

A PLACE CALLED HOME CELEBRATES INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN AT THE ANNUAL GIRLPOWER LUNCHEON ON MAY 10

Honorees include Nadia Allaudin, Nichol Whiteman, Marci Wiseman and Edna Chavez; ABC7 Eyewitness News reporter Veronica Miracle hosts

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, May 8, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- South Central Los Angeles non-profit A Place Called Home (APCH) will host the annual GirlPower Awards Luncheon to honor inspirational women who are role models in their personal and professional lives, and whose leadership and philanthropic efforts make a meaningful difference in the world. ABC7 Eyewitness News reporter Veronica Miracle will emcee the luncheon, held on May 10 at the Skirball Cultural Center.



GirlPower Awards Luncheon

In addition to honoring women leaders, the luncheon features the APCH GirlPower girls who are graduating from the annual GirlPower program. GirlPower is a 10-month rites of passage program that empowers young women, ages 14-18, to overcome societal stereotypes and traditional gender roles, to stand up for themselves and advocate for others, and to pursue their aspirations with rigor and vigor. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit GirlPower and other APCH programs.

The 2019 award recipients include Nadia Allaudin, Senior Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor for Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management; Nichol Whiteman, CEO of the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF); and Marci Wiseman, Co-President of Blumhouse Television.

Allaudin is the founder of the annual Women, Wealth & Wisdom Conference in Los Angeles. She will receive the Women's Empowerment Award for her commitment to equity and independence for all women.

Whiteman will receive the Community Impact Award for her dedication to improving the lives of youth and families. Under her leadership, LADF launched Dodgers RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities), a youth development program serving over 10,000 youth.

Wiseman has been instrumental in starting three independent television studios, including Blumhouse Television, which produced the awarding-winning HBO series "Sharp Objects." She has been a longtime supporter of the college scholarship program at APCH. Wiseman will receive the Media Role Model Award for her leadership in the entertainment industry. APCH will also recognize social justice activist Edna Chavez with the GirlPower Choice Award. Chavez, a supporter of immigrant rights and survivor of gun violence, headlined and delivered a powerful speech in 2018 at the March for Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C.

Prior to the luncheon program, attendees will have the opportunity to support independent businesses at the GirlPower boutique. Nearly two dozen vendors, ranging from fashion to children's products to skin care, will come together for a one of a kind shopping experience.

The GirlPower Luncheon will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049.

Boutique opens at 10 a.m. Red carpet will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Luncheon program begins at 12 p.m.

For more information on tickets and sponsorships, visit <u>https://apch.org/events/girlpower-awards-luncheon/</u>.

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About A Place Called Home

A Place Called Home (APCH) provides a safe, nurturing environment with proven programs in arts, education, and wellness for the young people in South Central Los Angeles to help them improve their economic conditions and develop healthy, fulfilling and purposeful lives. Since its founding in 1993, APCH has directly served more than 20,000 youth members through its core school day, after school and summer programming, and over 150,000 local residents through family and supportive services including food, clothing, and holiday toy distribution, counseling, voter education, and community organizing. For more information, visit <u>apch.org</u>.

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