

2021 GALA CHAIRS

Sandra Alavi is a hardworking, entrepreneur and businesswoman who is driven by her family. She is a mother of three - Vanessa, and “miracle baby” twins Austin and Jamie. Sandra opened her first hair salon right after college and through hard work and persistence, she has grown her business to multiple locations throughout San Diego, employing over 100 people. In addition, Sandra assists her husband Dr. Sassan Alavi in his medical practice, along with managing their investments in real estate, restaurants, and bars.

Sandra shared with us that her main priority is her family and that is what makes her heartbeat. She said “after giving birth to twins, is when I faced my greatest challenge. Jaime and Austin were prematurely born at 27 weeks and had to remain in the NICU for over 5 weeks. This experience was eye opening to the difficulties of families who lack the resources to be with their children in such a crucial time. No child should be alone in a hospital because the parents can’t afford to be there”.

Selma Alameri Daniels is also a hardworking business owner, investor and mom to her daughter Aliyah. Selma was born in Baghdad, Iraq. Her father was an engineer and architect who was brought to Germany to integrate East and West Germany through the unification of massive construction projects. Over a 5-6-year period of time, Selma’s father was able to bring his family to the US and become proud US Citizens. After an education in San Diego, Selma followed her father around construction sites her entire life and became a real estate agent and developer in the San Diego area.

In addition, Selma is a business owner and investor employing more than 250 people in the restaurant, apartment building, hair salon and construction projects industries from the San Fernando Valley north of Los Angeles, throughout LA County and to downtown San Diego.

Both Sandra and Selma are full time businesswomen and moms who are proud to support Miracle Babies and our mission to ensure parents are united with their hospitalized babies.