexico, Korea, Singapore, Brazil, China, and locations across the European Union.

Most importantly, Matt is married to Libby Britton, and they have eight beautiful children and four grandchildren.



**SEGUNDO DE LOS
HEROS MONEREO**
BOARD
TREASURER

Segundo was born in Madrid, Spain. He is the Chief Financial Officer of I-66 Express Mobility Partners in Virginia. Segundo has extensive experience of more than 17 years in P3 project financial management and as Chief Financial Officer and Controller for numerous projects in North America.

In his early life, Segundo was part of Catholic youth groups, acolyte at his Parish and in the Navy while doing military service. In the Navy he received an award for outstanding behavior and zeal.

Segundo and his wife are parents of two daughters and have sponsored two boys in Africa. He joined the 40 Days for Life board of directors in 2019.

Board Members



**ALFONSO
CHICHARRO**
BOARD MEMBER

Alfonso was born in Malaga, Spain. He is married and is the proud father of four boys. He is a member of the Catholic Church and a civil engineer. He worked in London, England for ten years and—following a year in Melbourne, Australia—has landed in Texas with his family. Alfonso participated in 40 Days for Life in the United Kingdom since the very beginning and has been encouraged by the campaign's international growth. He is passionate about studying the life and works of John Paul II. He is convinced that abortion will end, and the world will become a better place to live.



FR. PAUL FELIX
CHAPLAIN

The fourth of six children, Fr. Paul Felix is the pastor of Annunciation Catholic Church, the oldest church in continuous use in Houston. His ministry has featured an apostolate to area nursing homes, leading pilgrimages (across Texas and internationally), prison ministry, Spanish-language ministry, and the founding of a medical ethics group for Catholic professionals. He has served as a spiritual director, confessor, retreat master, speaker, and teacher. Fr. Felix is a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a participant in the Opus Dei Circle of Priests, and a Priest Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



JOHN BARNETT
BOARD MEMBER

John took part in the very first 40 Days for Life campaign as a college student in 2004. After a year spending most abortion days on the sidewalk, John was brought onto staff at what was then the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life. At Texas A&M, he studied Industrial and Systems Engineering and completed minors in Business and Math. John discerned that God was calling him to play a different role in the mission of the Coalition and a day after walking across the stage, he started in a sales position at a pipe fitting company in Houston at the end of 2006. John has climbed his way up professionally while weathering the ups and downs of a volatile industry, and is humbled and grateful to be able to serve now on 40 Days for Life's board of directors. John believes all life is a precious gift from God. 2019 was an emotional year that saw not only the birth, heart surgeries, and death of his daughter Claire, but also the birth of her baby brother. John lives near Houston, TX with his amazing wife Lynn and their five surviving children.

Team Members

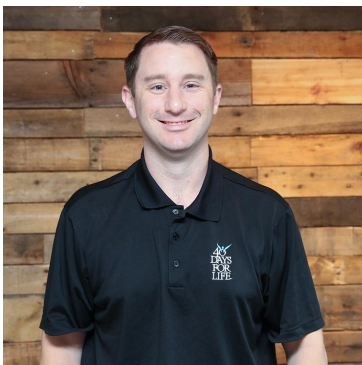


SHAWN CARNEY
PRESIDENT/CEO

Shawn began as a volunteer in the pro-life movement while still in college. During this time, he helped lead the first ever local 40 Days for Life campaign. After graduating from college, Shawn was asked to serve as the executive director of the Coalition for Life, a local pro-life organization in Texas, made up of more than 60 churches. From its beginning, Shawn has been instrumental in growing 40 Days for Life nationally and then internationally.

Shawn is a regular media spokesperson, and his work has been featured on hundreds of outlets, including *Fox News*, *The Laura Ingraham Show*, *The Drudge Report*, *The Guardian*, *USA Today*, and Christian media including *The Christian Post*, *National Catholic Register*, *Sirius XM Catholic Radio*, *EWTN Radio*, and *Focus on the Family*.

