

# Transforming Lives One Day at a Time

December 2014



## ACW's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration !!

On Oct 18, ACW celebrated our 40th Anniversary. Board Member Karen Peterkin presented Kristen Davis (actress, philanthropist and Ambassador for the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust) with ACW's first annual *Woman of Strength* award. Annie McKnight (comedian, actress and philanthropist) was our host who kept it real and made us laugh. Our honoree Kristen Davis provided comments. Carolyn Weathers described the early days of how her sister started ACW. Jacquelyn Dupont Walker, Senior Advisor to Mayor Garcetti, read the Mayor's moving proclamation to ACW. Karl McMillen, from the McMillen Family Foundation, shared how proud he was to support ACW and how proud he was of the work that his contractors, painters and carpenters did to restore, secure and paint ACW buildings. Several alumni spoke about how ACW changed their life.



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Have them call or e-mail ACW at 213.381.8500 or [info@acwla.org](mailto:info@acwla.org)

## Other Exciting Events!

Also in October, ACW's Residents hosted a talent show and asked 3 recovery homes to participate. The talent show was incredible. We had close to 200 people onsite for event.

Then in November ACW hosted a free comedy event: Laughter Through Recovery. Comedian Christopher Porter and his friends brought tears of laughter to those who attended the event.

In December ACW's Bring Hope Home event was very meaningful and rewarding. ACW alumni with 5 to almost 35 years of recovery talked about how ACW has changed their lives and what they are doing now. Everyone, even those not in recovery, who attended the event were inspired and more committed to helping ACW be around for the next 40 years.

## Supporting ACW

ACW board, staff and clients wish you a wonderful Holiday Season! If you would like to give ACW a holiday gift, a tax deductible donation is always appreciated to help us continue to transform lives one day at a time. Feel free to donate on-line on our website: [www.alcoholismcenterforwomen.org](http://www.alcoholismcenterforwomen.org) or mail in a check to ACW Donations, 1147 S. Alvarado Street, LA, CA 90006. We have set up an on-line store, so you can purchase presents for your family and friends and donate to ACW simultaneously! For addition information, please check out our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/alcoholismcenterforwomen](http://www.facebook.com/alcoholismcenterforwomen).



The Great American Swing Band performed during the 40th Anniversary Celebration

<http://www.greatamericanswingband.com>

## *Who's Who* (from Page 1)

- 1 Annie McKnight and Kristin Davis
- 2 ACW Contractor Warren Robison
3. Karl and Carol McMillen
4. Merle, Carol and Karl from the McMillen Family Foundation and Lorette
5. Board Member Jurline and Annie McKnight
6. Elizabeth, Ria and Mary Margaret
7. Counselors Jozette and Charlotte
8. Residential Supervisor Carolyn
9. Lorette and Wanda
10. Elise and guest
11. Guests

## See You in 2015 !

We are looking forward to the New Year and hope to see everyone at ACW's building dedication Saturday Feb 21, 2015. More information about this event will be added to our website and Facebook page soon.