



4th Annual  
**It Takes a Village**  
COMMUNITY AWARDS

Saturday, April 23, 2016



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# Welcome



Dear Friends,

**T**hank you for joining us for the Fourth Annual 'It Takes a Village' Community Awards. We are so proud of the services that we offer to children and families in the South Los Angeles, ensuring that our youth are provided a nurturing learning environment in which they can develop the skills and knowledge that they need to thrive. Tonight we honor seven extraordinary leaders who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of youth, and who stand by us in our mission to serve the communities of South Los Angeles.

More than 29 years ago, the Drew Child Development Corporation was founded so that all children and families in South Los Angeles would be safe, emotionally and physically healthy and educated. First as the Johnnie Tillmon Child Care Center, and then as Drew CDC from 1987 on, we have served as a beacon of hope for those who just want an opportunity to shine. Today, Drew CDC provides high quality child care, as well as educational, social, and mental health services to over 6,000 families annually in an effort to break their cycle of poverty.

Among our proudest accomplishments is the successful operation of six Early Child Education Centers all throughout South LA, all serving our community's most vulnerable children. The importance of such Early Childhood Education (ECE) has never been more clear. Each year, additional research reveals the sustained impact that quality ECE can have on young children in preparing them for success later on in life. That said, there remain significant barriers to access, especially for those living in low-income areas.

A First 5 LA study found that in some low-income areas of Los Angeles County, such as South LA, there is only 1 licensed ECE seat per 100 children under the age of 5; that compares to other areas of the County where there are as many as 482 licensed seats per 100 children. This discrepancy impacts low-income families and children of color, and shows the great necessity of the services that we provide. We understand the great importance of our educational services we offer and continue to invest and develop our programs to better serve our community.

Tonight we have the honor of recognizing leaders from academia, government, media and sports, each of whom advocates for the common cause of our children. Their dedication to this cause is unparalleled and

we could not be more thankful for their efforts to support the children and families of South Los Angeles. We hope that you will join us in celebrating their commitment and generosity.

As we reflect on the extraordinary achievements of our honorees and celebrate the success of Drew CDC over that last year, we must keep in mind that there is more work to be done to ensure that our youth have every opportunity to lead successful lives and continue to raise up the South Los Angeles community. Our village is only as strong as each of its members, and I hope you will continue to contribute to our ongoing effort to strengthen our community and help our children and families thrive.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Jackson, Ph.D.  
President and CEO



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## CHAMPION OF CHILDREN AWARD

# Mónica García

Board Member, LA Unified School District

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**M**ónica García represents District 2 on the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education. Ms. García was elected to the Board in June 2006, becoming only the third Latina to serve on the Board in its 155-year history. She has served an unprecedented six years as Board President, a position to which she was elected by her fellow Board Members.

Since her election, Ms. García has successfully championed school reform models that offer students smaller and more personalized settings, and galvanized the LAUSD school community to take aggressive action to reach 100% graduation. She has also increased accountability by spearheading the development of School Report Cards, which are now distributed each year to every parent in the District. Her focus on the needs of English Learner students, who make up 29% of LAUSD's student community, has also yielded a deep shift in the District's instructional approach.

Prior to her work within LAUSD as Chief of Staff to former Board President José Huizar and subsequently as a Board Member herself, Ms. García served as an Academic Advisor at several schools in South Los Angeles. Through her work as a guidance counselor, she solidified her belief that when adults offer opportunities and support, every child can learn.

Growing up in East Los Angeles, Ms. Garcia attended local schools before attending the University of California, Berkeley where she graduated with a B.A. degree in Chicano Studies and Political Science. She then earned her M.S.W. from the University of Southern California.



## CHAMPION OF CHILDREN AWARD

# Emily Putnam-Hornstein

Assistant Professor, USC School of Social Work

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Emily Putnam-Hornstein joined the faculty at the University of Southern California in 2011 after completing her doctorate in Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley. She currently Co-Directs the Children's Data Network, an agency, university and community collaborative funded by First 5 LA and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Dr. Putnam-Hornstein's Co-Director is none other than Jacquelyn McCroskey, the 2015 winner of the It Takes a Village, Community Angel Award. The Children's Data Network provides a platform for the linkage and analysis of large-scale, administrative data sources to inform children's policies and

programs. Dr. Putnam-Hornstein also maintains an appointment at the UC Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project, a long-standing child welfare data and research collaboration with the California Department of Social Services.

