



Transforming Lives One Day at a Time

December 2015

Happy Holidays from ACW!

Happy Holidays to ACW friends and family from ACW's board, staff and clients. Thank you for all you have done to help us transform lives one day at a time. Our biggest accomplishment this past year is how together, you and ACW have changed lives. Our clients say it best:

Thank you very much for supporting ACW. I have been at ACW for 60 days and in that small amount of time I have more information about substance abuse and myself than I would have known out on the street. I was a very strong alcoholic before I came to ACW. I was drinking 8 pints of vodka straight every day. Now I know in my heart and soul that I will not pick up another drink again because I may not make it. That fact is and will save my life. That is why I am grateful. Thank you so much and please keep supporting ACW so that women like me can get help, live and be happy.
Sandy

Thank you for supporting ACW. Before I came to ACW I spent 4 months in jail. My attitude was sour and I had a lot of darkness inside me. Through a special program in jail I was fortunate to be able to spend the remaining time of my sentence at ACW. I now feel confident and ready to live life again. ACW has given me hope when none was there. ACW has given me many tools that I will use for the rest of my life. ACW has shown me the light at the end of the road. Without your support and ACW, I...don't know where I would be. With love and appreciation, Jamie

Thank you for donating to ACW. You don't know how much it means to me that I have a new chance at life. Before coming to ACW my life was in shambles. I had no self-respect or direction. I was one hopeless individual. ACW has given me my hope back. I have been at ACW for 45 days and in that short length of time, I have learned so much about myself. I believe I am going to make it.
Joanna



Leon purchased & decorated this tree



Our Festive Door



Snow on the windows!



We decorated outdoor trees, too

Does someone you know need help?

Have them call or e-mail ACW at 213.381.8500 or info@acwla.org

ACW's **Bring Hope Home** Event on December 3, 2015 was a big success. Alumni Elizabeth, Elvia, Denise, Brenda and Wanda, with 2 to 30 years of sobriety, graciously spoke about their lives before, during and after ACW. They made us laugh and cry and be proud of the work we do and the love we give at ACW. We were thrilled that recovery homes: Bimini House; Royal Palms; and Rena B.; together sent 50 clients to Bring Hope Home. Board member Jurline was our MC, keeping it real and creating a warm environment for guests to ask questions towards the end of the program and interact with the speakers afterwards.

Snow and snowflakes in the McMillen Family Foundation Miracle House breezeway, a donated live and decorated tree (see pictures on page 1) in the McMillen Family Foundation Snyder House and every other warm homey Christmas decoration you can think of is up around ACW somewhere! We even decorated the trees outside our buildings and created a sobriety commitment stone garden. Our decorated buildings will look fantastic all throughout the holidays and we hope you will come by and take a look.



Upcoming building improvements? Absolutely! We are planning on installing individualized bricks in front of the McMillen Family Foundation Miracle House. ***We hope you will join us in beautifying our property by purchasing an individually inscribed brick.*** For more information go to: www.bricksrus.com/order/acw

For the first time ACW participated in Giving Tuesday (*the Tuesday after Thanksgiving*) on line at: www.crowdrise.com/alcoholismcenterforw. We believe this was a good way to increase our online presence and get ACW more attention. Please share this link and our website address with your friends, family and co-workers who might want to give this holiday season and/or make a donation before the end of the year.

Did you see our new website? We are still

www.alcoholismcenterforwomen.org but now our website is mobile friendly and can be opened on most cell phones and looks great!

Thank you for all you have done and please partner with us to continue to save lives and help offer new lives for those we serve. Every donation, no matter how large or small will go to good use and be appreciated.

ACW needs...

Financial Contributions:

- For Yr End tax deductible gifts, please mail your check to 1147 S. Alvarado St, LA, CA 90006 or go to our website www.alcoholismcenterforwomen.org, click "Menu" and then "Donate"
- To purchase a brick, visit www.bricksrus.com/order/acw

For Miracle House:

- Curtains and Window treatment, 1st Flr \$5200
- Blankets, sheets and towels \$1000
- New carpeting for the Breezeway \$2000

Other:

- Slightly used Cookbooks \$0
- Workout tapes or equipment – slightly used \$0