

One Voice Newsletter

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From the President & CEO



What a privilege it is to walk shoulder to shoulder with women who choose to daringly step beyond fear and opposition to serve, to create, to shape our community for good. During this year's Phenomenal Woman Awards Luncheon, we had the honor of hearing from three of these bold and remarkable women. We are forever changed and empowered by hearing their stories and getting a glimpse into their path.

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2016 Phenomenal Woman Awards Luncheon Honors:

Entertainment Industry Charity Champion Lisa Paulsen, LA City Council Member Nury Martinez and Founder/CEO of Firm Transporting the Disabled Delilah Lanoix-Harris

Hundreds gathered on May 11, 2016 to celebrate the YWCA Greater Los Angeles 2016 Phenomenal Woman Awards Luncheon at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel. Honorees included: Lisa Paulsen, President & CEO of the Entertainment Industry Foundation, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez, and

“Growing up, I always volunteered or participated in community activities. My company ensures that our community and people with less than others are ensured quality, safe and reliable transportation services.”

Delilah Lanoix-Harris, Phenomenal Corporate Champion and President, SMS Transportation Services

Delilah Lanoix-Harris, President of SMS Transportation Services. These powerful and influential women engaged attendees with a keynote seminar discussing their insights around the topic of what it means to be Powerful, Inspired, Brilliant, Visionary and Bold women: the obligations it imposes, the challenges it invites.

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Phenomenal Woman Honorees: (Left-Right): Lisa Paulsen, President & CEO Entertainment Industry Foundation; Nury Martinez, City of Los Angeles Councilwoman 6th District; Delilah Lanoix-Harris, President & CEO, SMS Transportation Services, Inc.

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2016 Phenomenal Woman Awards Luncheon

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Christine Devine, 2016 Phenomenal Woman Mistress of Ceremonies and Anchor/Reporter at KTTV Studio 11 LA and Fox 11 News; Kathy Ireland 2016 Phenomenal Woman Event Co-Chair, YWCA Greater Los Angeles Ambassador, Entrepreneur, Advocate

The event was co-hosted by YWCA Greater Los Angeles Ambassador and lifestyle designer Kathy Ireland; the organization's Advisory Commissioner, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences President Cheryl Boone Isaacs; and Los Angeles Philharmonic President and CEO, Deborah Borda. Christine Devine, Los Angeles Fox 11 Co-Anchor, moderated the discussion.

This signature annual fundraising event of the YWCA Greater Los Angeles draws Southern California's top executives to salute the accomplishments of women leaders in the Los Angeles community. Many thanks to this year's key sponsors: Southern California Gas Co., Edison, Xerox, Toyota, JP Morgan Chase, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, City National

"I think when women are elected we take on issues because we need a different way. There's very few of us that are doing work around the issue of sex trafficking, but those of us who want to take on this issue know that we need to do more."

Nury Martinez, Phenomenal Legislative Champion and Los Angeles City Councilwoman

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YWCA Greater Los Angeles extends its deepest appreciation and thanks to all those who participated for your spectacular support of our 2016 Phenomenal Woman Awards Luncheon. Proceeds raised from the event will benefit YWCA Greater Los Angeles programs and services.



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Donna Crowder
Vice President of Operations & Administration



Los Angeles Job Corps Students Job Shadow at YWCA Greater Los Angeles Exposing Young People to Real Career Options

Drawing on the YWCA Greater Los Angeles' program philosophy to approach training holistically while integrating multiple program participants and generations, in the first quarter of 2016, the YWCA Greater Los Angeles hosted the Los Angeles Job Corps in a day of job shadowing. Students from various trades partnered with nine different departments and were given meaningful tasks, shown how to work office equipment, met program participants and observed staff during a regular work day.

“Job Corps' Job Shadowing, a program which began years ago to help young people prepare for their careers, gives students firsthand experience of

what the real work world is like,” shared Donna Crowder, YWCA Greater Los Angeles Vice President of Operations and Administration. “Although we share a building with Job Corps students and interact with them frequently, many of them do not know the actual work that happens and what that looks like daily. Participating students got to observe the YWCA not only as their contractor but as a business and nonprofit organization. Additionally, our staff members were positioned as mentors for students. This was a rewarding experience for students and staff.”