Shawn is one of the most sought-after pro-life speakers, addressing audiences coast to coast and internationally. He has executive produced award-winning pro-life documentaries. Shawn co-authored the #1 top-rated Christian book: *40 Days for Life: Discover What God Has Done ... Imagine What He Can Do* and also wrote *The Beginning of the End of Abortion* and *To the Heart of the Matter*. Shawn lives in Texas with his wife and eight children.



STEVE KARLEN
CAMPAIGN
DIRECTOR

Steve got involved in the pro-life movement as a volunteer leader with the 40 Days for Life campaign in Madison, Wisconsin. Before long, he found himself at the center of a nationwide controversy as the health system at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin, was secretly preparing to open a late-term abortion center on campus. Groups across the state looked to him for leadership. After nearly a year and a half, the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics abandoned its plan to open an abortion facility, citing Steve and his team as the reason for the decision. Steve now serves as the campaign director for 40 Days for Life, where he trains and assists local 40 Days for Life campaign leaders, co-hosts the 40 Days for Life Podcast, and edits 40 Days for Life's *Day 41* magazine. He has spoken in all 50 states; Washington, DC; four Canadian provinces; and Mexico City. Steve lives in Madison with his wife and five children.

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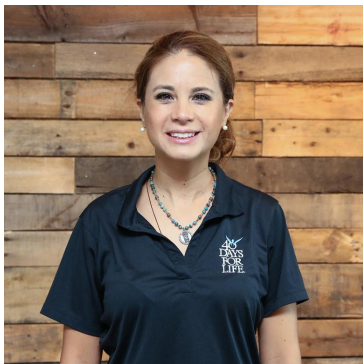
**ROBERT
COLQUHOUN**
DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL
CAMPAIGNS

Robert is based in London, where he led the first 40 Days for Life campaign in England. The vigils were held outside a BPAS abortion facility that, after several campaigns, stopped doing abortions and eventually closed its doors. Robert has helped the 40 Days for Life mission spread across the United Kingdom. He now assists local leaders coordinating 40 Days for Life efforts in nations as widespread as Australia, Croatia, New Zealand, Russia and South Africa.



SUE THAYER
DIRECTOR,
OUTREACH

Sue joined the 40 Days for Life team in 2018 as our director of outreach. She hails from Storm Lake, Iowa, where she was a long-time center manager for Planned Parenthood. After a direct push from God, Sue led a 40 Days campaign outside her former facility. Within weeks, the abortion center closed. Sue has done lots of traveling, sharing her deep passion for life as well as her insider's knowledge of the abortion industry. As a birth, adoptive and foster mom, she adores babies and children. Having come full-circle, Sue is living proof that God can forgive and save anyone.



LOURDES VARELA
LATIN AMERICAN
AFFAIRS
COORDINATOR

Lourdes is based in Mexico City, where she led eight 40 Days for Life campaigns. After working for almost ten years in the pharmaceutical industry, she felt called to dedicate herself to defending life. As one of the first campaign leaders in Latin America, Lourdes has helped spread the mission all over Mexico. Her mother and sister are also 40 Days for Life campaign leaders in Mexico.

Team Members



BOBBY REYNOSO
DIRECTOR,
ADMINISTRATION

Bobby became involved with pro-life efforts through a simple invitation from a friend to stand and pray outside Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas. Bobby joined the Coalition for Life in 2008. In 2010, he became executive director of the organization. God answered the community's prayers in 2013 when the Bryan abortion facility closed its doors. Bobby met his wife, Erin, while praying outside Planned Parenthood during the first nationally coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign. Bobby and Erin live in Bryan with their five children.



JILL COPELAND
DIRECTOR, MEDIA

Jill worked for almost ten years at the Eternal Word Television Network, producing such popular EWTN programs as *Life on the Rock*, *Catholic View for Women*, and *Women of Grace*. While working on pro-life shows at EWTN, Jill came to realize that God was calling her to work full-time in the pro-life movement. Jill has been with 40 Days for Life since 2014. She is married to a true Southern gentleman, and they are the proud parents of a young son and have another baby boy on the way.