Dr. Putnam-Hornstein's current research focuses on the application of epidemiological methods to improve the surveillance of non-fatal and fatal child abuse and neglect, offering insight into where scarce public resources may be most efficiently targeted and informing an understanding of vulnerable children within a broader, population-based context. She is a member of the Data Linkage Committee for California's Child Welfare Council, the California Vital Statistics Advisory and Vital Records Protection Committee, and serves as the state-appointed co-chair of the Data and Performance Measurement and Outcomes Work Group. Her teaching interests include quantitative methods, child and family policy, and child welfare practice. Dr. Putnam-Hornstein graduated from Yale with a BA in Psychology, received her MSW from Columbia University, and earned her Ph.D. in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley.

## COMMUNITY ANGEL AWARD

# Cherice Calhoun

President, Black N LA

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When Cherice Calhoun started BlackNLA in 2000, she wanted to create a means of finding African American resources such as physicians, lawyers, organizations, service providers and events that would be of interest to her and her friends at the drop of the hat. At that time, she found many websites with pieces of what she was looking for, but none that provided the array of services she envisioned. Some of the sites promoted businesses while others promulgated professional or personal services, but none was in her mind, complete.

Once she realized the need for such a website as a singular source of information, she sat down with a couple of books on the internet and started learning how to develop a website from scratch. Given her inexperience with web-development, the first iterations were fairly simple and primarily showcased events and businesses. The site has grown rapidly from that point and now boasts over 15 heavily visited sections, with several more being developed currently. For the past 12 years, thanks to Ms. Calhoun, and the efforts of the BlackNLA organization - thousands of toys each year are delivered to the children at Drew CDC during the Christmas holiday – bringing them much needed joy and smiles.

BlackNLA.com is renowned for disseminating information to urban professionals living, working and visiting the greater Los Angeles area. The website's aim is to enhance black businesses, organizations and networking opportunities through wider exposure to potential customers. The idea is to use technology to bring the community closer together.

Ms. Calhoun received a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California Riverside. As a native of Los Angeles, Ms. Calhoun is committed to supporting local organizations by giving back to the community.

## VOICE OF THE CHILDREN AWARD

# Cheryl Fair

President and General Manager, KABC 7

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Cheryl Fair is President and General Manager of KABC-TV, the ABC-owned station in Los Angeles. The first woman to ever hold the position at KABC, Mrs. Fair has helped pave the way for other women in the television news field throughout her career.

Mrs. Fair began her career in 1973 at KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh as an Associate Producer, one of the first women hired in a news production capacity at the station. In 1974, she joined WPVI-TV in Philadelphia, PA. During her twenty years at this successful ABC station, she worked her way up the ladder from Newscast Producer to become Executive News Producer.

In 1994, Mrs. Fair achieved another milestone becoming the first female News Director at KABC-TV. Under her leadership for more than twenty years, Eyewitness News became the #1 news operation in Southern California and set new standards for the use of technology, including the first HD news helicopter and first HD newscast. During her tenure, KABC-TV also embraced digital and social media and has the largest Facebook following of any local station in the country.

In February of 2015, Mrs. Fair was promoted to President and General Manager.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Fair graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Speech/Communications. She is married to Donald Fair and they are the parents of two grown daughters.

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AWARD

# James T. Butts, Jr.

Mayor, City of Inglewood

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**B**orn in Inglewood, James Butts has devoted his life to public service and giving back to his community. Mr. Butts served as an Inglewood Police Officer for nearly two decades, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief, before being selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Santa Monica. During his tenure, crime fell by 64% to its lowest level since 1956, and citizen complaints dropped 50%.

After 15 highly successful years in this position, Mr. Butts took a role as the Assistant General Manager for Public Safety and Counter-Terrorism at the Los Angeles World Airports. In this role, he oversaw approximately 1,100 employees, and ensured the safe travel of 60 million passengers through LAX. From 2006 to 2010, when Mr. Butts held this position, LAX went from being ranked near the bottom in regards to airport security, to being among the most secure airports in the United States.

In 2011, Mr. Butts was elected as Mayor of the City of Inglewood, and in 2014, he was reelected while winning over 83% of the vote; the largest margin of victory in Inglewood's mayoral history. As Mayor, Mr. Butts has worked to reduce crime, eliminate operating deficits, and improve economic outcomes in the city. Mayor Butts has also championed the proposal, which was ultimately successful, to build a \$1.86 billion NFL stadium in Inglewood. Thanks in large part to his hard work, the L.A. Rams will be returning to the city in 2016.