The day started off with the students learning more about the mission, vision and history of the YWCA Greater Los Angeles. Students were then assigned



to their various departments and began working. In addition to career exposure, participating Job Corps students interacted with multiple programs and participants at various Empowerment Centers which sparked an interest in serving the community.

“This extra layer of exposure to career and community is so crucial. One student who shadowed in the Finance department mentioned that he thought Finance was all about adding numbers. He was further intrigued by the field when he was exposed to the complexities of budgeting and taxes. This opened up his eyes to a career path that he may not have considered,” continued Donna.

Services participant, Rosario Morales, sharing her positive memories of Los Angeles Job Corps. Over 20 years ago, both of her daughters graduated from the program and are currently employed as nurses at local hospitals. Ms. Morales praised the education that Job Corps offers youth and encouraged the students to stay with the program. Moments such as these deepened the students' experience beyond office work and career skills and created a lasting impact.

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APRIL: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

YWCA Greater Los Angeles' growing Sexual Assault Crisis Services asks YOU to get involved!

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, YWCA Greater Los Angeles' Sexual Assault Crisis Services was even busier than ever. Whether hosting community-wide awareness events, joining with schools and universities to educate regarding sexual violence and assault, conducting self-defense classes or meeting with social service influencers, the YWCA team packed April 2016 with meaningful and impactful events. Now, we ask you to help us extend these efforts and momentum throughout the year.

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month allows us to capture the attention of the community at large around this topic and we often see an increase in requests for services this month; however, our work continues throughout the year due to the ongoing impact of sexual assault on survivors and their loved ones. We want to encourage our audience to stay connected as this is an issue that we must educate around and advocate for throughout the entire year,” shares Sheetal Chib, Director of Sexual Assault Crisis Services.

In the upcoming month, individuals have the opportunity to extend this needed and worthy effort beyond April and become certified by the California Office of Emergency Services through the YWCA Greater Los Angeles Sexual Assault Crisis Services Volunteer Training. Interested individuals must be willing to commit to at least one year of volunteer service and be willing and able to attend eight monthly trainings per year.

“Volunteers are extremely instrumental to our work. Their high level of commitment and tireless work throughout the year to support victims and help them on their journey to survivor is commendable. If you are passionate about eliminating sexual violence against women, children and men, then the YWCA Greater Los Angeles needs your help – join the upcoming volunteer training,” continued Sheetal.

For more information regarding volunteer training, contact Jasmine Coleman, Corporate Volunteer Supervisor at (213) 365-2991 or jasmine.coleman@ywcagla.org.



Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2016 activities and partnerships:

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
- Clothesline Display
- Resource Fairs across the community
- “Sexual Assault 101” & “Healthy Relationships” presentations and other trainings (various locations)
- Denim Day (various locations)
- Break the Silence Fair
- Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness Day at Jordan Plus High School
- Social Service Roundtable Meetings
- Gang Prevention and Intervention Partner Violence Prevention Resource Fair
- “The Hunting Ground” Film Screenings
- “Sexual Assault Awareness Outreach & Education” with Los Angeles Job Corps
- Presentation to Student Health Services at El Camino College in Torrance
- “More Than a Survivor: More Than a Story” exhibit table at Museum of Latin American Art
- Self-defense classes (various locations)



Job Corps is vital to our community because of the lifeline of resources provided to our youth who benefit immensely by obtaining new skills and education. My vision for the Los Angeles Job Corps center is to continue to grow as a productive learning environment which provides a safe residential living component as well as superior customer service to students and staff.

Fred Williams, Los Angeles Job Corps Center Director

Fred brings several years of experience working at various Job Corps centers across the country to his current position. A graduate of the University of Maryland, Fred has also worked as the Director of YSC Youth Correctional Department and the Department of Justice within the juvenile correctional system.

How does Job Corps address the emerging and changing needs of the workforce? Being an active member in the Community Relations Council and Industry Relations Council, we are able to dialogue with local employers to identify their changing needs. Information gleaned from these relationships ensure that we are providing students with necessary vocational and academic training as well as soft skills employers are looking for today. Additionally, these meetings allow us the opportunity to introduce potential employers to our program and students and often the door opens for internships, work-based learning and employment.