CHERYL TAMEZ
DIRECTOR,
ADVANCEMENT

Cheryl is from Fort Worth, Texas, where she served in the Wise County district attorney's office before serving three terms as Polk County treasurer. After leaving public office, Cheryl worked for the Billy Graham Evangelical Association and served as accountant for Breakaway Ministries, a non-denominational weekly Bible study at Texas A&M University. In 2003, Cheryl began working with the Coalition for Life, handling bookkeeping and budget responsibilities. With the closure of the local Planned Parenthood abortion facility in 2013, Cheryl joined 40 Days for Life to use her many gifts to help end abortion in other cities.

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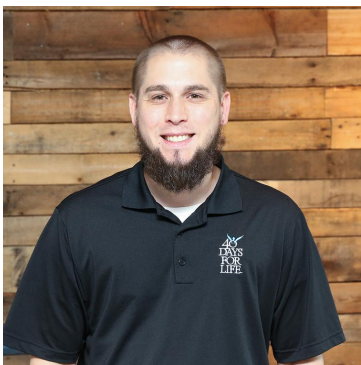
MELINDA GIAMBO
DIRECTOR, FINANCE
AND HUMAN
RESOURCES

Melinda joined 40 Days for Life after working as a teacher and administrator of a Catholic high school in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Having worked with young adults for many years in the pro-life movement, becoming a full-time member of the 40 Days for Life team seemed like a natural progression. Melinda lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, Nick. They have four children and two grandsons.



GILBERT GONZALEZ
DIRECTOR,
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

Gilbert first became involved in 40 Days for Life as a student in college, where he learned of the injustice of abortion taking place locally in Bryan, Texas. After praying at several 40 Days for Life campaigns, he met his wife Bree. Gilbert and Bree are happy to be back in the town where they met and are raising three beautiful children.



BEN STARNES
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT & DATA
ENTRY SPECIALIST

Ben's pro-life work began in Fort Worth where his parents took him and his younger siblings to pray outside abortion facilities in North Texas. After moving to Bryan, they joined other families in praying outside the local Bryan abortion facility and participated in one of the first 40 Days for Life campaigns. Ben was trained as a sidewalk counselor and continued that ministry with Crusaders for Life when he began attending the University of Dallas in 2009. After graduating in 2013 he worked for various political candidates before joining the 40 Days for Life headquarters team.

Team Members



DAWN CRAWFORD
DIRECTOR,
EVENTS

Dawn has worked in the fields of sales, administration, recruiting and marketing. She considers it a privilege to now coordinate 40 Days for Life events. Dawn attended her first 40 Days for Life vigil while working at a local Catholic School. The abortion facility where that vigil was held closed permanently two years later. Little did she know, that was only the beginning of God's plans for her role with 40 Days for Life. Dawn lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia with her husband, Tim, and their two boys.

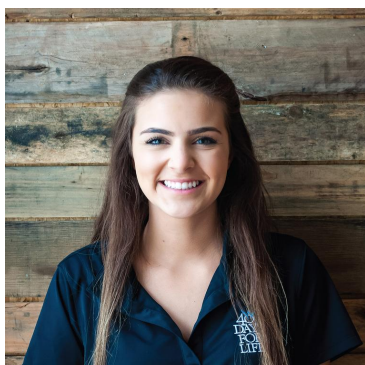


**HAYWOOD
ROBINSON, M.D.**
DIRECTOR,
MEDICAL AFFAIRS
AND EDUCATION

Haywood was born in Los Angeles, California. He attended college and medical school in Southern California and received specialty training in family practice medicine at Martin Luther King/Charles R. Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Haywood is a retired family physician living in Bryan/College Station, Texas. He has been married to Noreen Johnson, M.D for 38 years. They are the parents of four daughters and have three grandchildren.

Pro-life work has been a passion since salvation came to this former abortionist in 1986.



HANNAH GUIDRY
DONOR SUPPORT

Hannah is a small town girl from Louisiana, but calls herself a proud Texan! She is one of five children, and has been involved in the pro-life movement all her life. Hannah has just under 3 years of customer and personal service experience and is driven by her love for helping others.