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AWARD

# Byron Scott

Head Coach, Los Angeles Lakers

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**B** yron Scott grew up in Inglewood and attended Morningside High School, where he quickly established himself as a basketball standout. After a successful high school career, Mr. Scott attended Arizona State University on a basketball scholarship. After his junior year, he declared for the 1983 NBA draft and was selected 4th overall by the San Diego Clippers. However, he was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers prior to the season.

Mr. Scott spent the next 10 years as a Laker, playing alongside the likes of Magic Johnson, James Worthy and Kareem

Abdul-Jabbar. Known as the ‘Showtime’ Lakers, this era was one of the most successful – and exciting – in the team’s storied history. During Mr. Scott’s tenure with the Lakers they won 3 NBA titles.

After stints with the Indiana Pacers and Vancouver Grizzlies, Scott returned home for one final season with with Lakers, in which he acted as a valuable mentor for players such as Shaquille O’Neal and Kobe Bryant.

After retiring, Mr. Scott made a quick transition to coaching, serving as head coach for the New Jersey Nets, New Orleans Hornets, Cleveland Cavaliers, and now, the Los Angeles Lakers. As a coach, Mr. Scott has made several NBA Finals appearances and was named the 2008 NBA Coach of the Year.

Off the court, Mr. Scott has created the Byron Scott Basketball Children’s Fund, which has raised millions of dollars over the past decade to support various children’s charities.

## COMMUNITY VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

# Holly J. Mitchell

Senator, State of California

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Holly J. Mitchell has served in California's Legislature since 2011, first in the California State Assembly representing the 54th district. She was then elected to represent the 30th Senate District in 2014, which stretches from Culver City to South Los Angeles, and includes Century City, Cheviot Hills, the Crenshaw District, USC, Downtown LA and a portion of Inglewood.

Senator Mitchell belongs to the Senate's official leadership, chairing the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and serving on the Rules, Health, Insurance, and Labor Committees. She also

founded the Senate Select Committee on Women and Inequality.

Each of the 49 bills Ms. Mitchell has delivered to the Governor's desk during her five years in the Legislature has been signed into law. Most of those bills focus on expanding human services, women's reproductive rights, environmental justice, fighting the trafficking of minors and the undocumented and, above all, reducing the numbers of children growing up in poverty.

Senator Mitchell's interest in politics dates back to her childhood in South L.A. and activism during her undergraduate years at UC Riverside, after which she became a Coro Fellow. She has worked as a legislative analyst for the California Senate's Health and Human Services Committee, legislative advocate for the Western Center on Law and Poverty, Executive Director of the Black Women's Health Project Los Angeles, all prior to becoming CEO of one of California's largest child and family development organization, Crystal Stairs. She considers her most significant achievement being the mother of an inquisitive, tech-savvy, teenage boy.

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- Know names of familiar people and body parts
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## MISSION

Preparing the children of Watts-Willowbrook, Compton and South Los Angeles to succeed and thereby strengthen our community's future.

## VISION STATEMENT

All Children and Families in South Central Los Angeles will be Safe, Emotionally and physically healthy and educated. We will enhance their opportunities to contribute positively to society.

## HISTORY

Drew Child Development Corporation (Drew CDC), a private, nonprofit organization located in South Central Los Angeles, is dedicated to the education and well being of at-risk children in the metropolitan Los Angeles, area. Services for children and families were initially developed and administered by the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. In 1987, the Drew Child Development Corporation was incorporated as a separate organization. The agency administers a comprehensive array of services to approximately 4,000 children and their families annually.

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## It Takes a Village Community Awards

### *Reception & Silent Auction*

Meet and Greet

### *Welcome*

Elex Michelson, Master of Ceremonies

### *Video*

of Drew Child Development's Work in Community

### *Remarks*

James Hays, President of the Board of Directors  
Mike Jackson, President and CEO

### *Presentations*

By Elex Michelson

Mónica García, Champion of Children Award  
Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Champion of Children Award

### *Presentation*

By Elex Michelson

Cherice Calhoun, Community Angel Award

### *Special Performance*

"Did you Know" and "I am Me" ~ Performed by the  
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followed by a speech from Young Toastmaster  
and graduate Jonathan Smith

### *Presentation*

By Elex Michelson

Cheryl Fair, Voice of the Children Award

### *Presentations*

By Elex Michelson

James Butts, Community Empowerment Award  
Byron Scott, Community Empowerment Award

### *Presentation*

By Elex Michelson

Holly Mitchell, Community Visionary Leadership Award

### *Special Acknowledgements*

Dr. Mike Jackson, President and CEO

### *Closing*

By Elex Michelson and Dr. Mike Jackson



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