How can employers partner with Job Corps for their employment needs? Most of our students are from the local community. We encourage local companies to be active members of our Community and Industry Relations Councils and partner with us as Work Based Learning sites, providing opportunities for students to be hired as a result of a positive internship period.

What is something interesting about you that others might not know? I love to travel and am spontaneous by nature. I love a challenge and you can find me cheering for a number of sports teams year round.

Anthony Robinson, Los Angeles Job Corps Deputy Center Director

For more than 14 years, Anthony has worked for the Job Corps organization. He has served in various capacities at three different centers as well as with an Outreach Admission/CTS Contractor.

Why does the mission of the YWCA Greater Los Angeles resonate with you? Helping others help themselves has been a motto I have lived by for my entire adult life. I have come to understand my purpose for working in this arena is to build strong communities through building self-reliance and transforming the lives of our youth. I believe our youth are the future and if we do not educate and train them well then racism, belittling of women and lack of peace and justice will continue to destroy our communities for generations to come.

What experiences do you bring that will further propel the mission? As an outside-the-box thinker, I have been able to excel through the ranks of Job Corps and have served as a Director of Programs and Social



Development at several centers. The knowledge and experience I have obtained has allowed me to grasp a real understanding of the program. Through my path, I believe the most valuable characteristic I possess is the ability to communicate our mission which allows me to develop partnerships to further the cause of the program.

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YWCA Greater Los Angeles Empowerment Centers & Satellite Offices

A Faye Washington Youth Empowerment Center
1020 South Olive Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015
Contact: (213) 365-2991

B Supervisor Gloria Molina Community Empowerment Center
7515 Pacific Blvd.
Walnut Park, CA 90255
Contact: (213) 516-3575

C Union Pacific Empowerment Center
4315 Union Pacific Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90023
Contact: (323) 415-6057

D Digital Learning Academy Studio Club Empowerment Center
1215 Lodi Place
Los Angeles, CA 90038
Contact: (213) 516-3557

E Angeles Mesa Empowerment Center
2501 W. Vernon Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90008
Contact: (323) 295-4288

F Compton Empowerment Center
1600 E. Compton Blvd.
Compton, CA 90221
Contact: (310) 763-9117