Leader Panel Presenters



HEATHER GARDNER—AUSTIN, TEXAS



GERALD YEUNG—WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

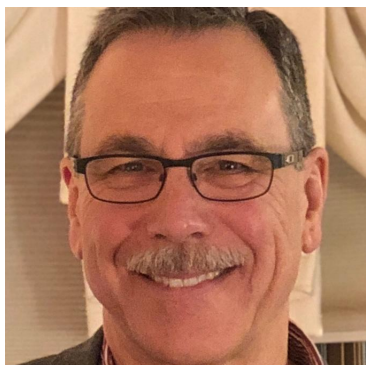


MARK BAUMGARTNER—COLOMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA



LAURA FREDERICK—LAWNDALE, CALIFORNIA





BRIAN GIBSON
PRO-LIFE ACTION
MINISTRIES

Brian Gibson, a national leader in the pro-life movement, has been full-time with Pro-Life Action Ministries since 1986, has been its executive director since January 1989, and has worked actively with the ministry since its inception in 1981. Under Brian's direction, Pro-Life Action Ministries has grown from a small activist group in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota into the nation's largest and most organized sidewalk counseling ministry. Over the years, Pro-Life Action Ministries has documented more than 3,300 babies saved directly from abortion. Brian has led 40 Days for Life in the Twin Cities since the first national Lenten campaign. The 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Twin Cities led to the closing of the abortion facility inside Regions Hospital, the first abortion facility to close in Minnesota because of pro-life efforts.

Brian and his wife, Julie, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last October. They adopted and raised two children from infancy.



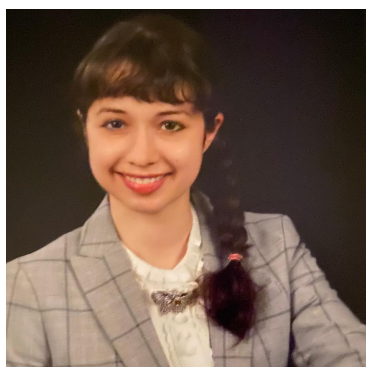
RICKI GIERSCH
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
LEADER, AURORA

Ricki has co-led the 40 Days for Life - Aurora vigil for the past five years. She has been involved in Pro-Life work since 2004 while teaching Health Education at Northern Illinois University. In 2007, the largest abortion clinic opened up in the Midwest in Aurora, IL which prompted her increasing involvement with her Church's Pro-Life ministry and organizing people to pray at the clinic. She has worked with local schools to incorporate Abstinence Education into the Health Education classrooms and mentored Student Teachers. Ricki has worked alongside of many Illinois organizations attempting to prevent harmful legislation from becoming law. Ricki is married to Pat and they have four adult children & five grandchildren. They reside in St. Charles, IL



**KATHERINE
WOLTERING**
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
LEADER, AURORA

Katherine Woltering is a devout Catholic and homeschooling mother of three, who has served as the Catholic Outreach Coordinator for the 40 Days for Life campaign in Aurora, IL for the last five years. Her journey into pro-life work began after she prayed outside of an abortion facility during a 40 Days for Life campaign in 2010. That hour turned into three and changed her life forever. She became a sidewalk counselor and joined her parish's Respect Life Ministry. In 2014, she was asked to lead that ministry, and the following year she served as the Catholic Outreach Coordinator for her local 40 Days for Life campaign. During that time, in order to devote herself entirely to her family and pro-life work, she gave up her career as a pediatric physical therapist; she believes that there is no greater or more important job than that of a mother—forming the hearts and minds of our children and teaching them to know, love, and serve God.



RUTH ROBERT
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
LEADER, HALIFAX

Ruth Robert is a 23-year-old university student. She was born in Japan, but spent fourteen years growing up in Saudi Arabia. She is from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She is majoring in Classics, with a minor in science, and maintains an interest in medicine. After risking her life to practice her faith in Saudi Arabia, 40 Days for Life leader Ruth Robert isn't about to let Canada's free speech crackdown hold her back. Despite the bubble zone laws in Canada, Ruth has dramatically grown her campaign and has led many women to post abortion healing.

