



Oakland Nonprofit, Lincoln, Announces Events Celebrating 135 Years of Strengthening Families, Changing Lives

Hallmark Year Kicks Off April 5 with Public “Cause-Minded Conversation: Equity in Education”

OAKLAND, CA, UNITED STATES, April 5, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Lincoln](#), a nonprofit headquartered in Oakland, announces a slate of 135th anniversary celebrations with events designed to take a deeper look at pressing issues impacting children and families in educational equity, family strengthening, and well-being supports. Founded in 1883 as the first racially integrated orphanage in Northern California, today Lincoln impacts more than 18,000 children and their families in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

The year’s first event – “Cause Minded Conversation: Equity in Education” – kicks off a three-part panel series, the first of which explores the purpose of public schools today and the need to build an education system that provides equitable opportunities for every student despite race or zip code. Historically marginalized students from low socio-economic backgrounds face a widening opportunity gap resulting in Black and Latino students, on average, performing below their white counterparts academically. The panel will discuss the the public education system as a key mechanism for closing the gap and expanding educational opportunities for all students in the classroom and beyond.

“Equity in Education” is a free-to-the-public event on April 5, 2018, 6-7:30pm at the Impact Hub in Oakland that will open with remarks from Lincoln CEO, Christine Stoner-Mertz who will then moderate the panelist discussion and open forum. Panelists include California Assemblymember, Tony Thurmond, [District 5](#), Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent of Oakland Unified School District, Jeff Duncan-Andrade, Ph.D., Founder of [Roses in Concrete Community School in East Oakland](#), Dr. Macheo Payne, Lincoln Senior Director of Equity & Educational Initiatives, and L. Karen Monroe, Superintendent of Alameda County Office of Education.

“It is more important than ever that students are provided with equitable opportunities to learn and achieve,” said Lincoln Chief Program Officer, Allison Becwar. “Lincoln serves as a partner to school districts, embedding staff in public schools and providing a variety of supports from early childhood consultation, to multi-tiered school-based mental health interventions in K-12 schools, to community-based supports, to summer literacy programs. These services that build school readiness, reduce chronic truancy, and improve educational engagement while supporting school systems in being more culturally responsive and trauma-informed so that students and their families feel welcomed and connected.”

135th Anniversary events include:

April 27, 2018: 4th Annual ROOT community celebration, benefiting Lincoln programs

June 2018: Cause-Minded Conversation: Supporting Families so that Children Thrive

July 2018: Community Tours: Lincoln Programs in Action

September 28, 2018: 1st Annual Lincoln Champions Luncheon Celebrating Extraordinary Achievements in Fields of Education, Family Strengthening, and Well-Being

November 2018: Cause-Minded Conversation: 135 Years of Social Justice

About Lincoln

Founded in 1883 as the first racially integrated orphanage in Northern California, our mission remains timeless: Lincoln disrupts the cycle of poverty and trauma, empowering children and families to build strong futures. Today, Lincoln impacts more than 18,000 children and their families in underserved communities of the greater San Francisco Bay Area through educational engagement, family strengthening, and well-being programs. An innovative approach, providing comprehensive school, community, and family-focused services, combined with a unique team-based delivery and sound fiscal management, has established Lincoln as a leading regional provider of children and family services. With Lincoln, kids meet their academic goals, families get connected to the resources they need and communities expand their capacity to be hubs of support. For more information and stories, visit LincolnFamilies.org.

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