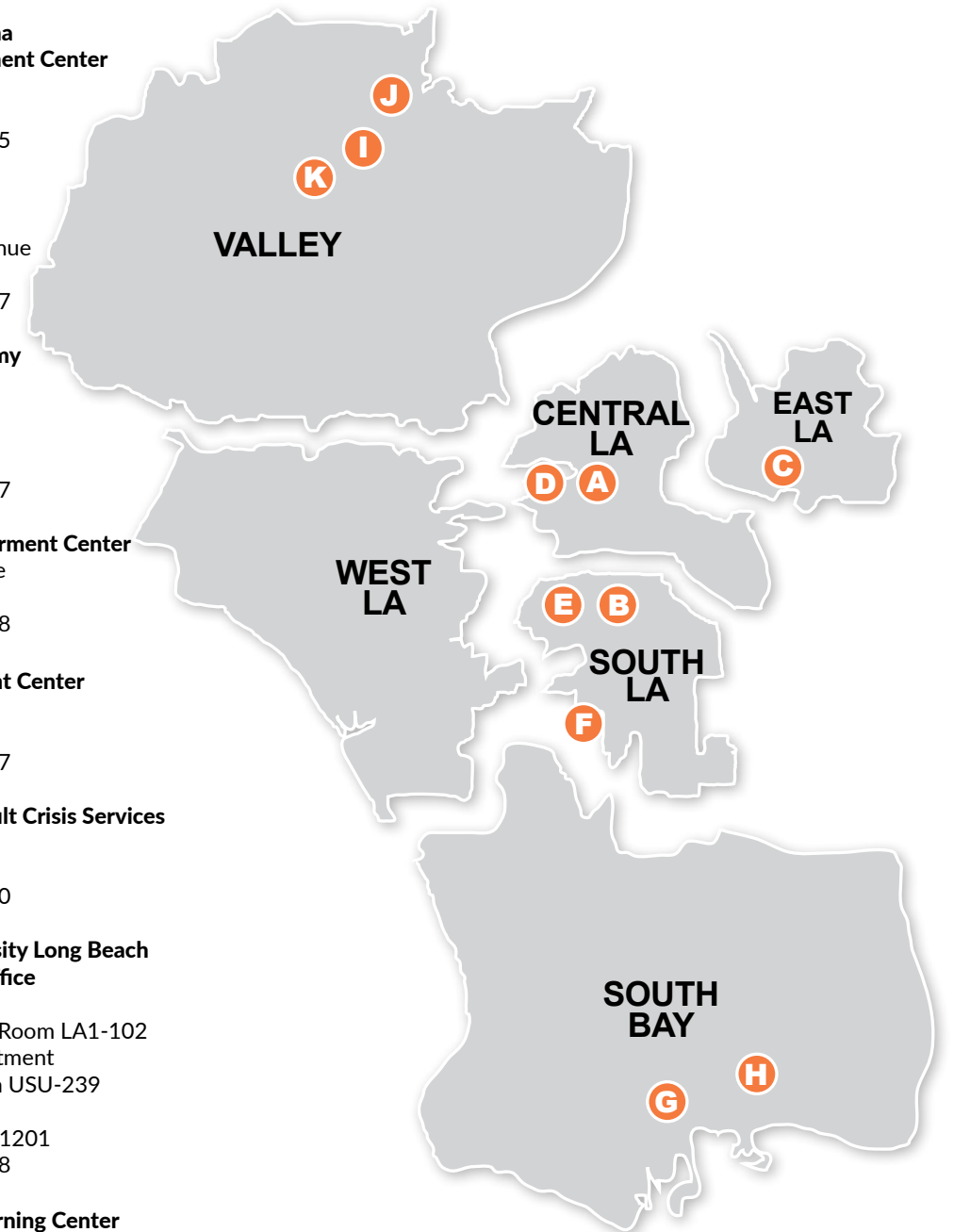
G South Bay Sexual Assault Crisis Services
920 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90813
Contact: (562) 590-6400

H California State University Long Beach YWCA GLA Satellite Office Women's & Gender Equity Center (WGEC), Room LA1-102
University Police Department Substation (UPD), Room USU-239
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840-1201
Contact: (562) 985-2668

I North Valley Infant Learning Center
11133 Omelveny Ave
San Fernando, CA 91340
Contact: (818) 365-7344

J North Valley Empowerment Center
1200 North Maclay Avenue
San Fernando, CA 91340
Contact: (818) 365-6881

K YWCA Greater Los Angeles at Osborne
12059 Osborne Street
Sylmar, CA 91331
Contact: (818) 896-3322



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Thank you to our devoted sponsors and friends who enjoyed our event and continuously raise funds to support our programs.

“ Together with you, our friends and supporters, we are on a journey to eliminate barriers of all sorts, empower women, promote equality, encourage higher education, and help with changing the trajectory of the forecast for our future. We strive to motivate and provide the next generation of leaders with the necessary tools to become successful. It takes inspiration to push through change.

We must keep moving, keep inspiring and keep being the change agents that build tomorrow's future leaders... today.

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These partnerships have led to exposing our youth to opportunities they could not dream possible.

How does Job Corps address the needs of each individual student and prepare them for the workforce? The Job Corps' concept is to train the whole person. Not only do we provide academic and career technical training skills, but we also educate on soft skills needed for successful careers. The program individualizes this holistic training by developing a personal career development plan with a group of professionals who work with the young person to develop this plan and evaluate it every 60 days.

What is something interesting about you that others might not know? I enjoy cooking, water sports and spending time networking to further our cause. I am a strong advocate for the youth and truly love the work I do.

On April 16, 2016, twenty-four University of Michigan alumni worked together to bring new life to counseling rooms at our Angeles Mesa Sexual Assault Crisis Services location. The YWCA Greater Los Angeles is grateful for this partnership and dedication to community shown by the Los Angeles U of M Club. Read more about their efforts here - <http://alumni.umich.edu/newsletter/painting-for-survivors/>



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