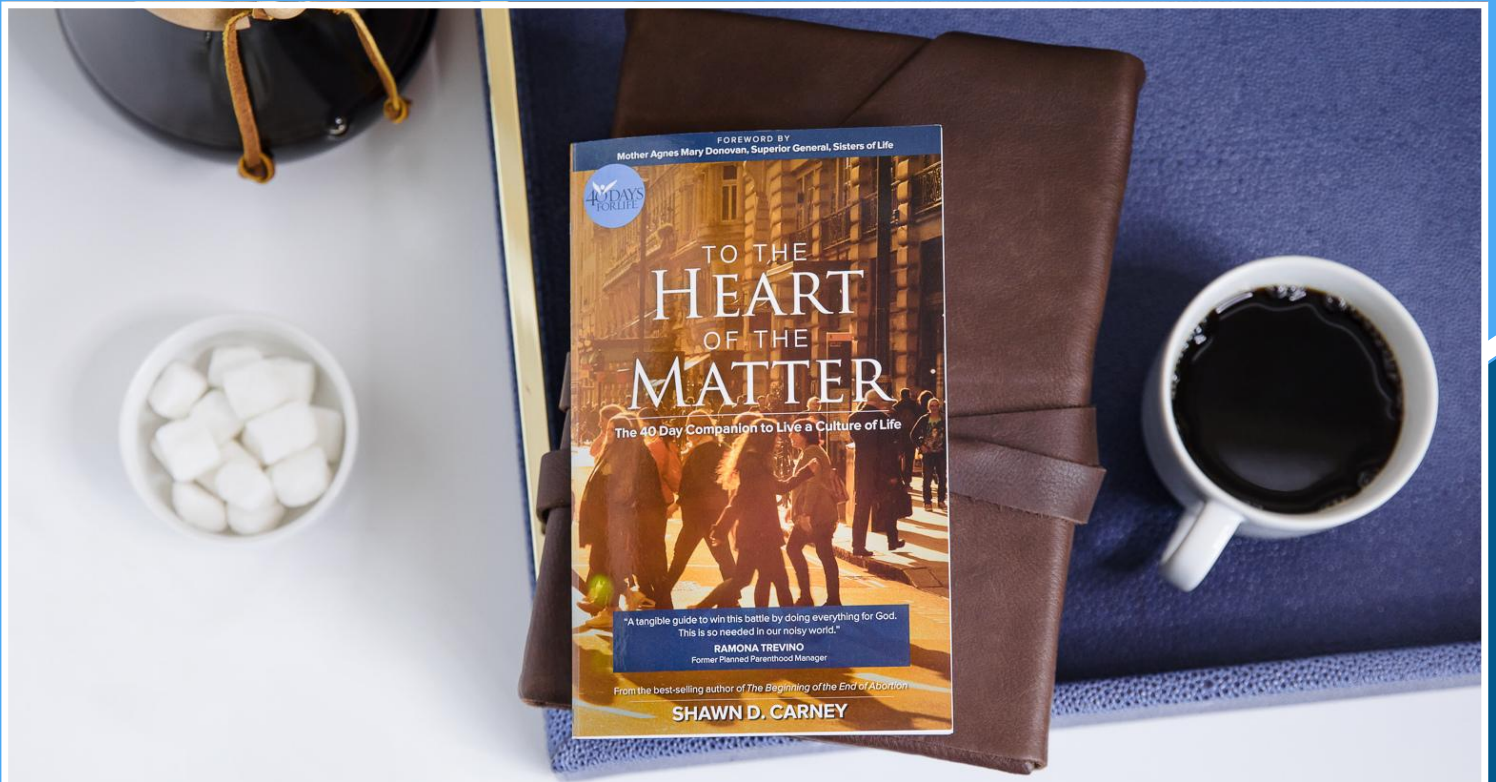
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| S Shuttle Pick-up Drop/off | A Aqua Star Seafood Kitchen | 1 Heavenly Spa | ★ Southern Charm Gift Shop |
| ? Concierge | B Midnight Sun Lounge (1st floor) | 2 Westin Marina & Outside Savannah | ★ Golf Shop |
| ⚓ Ferry | C Escape Pool Bar | 3 Westin Workout Fitness Center | |
| P Parking | D Starbucks (1st floor) | 4 Tennis Courts | |
| ● Sites | E Champions Grill | 5 The Club Pavillion | |
| ● Food | | 6 Midnight Sun Pavillion | |
| ★ Shopping | | 7 2.2 Mile Running Path | |
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